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GREENSBORO GETS BLACK-OWNED BANK



STUDIES NCCU PROGRAMS
Mrs. Eileen Rose, center, assistant to the dean of undergraduate studies and counselor for special programs at Portland (Ore.) State University, recently visited North Carolina Central University to study the Academic Skills Center and the Honors Program at the school. With her are Dr. Waltz Maynor, director of the Academic Skills Center, left, and Mrs. Minnie T. Spaulding, director of the honors program.



Mrs. Rose visited similar programs at Duke University and the University of North Carolina. Mrs. Rose came to the United States from her native England as a teacher. She became a specialist in Portland in the design of programs at all grade levels for disadvantaged students. She administered an entire school as a demonstration model in that field before joining Portland State University.

Nat'l Urban League Makes Drug Survey

NEW YORK - While drug abuse is far more severe in inner cities than suburban areas, about two-thirds of the current drug treatment and education/prevention programs are serving suburban areas, according to a survey of drug abuse made public today by the National Urban League.

The survey conducted in 20 medium sized cities also disclosed that while a number of treatment programs, especially education/prevention programs, serving narcotics addicts has more than tripled in three years, there is still a severe lack of job training and placement programs for ex-addicts in treatment.

More than half of the cities studied were without any job training and placement.

The study also disclosed that

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Rocky Mount Realtor Gets FHA Grant

A. H. "Tuffy" Bryant of Bryant's Realty Agency of Rocky Mount, N.C. who was the first Black Broker & Developer to have a Housing Program approved by Both VA-FHA in Eastern Carolina who also introduced the FHA-Housing Program 235 in 1969 for Low Income Families in the Rocky Mount area.

A. H. Bryant states that his Realty Agency has just been given another commitment from the Federal Housing Administration under program FHA-235 for \$175,000 to build ten (10) homes in the various communities of Rocky Mount to help upgrade the black communities. Under FHA-235 Program, it permits low-income families to purchase a home with no-down payment and a closing out fee of only \$200. The Federal Government will pay up to fifty (50%) of your monthly payments, if the family has financial problems after moving in, and this amount will not have to be paid back to the Federal Government.

Dwellings under this program must be of modest cost but adequate design and construction quality. This housing cannot be extravagant in design, cost or equipment, and should provide decent, safe and sanitary conditions in a accordance with FHA-Housing Standards, and local building codes. If you have several children you are assured of more help also because each child is worth \$300 each and this will make your monthly payments smaller. These houses (10) will be built in the various Negro-Communities of Rocky Mount as requested by the Federal Housing Administration hoping that this will help motivate the people to clean up and have better communities.

Bryant serves as Chairman

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Black History Week is Noted At Whitted

By Michelle DeJarmon

During the second week of February, we, the black people of the United States celebrated Black History Week. Since the times have changed, so have ideas. Many of our elders knew this week as National Negro History Week. While many of us in the 13-27 year bracket now refer to this week as Human Relations Week.

The students of Whitted Junior High School have taken the attitude that it doesn't matter what you call it, it all relates to each other.

Black History at Whitted brought about several learning experiences. As it was put at Whitted, "A Mini-Black Festival" was created. The festival featured Black Art, Poetry, Music, Song and Dance. Along with these features was a film "Black Dimensions in American Art."

The students learned that not only could we do the dance or "robot" but modern dance could be done by Blacks. Not only could we produce Gospel Songs, but like Ulysses Kay could produce lullaby's and etc.

Paintings by Black Artists were on display in the School Library as well.

To further highlight the week, a program produced by Mesdames Cromartie, Eaton, Johnson, Umstead, Hughes and Perry was presented on Thursday. The program was opened by a dance interpretation to the Lord's Prayer presented by the Modemettes. Miss Sheila Meadows informed the audience how Black History Week began. Later in the program poems written by James Weldon Johnson were read. The Creation, by Johnson, was among the poems.

The Ninth grade Chorus sang three traditional Gospel and Spiritual songs and Miss Cheryl Spann recited "I Am A Negro."

All in all the week made the students much more aware of the beautiful Black Heritage.

Miss Debora Owens added to the week by winning the Human Relations Essay Contest. The topics were "Look What We've Done, Look What We Can Do, and Let's Get Us All Together. Miss Owens stressed that it is not just a racial problem holding us back but it is a people problem and we as a race of people, all of the human breed could make it work.

The students of Whitted seem to want to make our human race work and with

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N.C. GOVERNOR'S WIFE CUTS RIBBON AT NEW BLACK BANK - Mrs. Patricia Holshouser of North Carolina

cuts ribbon at the opening of the ultra modern Bank building of black-owned Greensboro National Bank. Assisting in

ceremony is Bishop Wyoming Wells, chairman of the bank's board of directors.

