

# M&F Bank Makes 64th Annual Report

## Bank Witnesses Gain of Over \$10 Million



WHEELER

By JAMES VAUGHAN

The 64th Annual report of the Mechanics and Farmers Bank Inc., revealed a percentage growth outranking the nation's top 300 banks causing the largest growth in earnings since it opened for business August 1, 1908. The 45.52 percent growth brought a total of deposits to more than \$34 million for the year ending December 31, 1971.

More than 100 shareholders attended the report with 90,000 shares of the total 116,000 shares being represented either in person or by proxy vote. Bank president John H. Wheeler and chairman of the board, W. J. Kennedy, Jr. presided over the session this week.

According to the president's report, the bank witnessed a gain of more than \$10 million during the year.

"The unusual gain in deposits during 1971 can be attributed to a number of factors, most important of which was the effort put forth by officers, directors and employees to secure new accounts for the bank. We were also beneficiaries to the nationwide effort initiated jointly by Capital Formation, Inc. and the National Bankers Association to secure new accounts from

(See BANK page 2A)

## BLACK CAUCUS A SUCCESS

# The Carolina Times

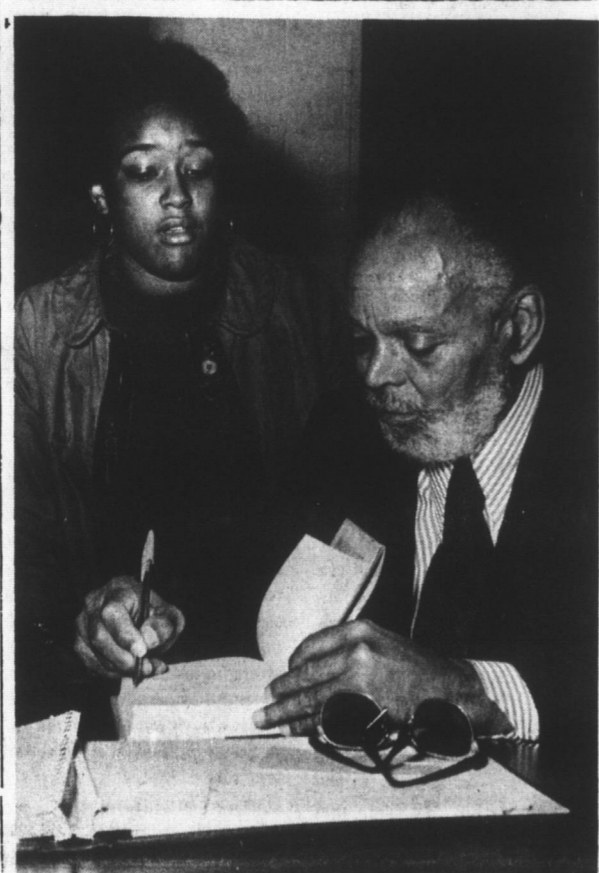
THE TRUTH UNBRIEDED

VOLUME 51 — No. 12

DURHAM, N. C., SATURDAY, MARCH 18, 1972

PRICE: 20 CENTS

## Woman Of The Year Picked By Balloting



**AUTOGRAPH SESSION**—Author Chester Himes signs his autograph for a NCCU coed during his recent visit to the Durham institution. During a brief interview following the autograph session, Himes said he believes the violence of his eight mystery novels featuring Coffin Ed Johnson and Grave Digger Jones accurately portrays the temper of black America today.

### Mrs. Annie G. Rogers Recipient Of Highest Number of Votes

Members of the Durham black community recently, quietly, and almost unassumingly, conducted a major event honoring a chosen woman of outstanding contributions.

The Greyhound Corporation and The Carolina Times co-sponsored the Woman of the Year awards luncheon last week at the Holiday Inn in Durham, with Joe Black, former professional baseball player and a member of the Greyhound Corporation, and J. Elwood Carter, Advertising Manager, The Carolina Times.

Mrs. Annie G. Rogers, 1311 Fargo St. was elected the winner of the contest for Woman of the Year, and Mrs. Ethel H. Marshall, 613 Dunbar St. was voted second runner-up. First runner-up was Mrs. Annie Filmore, 1303 South Alston Ave.

