

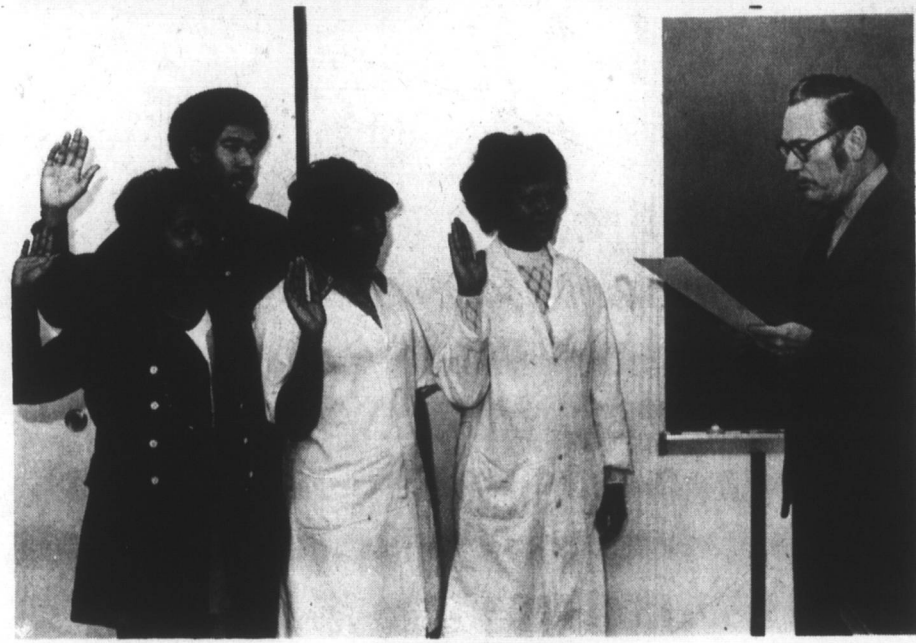
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DR. KENNETH F. JERKINS APPOINTED DEAN OF MORGAN STATE COLLEGE AT BALTIMORE

SICKLE CELL DRIVE AIDS WINSTON SALEM BLACKS



TRAINEES SWORN IN

Four New Careers Trainees Join Environmental Research Center

Four New Careers Trainees were sworn in as employees of the National Environmental Research Center at the Environmental Protection Agency's Technical Center at Research Triangle Park by Dr. Delbert Barth, Center Director. The four new federal employees are Mrs. Paulette DeWitt, Miss Verlinda Jones, Mrs. Carolyn Jones, and Mr. W. Earl Brown, all of Durham. New Careers is a Federally sponsored manpower development program through the Department of Labor. It is administered in Durham by Operation Breakthrough. The trainees, who came to EPA unskilled, have worked for one year in the EPA laboratories and are now judged trained and qualified for civil service employment. Dr. Barth said: "EPA is delighted to have been an important part of helping these young people to move into the regular job market. They learned well, received recom-

mendations from their supervisors and have passed Civil Service examinations. This kind of program demonstrates that it is possible for job training programs between

federal agencies and local organizations and citizens to work successfully. EPA is pleased to have these young people on our Civil Service rolls."

N. C. Central University Has Early Field Experience Project

In November 1971, North Carolina Central University's Student National Education Association was notified that it had been selected as one of the seven schools throughout the United States to organize the Early Field Experience Project II. The main objective of this project is to provide direct preservice preparation programs in the college career. The project, at this time has three phases: (1) placing students in Day Care Centers within walking distance of the campus, (2) free music lessons to children in the Durham

community and, (3) college students tutoring elementary and high school students. Much of the student body has been introduced and approximately sixty students have volunteered to work in the project. The number of volunteers is increasing by 10% each week; however, the music lessons and tutoring program are slowly progressing because we are not getting as many tutees as we had anticipated. Therefore, we ask the parents of the Durham community to let us help your children.