Supreme Life Gets Standard Oil Contract

CHICAGO - Supreme Life Insurance Company of America has become the first black-owned and -operated carrier to be contracted to underwrite group life insurance for a major corporation on a direct basis.

Supreme Life has agreed to underwrite \$3.6 million to group life and accidental death and dismemberment insurance for a subsidiary of Standard Oil Company (Indiana), effective March 1.

The Chicago-based carrier will insure about 450 employees of Amoco Chemicals Corporation's Packaging Products Division in La Mirada, Calif., and Consumer Products Division in Fullerton, Calif. Amoco Chemicals in Indiana Standard's worldwide manufacturer and marketer of chemicals, plastics and petroleum additives.

Supreme Life, which has been in operation for more than 50 years, declared assets of \$39.3 million in 1972.

"This business agreement is in keeping with our overall corporate objective of minority-owned enterprises," said Robert C. Guinness, president of Indiana Standard. "It was our conclusion that this objective would be more fully served by placing a portion of our group life insurance with Supreme Life on a direct, rather than

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Historian Charges Europeans 'Whitened Up' Black History

Black historian John Henrik Clarke charges that Europeans have "whitened-up" Black History, going back to ancient Egypt.

"Contrary to popular belief Cleopatra was not a white woman and never looked like Elizabeth Taylor," says Clarke, who is interviewed on the BLACK JOURNAL program, "Great Men of Color," which will be presented nationally on Tuesday, March 13 at 9:30 p. m. over the Public Broad Casting Service. (In New York City, the program airs on WNET/13 at the same time.)

The writer, educator and historian, who is known internationally for his contributions to contemporary Black culture and Afro-American history, also says that if Europeans had acknowledged that ancient Egypt was Black, "it would have thrown history all out of kilter."

Clarke also tells BLACK JOURNAL that "most of us (Black historians) got our information from white radical writers."

Clarke is associate professor of Hunter College's Black and Puerto Rican Studies Department in New York City. He updated and supplied the bibliography for the two volume "World's Great Men of Color," authored by the late Joel A. Rogers.

Rogers devoted 50 years of his life researching the great figures of Black African descent were primarily responsible

in the development of nations, civilizations and cultures.

His books has to be privately printed and circulated mainly in Black communities, because the white-publishing houses did not want to publish the works, the program notes.

These two volumes - that were first privately published in 1947 - are considered the author's greatest achievements. Volume I of "World's Great Men of Color" describes the exploits of "Negroes" in Asia and Africa including such figures as Clitus, African comrade of Alexander the Great; and three of the greatest women rulers in history who were of Black ancestry.

In Volume II, Rogers portrays the great Black men of Europe, Central and South America, the West Indies and the United States. They range from such diverse figures as Dufur the Magnificent, King of Egypt, to St. Benedict the Moor and Emperer Haile Selassie of present-day Ethiopia.

The noted Black historian also comments on some U.S. state laws that determine that individuals with "one drop of Black blood" are automatically considered "Negroes." Says Clarke: "By this stupid law, we have a whole lot of white people who think they are white but they really belong to us."

Other highlights of the 30-minute interview include a denunciation of the word "Negro" By Clarke, who says: I miss



CLARKE
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the word 'Negro' be cause it is an adjective that someone made a noun out of and slapped it on a people."

Clarke says "race" is a man-made thing, coined by the pseudo-scientific thinking of Europeans. He believes that migrations caused people to acclimate to new environments. In doing so, he notes, certain groups developed new physical attributes.

WEEKLY LEGISLATIVE REPORT

BY JOHN EDWARDS

This report covers the period from February 22 thru March 1.

The first letter and numbers in the paragraph give the number of the bill and indicates whether it was introduced in the House (H) or Senate (S), followed by a description of the bill.

S-349 - Voter Registration Changes: Amends the voter registration laws in several ways. One change would allow the county boards of elections to appoint special registration commissioners (floating registrars) as needed rather than upon recommendation of political parties. Another one of the changes would remove the requirement that a person must re-register when he or she moves from one precinct to another in the same county.

Similar bill introduced in House, H-461.

S-357 - Physical Education Funds: Appropriates \$6,150,000 to State Board of Education to distribute to county and city school units for physical education programs. A similar bill, H-510, was introduced in the House.

H-465 - Five on Board of Paroles: Increases the membership on the Board of Paroles from 3 to 5 members.

