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**BLACKS IN BUSINESS**—White House Presidential aide Robert Brown, center, receives first copy of "Blacks In Business" from the man who wrote it, Edward H. Jones, left, Executive Director of the New York Council's office of the Interracial Council for Business Opportunity. Giving his approval is Berkeley Burrell, President of the National Business League, who described the book as "a must" reading for black entrepreneurs.

## The Future Of Downtown Durham Is Aired At Meet

### N. C. Central Graduate is First Black Superior Court Judge

Sammie Chess, Jr., North Carolina Central University School of Law Graduate and a practicing attorney in High Point, North Carolina, has become the first black appointed Superior Court Judge in North Carolina. He is licensed to practice law in North Carolina; North Carolina Superior Court; U. S. Middle District Court of North Carolina; Court of Appeals for 4th District and United State Supreme Court.

Governor Scott made the announcement along with two others who will also serve on the state's courts. They were John Webb of Wilson and William Z. Wood of Winston-Salem.

Chess, at 37, becomes the top ranked black in the judicial system of North Carolina. A staunch fighter for racial equality, he has played an important part in the litigation of civil rights cases. The high esteem held for Judge Chess, by associates and friends alike, have been shown by the many congratulatory and other praises showered upon him since the announcement of the appointment.

Superior Court Judges, in North Carolina, are the initial trial judges in felony and major civil actions. Special Superior Court judges have the power of other Superior Court judges, but are assigned as needed across North Carolina. The governor of the State is authorized to appoint eight (8) special judges, who may be re-appointed every four (4) years. Regular Superior Court judges are elected statewide, but must run for specific superior court districts and must be residents of their districts.

Two higher levels exist in the state judiciary system, the (See JUDGE page 2A)



**CHARMING QUEEN**—Miss DeEdra Fozard, daughter of Mr and Mrs. Turner Fozard of 109 East Weaver Street. This petite young Miss was chosen Hillside High School's Homecoming Queen during the school's recent Homecoming celebration. Miss Fozard is an honorable senior.

### Action Receives Overwhelming Endorsement

Action by the Chamber of Commerce to launch a major new revitalization program for downtown Durham, received an enthusiastic endorsement from a blue-ribbon group of the city's business and industrial leaders Thursday night at a meeting at Hartman's Steak House.

After hearing an analysis of Durham's problems and opportunities from Phil Hammer, president of Hammer, Green, Siler Associates of Washington, one of the nation's leading economic consulting firms, the committee unanimously recommended that a special steering committee made up of members of the overall committee be named by Chamber of Commerce president Victor S. Bryant, Jr. This steering committee will be charged with reporting back to the committee of the whole, with a plan of action that will include recommendations for an organizational structure, financing of the program, and a timetable for getting various stages of the program implemented.

Hammer's company, which specializes in the revitalization (See DOWNTOWN 2A)

## United Black Politics Called For By Mayor Howard Lee

### Local Teacher Named North Carolina's Best

By JAMES VAUGHAN

James Marshall Rogers, Jr., a U. S. History and Black studies teacher at Durham High School became the second black teacher to be selected as North Carolina's candidate for national public school teacher of the year. Rogers was cited as having "gone beyond the confines of his classroom" to work with students at the (See TEACHER page 2A)

Mayor Howard Lee dispelled rumors that he was an announced candidate for the 2nd Congressional district in the upcoming '72 elections. Without elaborating on his intention, Lee merely stated that: "I am not a candidate at this time."

The Mayor was speaking to lawyers and law students at North Carolina Central University during a November 3 workshop session on the North Carolina Black Caucus.

Black unity and involvement was stressed at the ses-

By JAMES VAUGHAN

sion as Mayor Lee stated: "I have been discouraged and frustrated after traveling through the state and seeing blacks suffering from hunger. Hunger resulting from a lack of leadership and services delivered."

He said that law students and established lawyers must begin to practice "grassroots politics." He explained that a black politician's prime concern is votes.

"But," he continued, "We have a potential of 700,000

black voters over 18 years of age in the state, with only 300,000 registered."

Mayor Lee is head of the North Carolina Black Caucus. According to him, the Caucus was formed for the purpose of "watchdog" duties in Raleigh. "We noticed recently that quite a few laws have been passed having a direct bearing on the lives of black people but we haven't been able to get information on a lot of them."

The Black Caucus hopes to (See UNITED page 2A)

## Wilmington Relives History As Scott Orders Troops To Area

By JAMES VAUGHAN

"For several months tensions between whites and Negroes have been mounting in Wilmington. Whites claim to be arming themselves against the Negroes, and the Negroes claim to be arming themselves in defense against the whites."

The statement above is an account of events leading up to a riot in Wilmington, which left many black and white residents dead or injured. The incident, however, occurred, not last week, or last month or

not even last year. But rather, in 1898, 73 years ago.

Facts thereby suggest that Wilmington may be reliving a page of history as Governor Scott recently ordered more state troopers into the area to enforce a dusk to dawn park curfew following several months of racial strife.