An estimated 75 ladies of the Durham community at-

tended the event. In addition, several members of The Carolina staff and members of the Greyhound local, regional and district offices were present.

Black delivered to the ladies a message calling for action from the majority "heads of families in the black community." According to him "it is the black woman who also controls 3/4 of the black family budgets."

"If you want to get a job done, contact the ladies," he said.

The Greyhound spokesman said to the group, the major purpose of the contest and luncheon was to show that Greyhound is a good neighbor company. A company with the problems which confront the community.

The contest was conducted by The Carolina Times. Entry (See LUNCHEON 2A)



**MOTHER OF THE YEAR AND RUNNER-UP**—Joe Black, former Brooklyn Dodge pitching great, now Marketing Specialist for Greyhound is shown here with Mrs. Ethel Marshall, first runner-up (left); and Mrs. Annie G. Rogers (right), "Mother of the Year" chosen by receiving the highest number of votes in the Times-Greyhound event.

## Low-Income Health Committee Protest HEW Meeting In Raleigh

By JOHN MYERS

The Low-Income Health Committee of Durham led by its Chairman, Mrs. Inez Gooch walked out of a meeting of HEW representatives and the Medical Care Commission in Raleigh Tuesday, March 14, in protest of what Mrs. Gooch called "a closed-door meeting." The meeting scheduled was to discuss problems and directions for the new county hospital presently under plans for construction in Durham.

The meeting was arranged

by I. O. Wilkerson, Acting Executive Secretary of the N. C. Medical Care Commission and was to begin at 2 p.m. in the Commission's board room. Shortly before 2 p.m. a Commission secretary reported that the group from Durham was arriving in the parking lot.

Mrs. Gooch and several of her committee members were waiting for the remainder of her group to arrive when it was announced that the meeting had begun. Mrs. Gooch and a small portion of her delegation entered the board room and

took arranged seating. When the meeting again resumed, Mrs. Gooch stood and asked Wilkerson for the purpose of the meeting. Wilkerson replied that it was to discuss correspondence received at both HEW headquarters in Atlanta and the Medical Care Commission's headquarters in Raleigh. Mrs. Gooch then announced that her committee had asked HEW to send a representative to Durham to evaluate the problems and that HEW had agreed. She said her committee (See PROTEST page 2A)

## Durham Business And Professional Chain Plans A Membership Drive

During the week of March 19 members and prospective members of the Durham Business & Professional Chain can expect to receive membership applications for renewing present memberships or becoming new members. The membership goal for the year is 500, which will be a substantial increase over the past year. A new membership application has been designed in the form of a brochure, which will eliminate the use of an envelope for mailing. The Durham Business League, which was organized in 1938 with objectives similar to those of the National Business League but with efforts directed toward local minority business development. Any one who joins the Chain also becomes a member of the National Business League, which has played an active role in minority business development throughout the nation since 1900. Its members consists of business

(See CHAIN page 2A)

## Annual Talent Hunt Contest A Success For Omega Psi Phi Frat.

Frenchee Wiggins, a senior at Durham's Hillside High School, won first place honors in the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity's Annual Talent Hunt Contest sponsored recently and held at the Hillside High School.

The local youngster tendered a beautiful rendition of Handel's "Comfort Ye and Every Valley Shall Be Exalted from the Messiah" and topped some fourteen other very talented high school youths from Durham High and Hillsborough's Orange High School to capture the award and the right to represent the local Tau Psi Chapter in a District Contest slated to be held in

Wilmington, N. C., in mid April. The winner at Wilmington will then advance to the National finals and a chance to win an all-expense paid scholarship to the college of his choice.

Miss Bonita M. Davis of Orange High School, Hillsborough (See TALENT page 2A)

## 110 No. Carolinians Attend First Nat'l Black Convention in Gary

"In my 38 years, I have never witnessed a more memorable event, attended by black people," exclaimed A. J. H. Clement, III, vice-chairman of the North Carolina



CLEMENT

Democratic Party and head of the North Carolina Black Caucus.

He was among more than 110 North Carolinians who attended the first National Black Caucus to be held in this country. Blacks from cities and states across the country gathered at Gary, Indiana to plan a black agenda for the 1972 elections.