H-474 - Public School Class Size: Provides for a reasonable limit on the class size in public schools in order to improve instruction.

S-361 - Off-duty Police Guns: Allows law enforcement agencies to set-up regulations about law enforcement officers carrying guns when they are off duty.

S-370 - Food, Cigarette, Beer Taxes: Repeals the sales tax upon food; removes the \$120 sales tax limit on cars, boats; increases the cigarette tax from 2c to 5c per package; and raises the tax on beer, wine and liquor.

H-507 - Former Felons on Jury: Provides that former felons who have had their citizenship restored be eligible for jury duty.

S-387 - Property Tax Relief for Elderly: Exempts from taxation first \$5,000 of real and personal property for persons 60 year of age and over who have incomes of not more than \$5,000 (greatest change from current law is that bill raises exempt income level from \$3,500 to \$5,000).

S-388 - Funds for Retardation Centers: Appropriates \$856,937 to the Department of Human Resources for two mental retardation complexes in Meckenburg and Guildford counties.

H-513 - Mental Health Personnel Funds: Appropriates \$8.2 million to the Department of Mental Health for training and better pay of attendants, and to increase the housekeeping staff at mental health and mental retardation centers.

H-517 - Write-in Candidates Notice: Provides that write-in candidates in general elections must file notice of candidacy ten weeks before general election.

Final Seven Bills In Mental Health Package Offered

RALEIGH - The final seven bills in a Legislative Research Commission mental health package that would cost the state \$48 million in the next biennium were introduced in both houses of the General Assembly Monday night.

The bills are the product of a commission study of the state's mental health code. Some of them make minor changes in the statutes. Others would embark the state on major new programs.

Sen. Joe Raynor, D-Cumberland, introduced the package in the Senate. He said most, but not all of the bills, have the backing of Gov. Jim Holshouser.

Holshouser, in his legislative message, asked the General Assembly to earmark an additional \$30 million in new funds for mental health programs.

One bill would set up a \$2.5 million program of direct state incentive grants to local governments with services for emotionally disturbed children.

Another would appropriate \$10.4 million for educational programs for mildly and moderately retarded children with the goal of providing public school training for approximately 10,000 such children, in the next biennium.

A third bill would allocate \$2 million for community based drug programs, including treatment for abusers of alcohol and

RECEIVES CONTRACT



SUPREME LIFE INSURANCE Company of America executives Weathers Y. Sykes (left), senior vice president, and Ray Irby, president, and Robert C. Guinness (right), president of Standard Oil Company (Indiana), discuss contract which makes Supreme Life the first black-owned and operated carrier to underwrite group life insurance for a major corporation on a direct basis. The Chicago-based company will underwrite \$3.6 million in insurance for about 450 employees of Amoco Chemicals Corporation, a subsidiary of Indiana Standard, effective March 1.

Plans To Reactivate Shepard Foundation To Be Discussed

Plans to reactivate the James E. Shepard Memorial Foundation as the James E. Shepard Fund of the North Carolina Central University Foundation will be discussed at an open meeting at 3:30 p.m., Sunday, March 11, in the Alfonso Elder Student Union Building at NCCU.

Invitations to the meeting have been mailed to NCCU alumni and friends in the Durham area.

The foundation, named for the founder of the University, was chartered in 1949. For 20 years, the foundation actively sought and disbursed scholarship money to students at NCCU. The deaths of Dr. James T. Taylor and Dr. J. M. Hubbard Sr. left the foundation without an executive secretary or a president.

Because of a charter provision requiring at least 25 annual

members of the foundation to vote on any changes in the operation of the foundation, the board of the foundation, reduced to fewer than 12 members, has been inactive since the deaths of Dr. Taylor and Dr. Hubbard.

Board members still living have proposed to merge the foundation with the NCCU foundation, chartered in 1972. The assets remaining in the foundation would become the nucleus of the James E. Shepard Fund, whose purpose

would become the same as those of the original foundation.

The invitation to alumni and friends to assist in the reconstitution of the foundation was made by H. M. Michaux, president of the Shepard foundation, William P. Malone, director of development at NCCU and acting executive director of the foundation, and Lawrence G. Cooper, president of the National NCCU Alumni Association.

Education Aid Set Up At UNC

CHAPEL HILL - A new service to assist health sciences faculty, department and institutes in their continuing education programs has been developed at the University of North Carolina.

The course and conference support service is a cooperative system which combines the resources of the continuing education offices of the Schools of Dentistry, Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy and Public Health.

According to Janie Newton, assistant director of the program development and support services, "The program organizes the details and variety of

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