While underlying motives, the seeds of irrevocable conflict may well be the same, a surface examination reveals two different causes of unrest: The riot of 1898, reportedly,

was a result of political involvement of the then Negro Fusion party which threatened to dominate a majority black city of Wilmington. The riot was a result of white reactions to black political power. The current strife has been attributed to the issue of busing of school children to achieve racial balance in New Hanover County and Wilmington.

A closer look at both situations reveals, however, that there are striking similarities between the two incidents. According to accounts by Dr. Helen G. Edmonds in the book, "The Negro and Fusion Politics in North Carolina," the earlier riot was perpetrated by a group of whites called the "secret nine."

(See WILMINGTON 2A)

### Instructor Gets Distinguished Service Award

Miss Thelma L. Denson, local teacher, was awarded the Distinguished Service Award recently in Washington, D. C. at the 35th Annual Convention of the National Council of Negro Women, Inc. This award, a gold pin and silver medallion, was made at the climax of Miss Denson's fourth year as Director of Region III of the National Council for services she rendered the organization to help complete the Mary McLeod Bethune Memorial. Region III includes the states of North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, and Tennessee.

The convention theme emphasized unity, commitment (See SERVICE page 2A)

### Rehnquist Branded as Racist And Segregationist by NAACP

WASHINGTON — Branding William H. Rehnquist as a racist and a "self-propelled segregationist," Clarence Mitchell, director of the Washington Bureau of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, urged the Senate Judiciary Committee to investigate further the charges against President Nixon's nominee for the Supreme Court of the United States.

In testimony before the committee here, Nov. 9, Mitchell documented the charges against Rehnquist citing the Arizonian's public opposition to enactment of civil rights legislation in Phoenix in 1964, to desegregation of the schools of that city in 1967, to equal voting rights for Negroes and Mexican Americans in 1964, and his denunciation of per-

sons participating in a demonstration for civil rights at the Arizona State Capitol in 1964. Joining Mitchell in testifying against the Rehnquist nomination was Joseph L. Rauh, Jr., speaking in behalf of Americans for Democratic Action. Both are also spokesmen for the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights. The ADA leader questioned the nomination (See REHNQUIST 2A)



SAMPSON

### Durham Native Admitted to Bar In N. C. and Ga.

Thomas Gatewood Sampson, son of Atty. and Mrs. Daniel G. Sampson has been admitted to practice before the bars of North Carolina and Georgia. He was admitted to the North Carolina Bar on September 20, 1971 and to the Georgia Bar on November 12, 1971.

The new attorney is a 1964 graduate of Hillside High School and was graduated from Morehouse College Atlanta, (See ADMITTED page 2A)

## Operation Santa Claus Is Kicked Off By Mental Health Association

By JOHN MYERS

Operation Santa Claus was kicked off Friday, Nov. 12, in Durham by the mailing of 350 letters to ministers and civic clubs in the Durham area. The Durham County Mental Health Association announced its plans to collect Christmas gifts for the 180 mental patients on the Durham unit of John Umstead Hospital.

Mrs. Patricia Osborne and Quinton Parker, members of the operation explained the reasons for the campaign: "The Durham County Mental Health Association has sponsored Operation Santa Claus since 1967. We missed last Christmas and the Durham unit at John Umstead Hospital had a poor holiday. Staff members had to divide cartons of cigarettes to insure that everyone would receive a gift. We don't want this to happen this year."

"There are 118 long-term (See SANTA page 2A)



**FIRST GIFTS**—Quinton Parker and Mrs. Patricia Osborne deposit first gifts for Operation Santa Claus.

### Plans for Durham Civic Center Discussed at City Council Meet

By JOHN MYERS

At 10 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 11, plans for a new civic convention center in Durham were discussed in a meeting of the Durham City Council.

Victor S. Bryant, Jr., President of the Durham Chamber of Commerce, listed proposals by the Chamber for the planning of such a center:

The facility should be designed to service conventions and civic attractions and meetings, and should not attempt to include a coliseum or arena for major sporting events.

Bryant pointed out that cost and the fact that there were already several sports facilities in the area were the predominant reasons for this

recommendation.

The entire block from Foster to Riggsbee Streets and from Seminary to Morgan Streets should be purchased for the site of the Civic Convention center in order to accommodate necessary parking, outdoor exhibits, and future expansion.

Careful consideration should be given to the feasibility of converting the present Civic Center into a first class auditorium with adequate stage and storage facilities. The City Recreation Department office now in the Civic Center should be re-located when more appropriate space can be made available.

Major emphasis should be (See CENTER page 2A)

## Miss Mary Lee Mills Winner Of \$10,000 Rockefeller Award



MISS MARY LEE MILLS

PRINCETON, N. J. — Miss Mary Lee Mills, a "people-oriented" Nurse Consultant with the Community Health Service, who is working among the migrants of America after completing 16 years of service in underdeveloped countries, was named today as one of the six winners of the \$10,000 Rockefeller Public Service Awards for 1971.

Conceived and financed by John D. Rockefeller 3rd, and administered as a national trust by Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, the awards are the highest privately sustained honors for the nation's career civil servants and have been given annually since 1960 for "distinguished service to the Government of the United States and the American people" in five broad fields of government activity.

Miss Mills, 59-year-old native of Wallace, and a resi- (See MILLS page 2A)