Between 5-7,000 blacks, representing organizations ranging from the NAACP to the Black Panther Party attended the three-day session which ended Sunday night, March 12.

Despite reports of mass confusion and disorderliness, attendants at the convention stated that: "It was a successful affair being fully representative and hard pressed to (See CAUCUS page 2A)

## History Prof Still Uptight, But Now Has Time To Relax

North Carolina Central University history instructor Herman C. Manning has time to relax now, but he's still "uptight" and can't quite realize that he's finally through with his third degree from the university.

Manning got official confirmation this week that he has completed requirements for the Doctor of Jurisprudence degree from the NCCU School of Law. There wasn't any doubt in his mind -- he's already earned the B. A. and M. (See PROF page 2A)



MRS. HORTON



**OMEGA TALENT HUNT WINNERS**—Shown above are the winners of the Annual Music Talent Hunt Contest sponsored by the Beta Phi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. held recently at Hillside High School in Durham.

Front row, left to right: Attorney William

A. Marsh, Basileus of the chapter, who presented the awards; Frenchee Wiggins of Hillside High School first place winner; Susan Nelson of Durham High School, second place winner; Bonita M. Davis of Orange High School, Hillsborough, third place; and Clarence Ellis, Chairman of the Talent Hunt Contest.

## N.C. Central Sorority To Sponsor A Sickle Cell Clinic On Campus

North Carolina Central University's Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority will sponsor a sickle cell screening clinic from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday in the university's biology building.

Miss Sylvia Foster, basileus of the NCCU chapter, announced plans for members of the Student National Medical Association from Duke University to conduct the clinic, which will focus on screening students and employees of the university.

A separate clinic will be conducted on Saturday at Lincoln Medical Center.

Chairman of the AKA committee leading efforts against sickle cell disease is Miss Shirley Hawkins. Members of the committee are Miss Gwendolyn (See SICKLE page 7A)

## C. P. Jones Announces Formation Of New Arthritis Association

CHAPEL HILL — The formation of a new national voluntary health agency, the American Arthritis Association, was today announced by Clifton P. Jones of Chapel Hill. The new association has no connection with The Arthritis Foundation of New York or its Durham based North Carolina Chapter. The official Articles of Incorporation of the new agency were today filed with Secretary of State Thad Eure in Raleigh.

Jones stated that the new agency was organized to serve the presently unmet needs of

arthritis victims and because the New York based Arthritis Foundation has "abdicated its responsibility and acted adverse to the public interest and the needs of arthritis victims." He stated that the Durham based North Carolina Chapter led by Dr. Jesse E. Roberts, Jr. of Duke University was "in clear, open, and direct violation of its Charter of Incorporation and devoid of any right to ask for the confidence and support of the people of North Carolina." Jones is a member of the board of directors of the Durham based group. He stated that he remained a member of this board only to speak in protest against the present "de facto" leadership and their methods and activities.

Jones stated that the new agency would immediately seek a license to solicit funds in North Carolina from the Department of Social Services. All presently affiliated chapters of The Arthritis Foundation are being invited to sever their ties with the New York Organization and affiliate with the new American Arthritis Association.

Members of the board of directors of the new agency are Jones, Mrs. B. C. Urquhart, Dr. Curtis Harper, Hillard Caldwell, and Joseph Polozola all of Chapel Hill.

## Conference for Black Candidates To Convene in Raleigh, April 8

The Durham-based North Carolina Voter Education Project (VEP) announced that it will sponsor a conference for Black candidates. The conference will be held on Saturday, April 8, in Raleigh.

The state's VEP director, John Edwards, said that many candidates had contacted the state office about the election laws pertaining to their campaigns and the voting procedures on election day. The purpose of the conference is to answer these and other questions that Black candidates in

North Carolina may have. Edwards said that Black candidates who are interested in attending the conference should contact his office (107 1/2 East Parrish Street, Durham, N. C.). Candidates are urged to have two of their campaign workers attend the conference.

Topics to be covered at the conference will include campaign financing and reporting, who appoints poll watchers and what are their duties, the job of poll workers and elections (See CANDIDATES page 2A)