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BISHOPS HELP DURING DROUGHT

Many of the students at N. C. Wesleyan have shown a sense of civic duty in volunteering their help during the drought situation in Rocky Mount.

Working at all hours of the day and night to keep pumps operating efficiently, some fifty or so Wesleyan men have shown unselfish civic responsibility. Most of the men asked to help volunteered willingly after they realized the importance of the task. Following the example of Dean Wilde, they have shown up to help build sand-bag dams and guard noisy pumps operating through the night.

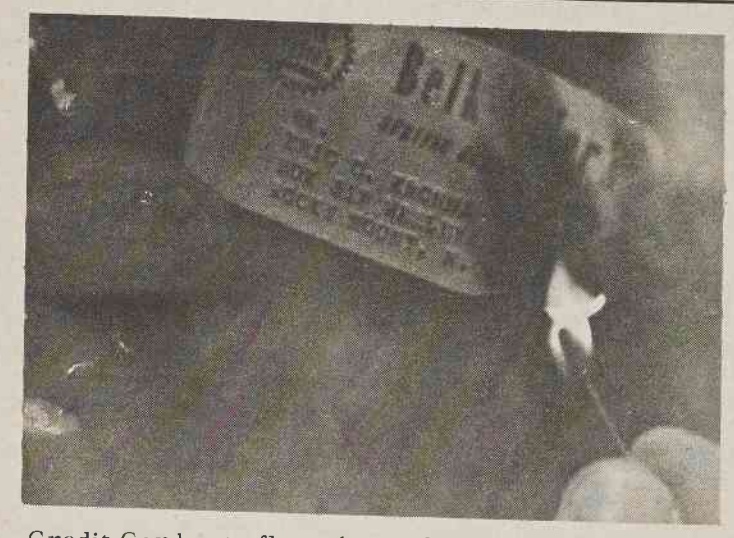
On these chilly fall nights, students have worked four-hour shifts between 7 pm and 7 am. Circle - K, Alpha Delta Chi, Alpha Phi Omega, and Nu Gamma Phi have all volunteered their members to take these shifts. Individual students (mostly freshmen) not in any of these organizations have given up a few hours' sleep to help keep Rocky Mount and NCW supplied with water.

Students interested in volunteering their services to help man the pumps can contact John Stover of Nu Gamma Phi or Danny Lea of Circle-K; or simply ask around - you will certainly be contacted!

WORTH TALKING ABOUT

"A college course that taught nothing but simply asked, 'What have you learned this week?' and 'What could you do with it?' could well be far more productive than the hour lost to stuffing in a few more undigested facts."

T. A. Rich
General Electric Company



Credit Card set aflame by student supporting boycott.

The Decree Welcomes 'Other Side' To Campus

As the official newspaper of Wesleyan College, the DECREE welcomes "The Other Side," an underground paper, to campus.

While the DECREE is supported by the Wesleyan Student Government, it operates in total editorial freedom, publishing weekly Wesleyan and community news. With total circulation among Wesleyan students and many subscribers in the Rocky Mount area, the DECREE has a broad readership of its news and feature coverage.

"The Other Side," however, having no basic responsibility to Wesleyan, can feel free to stimulate its readers with more controversial news stories and features. Operated by Ed Tippett, a Wesleyan part-time student, "The Other Side" begins its second year at Wesleyan with good prospects for a successful and stimulating season. "The Other Side" publishes approximately every two weeks and is sold for 10¢ on campus and in the Rocky Mount community.

Campus Security Tightened Incidents Provoke Caution

"We're sick and tired of all that's been happening, and we're going to put a stop to it." That's how Dana Dickens put it before he, Jess Blackman, and Paul Robinette entered North Hall for the 11:00 p.m. dorm meeting on October 8, 1968. Saving " the trouble spot on campus" for last, these Security ARC's made the rounds that night to explain a tightening of security on Wesleyan's campus because of the increase in the past week of shootings and attempted rapes in Rocky Mount and of prowlers here on campus.

Robinette advised the following precautions: lock the side doors of Nash and North and North's back door early;

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BLACKS BOYCOTT LOCAL STORES: WESLEYAN STUDENTS SYMPATHIZE

Since the second week of July, the black community of Rocky Mount and the surrounding areas have staged a boycott against several stores in downtown Rocky Mount. The four stores upon which the boycott is focused are Belk-Tyler's, Baldwin's, Charles Department Store, and the Dollar Store. The boycott resulted because of the local Junior Chamber of Commerce's lack of satisfactory action concerning the list of grievences presented to it by the representatives of the black community earlier during the summer. The representatives of the black community solicited the help of the Jaycees in obtaining "equal opportunities in recreation, welfare, housing, and employment."

This fall when North Carolina Wesleyan College opened, many students were unaware of the action which had been taken by the Rocky Mount black community. During an informal conversation with Dr. Hugh Bond, several students learned about the boycott about three weeks ago. From their chat with Dr. Bond these students received the inspiration to meet later to discuss the problems of Rocky Mount Negroes. Dr. Bond arranged the meeting the following Friday, September 27. The interested students informed their classmates about the meeting.

At this gathering, H. Herring, a regular columnist for the EVENING TELEGRAM, spoke to the group about the boycott and recommended that the students meet to hear Clarence Wiggins speak to them about the present activities of the black community. It was at this meeting on September 30, that the students learned the events leading to the boycott. Mr. Wiggins reported that representatives from the black community had been to see the Junior Chamber of Commerce, had presented their grievances, and had solicited help from it. Because the organization did not take satisfactory action, the representatives urged the black community to boycott the four downtown stores which had the highest percentage of black patronage and to use selective buying in the remaining stores.

On Monday night, October 7, the group of approximately 25 students and faculty members met. At this meeting the students decided to organize in downtown Rocky Mount and to distribute leaflets to blacks encouraging them to support the boycott. This activity is to be staged near the vicinity of four prementioned stores.

The manager, Doug White, of one of these stores, Belk-Tyler's, stated his lack of knowledge concerning the boycott of Belk-Tyler's by the black community. He voiced his surprise that the representatives of the black community had neither aired their grievances with him or his assistants nor had they notified him concerning the organization of a boycott against Belk-Tyler's.

Mr. White emphasized his desire to establish clear understanding of the problems of the community. He stressed the fact

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Bishops Come Through; Strike Methodist 1-0

By JAMES W. GILL

After losing to Belmont Abbey 6-0 on Saturday, Oct. 10, the Bishops bounced back to trip Methodist College 1-0. Our Bishops were really united for the first time, as was evident from the amount of teamwork and hustle they showed. For the first time, the Bishops shot more than their opponents and controlled the ball the majority of the time.

The game was touch-and-go until the fourth quarter with four minutes to go, when Harold Sutton drew a penalty kick for Wesleyan. Ralph Thomas, our ace rightwing, finally got the chance he had been waiting for, scoring the winning point for Wesleyan.

This game was a first in several ways for Wesleyan and the Bishops. For the first time in two years we have won a game. Another first for us was unity and a desire to win, and, finally, the fans' involvement in the game was tremendous. The tension and interest of the fans could be felt on all parts of the field.

Confidence and pride are the watchwords for the upcoming games as our team begins to settle down to winning. Soccer fans should not be surprised if our team really begins to pick up its pace.

Bishops move the ball past Methodist player.

Our nominee for athlete of the week: Ralph Thomas.