B. B. King And F. Lee Bailey Create Foundation For Inmate Rehabilitation

WASHINGTON, D. C. Renowned blues-singer B. B. King and criminal lawyer, F. Lee Bailey, are teaming up in a newly-formed penal reform foundation, to be called Foundation for the Advancement of Inmate Rehabilitation and Recreation (FAIRR). Through the Foundation, both King and Bailey hope to solicit prison appearances by other entertainers, lawyers, sports personalities, writers, musicians and a wide range of public figures, aiming for a series of concerts, discussion groups and training programs. FAIRR will also attempt to provide musical instruments art equipment and other creative tools, including books for prison libraries. Joining with King and Bailey in fueling the FAIRR project will be Senator John V. Tunney, a member of the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Constitutional Rights, and Congressman John Conyers, Jr. (D., Detroit) who has been a staunch advocate of penal reform. Both legislators will serve as vice-chairmen. B. B. King has been giving prison concerts for more than a year, his first arranged by Cook

County Jail (Chicago) Warden Winston E. Moore. He relates well to inmates, many of whom come from poor, Black backgrounds similar to his

own. F. Lee Bailey leveled his attack upon the failure of the present prison system, and advised. Continued on page 4B



NEWEST MEMBER OF B. F. Goodrich's Equal Employment Opportunity office in Akron is Gary C. Barksdale, center, who is coordinator reporting to Manager W. W. Baughman.

With them is their secretary, Mrs. Dorothy Haynes. Barksdale assists Baughman in implementing the company's Affirmative Action programs.

More than 1000 Tested During First 90 Days

More than 1,000 persons in Winston-Salem and Forsyth County, North Carolina, were tested during the first 90 days of the Winston-Salem Urban League's sickle cell anemia diagnosis program, reports Executive Director Samuel D. Harvey. Twenty-five of the persons who voluntarily underwent the tests were found to have the sickle cell trait and four others were suffering from the full impact of the disease. According to Mrs. Hazel Scott, coordinator of this first program of its kind in the state, all cases identified through the free testing procedure are referred to Reynolds Memorial Hospital for further treatment. The Urban League initially organized the project under a 60-day grant from the local Model Cities program and, on the basis of its success in mobilizing community resources and in generating response to its testing program, has been awarded an additional grant of \$67,000 for the next year.

Originally the tests were given at Reynolds Memorial, but Mrs. Scott was able to secure a mobile unit from the Department of Social Services which is now systematically moving throughout the low-income black neighborhoods of the city. The testing team includes a social worker, volunteer nurses, and field workers associated with the Forsyth County Welfare Rights Organization who canvass the neighborhoods encouraging the residents to come in for the simple test.

The test itself involves only a quick blood sample and the results are available immediately. Mrs. Scott said adding that while there is no cure for the disease, certain types can be controlled through medication. Sickle cell anemia is a hereditary blood disease characterized by a crescent-like distortion of the red blood cells and is almost totally confined to black people. It is estimated that some 2 1/2 million Americans are carriers of the disease, with about one in five adversely affected by it.



DR. JERKINS

Norfolk, Va. Native Joined Staff in 1965

BALTIMORE, Md. — Dr. Kenneth F. Jerkins has been appointed dean of the college at Morgan State College. Dr. Jerkins, a native of Norfolk, Va. who first joined the Morgan faculty in 1965, succeeds Dr. Percy Baker as the College's academic dean. Dr. Baker, who had expressed a desire to return to the classroom, will resume his teaching duties in September, 1972. Meanwhile, he will serve in an advisory capacity to the new dean until June 30. In announcing Jerkins' appointment, which becomes effective immediately, Dr. King V. Cheek, Morgan president, said, "We are pleased to be able to appoint from within our own faculty a man of Ken Jerkins' ability to serve as Morgan's academic dean. In addition to his excellent background and training, he has a keen sensitivity of the needs of our students, and above all, he's respected by the faculty." Jerkins received the B. S. degree from Xavier University, and Master's degrees from Continued on page 2B

CONTACT FORMS A PROGRAM IN AREA

Will Provide Assistance Via Phone in City

By JOHN MYERS
CONTACT, an organization to provide assistance to people via the telephone, is being organized in Durham. Dr. Alan Walker began the CONTACT organization in Sidney, Australia in 1963 when he received a call from a potential suicide and failed to ease the caller's mind. The death of the caller made Dr. Walker realize that people need help often when there is no place to obtain it. He set up a program of telephone listeners operating 24 hours a day and the "lifeline" came into existence. In 1966, in Dallas, Texas, the Reverend John Brand, pastor of Munger Place Methodist Church, heard of the pattern of ministry used in the "Life Line Center" sponsored by Dr. Walker. With the cooperation of Bishop W. Kenneth Pope, the Conference Board of Evangelism, and other churches of all denominations, a faculty of distinguished professional persons was assembled, laymen were trained, and in March of 1967 the CONTACT Center was opened. Christian laymen, trained over a period of six months by professionals from their own community, man the telephone twenty-four hours a day. In Dallas, as in every city where the pattern has been established Continued on page 2B



IMPROVED BLACK RECRUITMENT—Velma McEwen Strode, left, director of equal employment opportunity at the Department of Labor discuss ways to improve recruitment of black college graduates with Clarie Collins Harvey, President of Church Women United.

National Teacher Examinations To Be Given at NCCU on April 8

The National Teacher Examinations will be administered on April 8, 1972, at North Carolina Central University which has been designated as a test center. According to Dr. Johnson, Chairman of the Education Department, college seniors preparing to teach and teachers applying for positions in school systems which encourage or require the NTE are eligible to take the tests. In addition, the designation of North Carolina Central University as a test center for these examinations will give prospective teachers in

this area an opportunity to compare their performance on the examinations with candidates throughout the country who take the tests. Dr. Norman Johnson said. Bulletins of Information describing registration procedures and containing Registration Forms as well as sample test questions may be obtained from Education Department, NCCU or directly from the National Teacher Examinations, Educational Testing Service, Box 911, Princeton New Jersey 08540.

Sickle Cell Anemia: Little-Known Hereditary Disease Attributed To Blacks Can Be Fatal

Patient Feels Weak And Later Anemic

By SUE CHILDS
Sickle cell anemia is a hereditary disease of the red blood cells. In people who have it, the red cells show an unborn tendency to become elongated and look something like a sickle instead of their normal round shape. The ends of these sickle-shaped cells easily break off as the cells are pushed through the blood stream, thus killing the cell. With this rapid destruction of oxygen-carrying red blood cells, the patient becomes anemic and constantly feels weak. Occasionally, some of these abnormal sickle cells get caught in the body's tiny blood vessels, creating "log jams" that block blood flow. The areas served by these blood vessels lose their oxygen supply and soon die. When this happens, the patient is suffering what the medical world calls a sickle crisis, an extremely painful event that usually requires hospitalization. This can happen as often as once a month in some patients. No one knows exactly why sickle cell anemia patients have these crises, but it appears that infection, high altitudes, and physical and mental stress can bring one on.



SEEK END OF RACISM—(Left to right): Rev. William McKee, Assoc. Director, Ministries and Missions Benefit Board, American Baptist Convention; Rev. Howard Schomer, Secretary, World Issues, United Church Board for World Ministries; Rt. Rev. John E. Hines, Presiding Bishop, The Episcopal Church, Chairman, South Africa Task Force; Rev. Shelton Waters, Chairman South Africa Task Force, United Presbyterian Church.

Church Groups Seek End Of Racism And Colonialism By Companies In South Africa

NEW YORK — American Church groups mounting their first joint campaign against U. S. firms in South Africa, which practices both racism and colonialism in Southern Africa, met recently under the chairmanship of Rt. Rev. John E. Hines, Presiding Bishop, The Episcopal Church. Plans were made to meet with the Huge Major Corporations to end the crisis in South Africa involving the repression, Deprivation and dehumanization of 36 million Africans and Asians by 5 million whites who have resisted every effort by the "Non white" majority and the United Nations to bring freedom and self determination to the people of this region. Consultations with General Motors, Chrysler, IBM, Mobil Oil, First National City Bank are some of the companies that will be queried to end the apartheid situation.