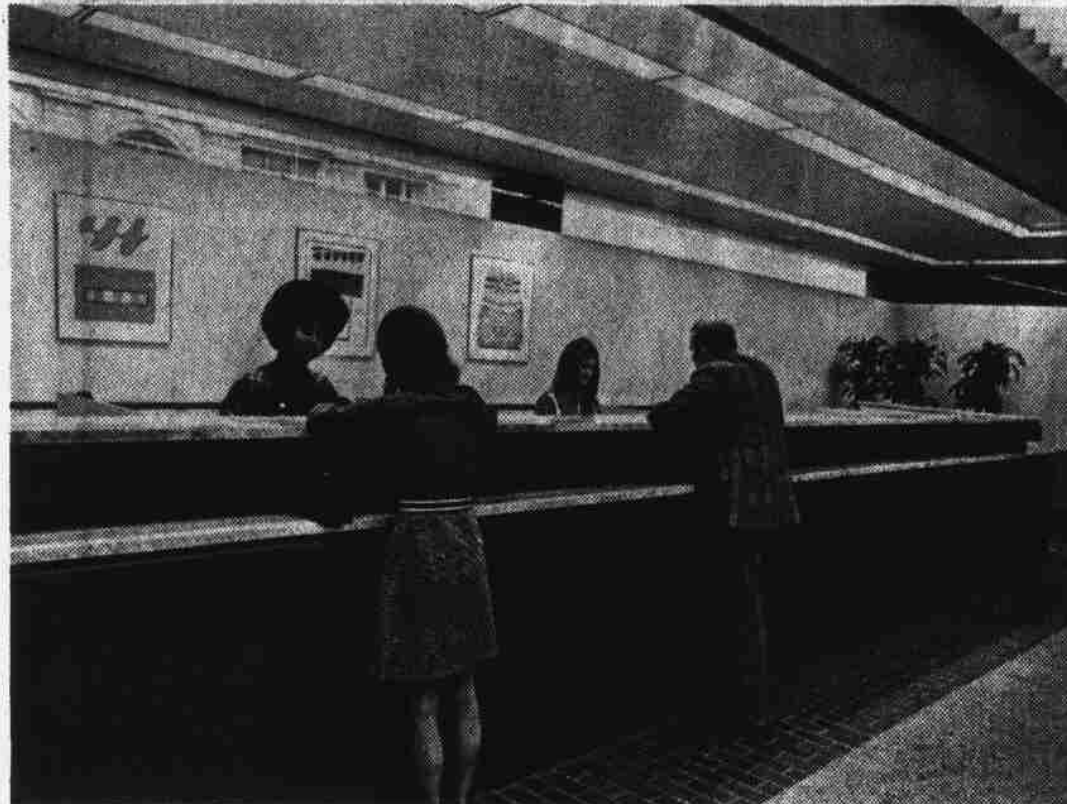


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DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

WACHOVIA BANK OPENS NEW OFFICES MONDAY



WACHOVIA'S John J. West, Vice President for Public Relations checks with tellers, from left to right: Mrs. Paul

Facility Expresses Confidence In Downtown Revitalization

When Wachovia Bank and Trust Company opened its new offices on the corner of Main and Corcoran Streets, new confidence was expressed in the future of the city and the revitalization of the downtown areas.

Archie K. Davis of Winston-Salem, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Wachovia, at the banks unveiling to the press and other business leaders of Durham expressed his appreciation and thanks to the community for its confidence in Wachovia and related that the Durham area is one of the fastest growing areas of the country.

Citing the Research Triangle counties, Durham, Orange and Wake, tremendous growth over the period as revealed through total employment, personal income and capital investment, Davis said the Research Triangle has far outstripped the national rate. Mayor Hawkins and County Commissioner Chairman Scarborough expressed thanks and appreciation that Wachovia had chosen to expand its banking operations in the downtown area. Durward Everett, senior Vice President for the bank in Durham related that the new building and plans for new branches indicated its faith and commitment to Durham and surrounding areas.

E. J. Evans, a member of the Wachovia's Durham Board of Directors and Chairman of Greater Durham Chamber of Commerce Downtown Revitalization Committee said that the new facility offers much toward the enhancement of the city's downtown program by this step.

W. A. Clement, Sr. Vice President of the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company serves as one of the Directors for Durham Wachovia's Board of Directors. Ralph Frasier, NCCU Law graduate serves as a Vice President with the home offices in Winston-Salem, NC.



CLEVELAND, OHIO - PICKETS from the Coalition of Vietnam-era veterans march in front of City Hall, demanding \$2500 for all vets as com-

ensation for wages lost while in the military. Inside City Hall hearing was held to look into the problems of the returning Vietnam-era veterans. The hearings are sponsored by the National League of Cities and U.S. Conference of Mayors. (UPI)

Justice Dept. Refunds District Of Columbia Teachers College Patrol

The Adult Courtesy Patrol protection Service of the District of Columbia Teachers College has been refunded by the District Office of Criminal Justice under the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act,

Dr. Paul Cooke, President announced this week. The Teachers College has been awarded \$41,521 from Department of Justice Funds to continue the program organized in 1970 under the Youth Opportunity Service program. The patrol was organized as a self-help group to protect citizens in the 14th Street corridor area.

The District of Columbia Teachers College agreed to support the program after members of the Adult Courtesy Patrol appealed to the College for Administrative and supportive service. The College has signed a contract with the Opportunities Industrialization Centers to train members of the Patrol.

Approximately 20 members of the Patrol now patrol 14th street and the area surrounding the College to give assistance to anyone in trouble and to

alert police and officials to criminal or disruptive activity.

Members do not attend classes, but leaders of the Patrol receive guidance and instruction from the College Community Service Department. They wear bright orange jackets with black arm bands when on duty. Businessmen and residents of the area have repeatedly endorsed the patrol and commended upon its effectiveness.

The idea for the patrol originated with King Wilkins, area resident, who formed the D. C. Trojans for the protection of local citizens. Mr. Wilkins' organization was first supported by the Episcopal Church and then later by the D.C.T.C. A proposal was submitted to the Mayors Youth Opportunity program for funding the program last year and accepted.

This year the Office of Criminal Justice agreed to support the project.

Last Rites Given Sover'n Grand Leland French

Sovereign Grand Commander Leland Dickerson French, of the United Supreme Council, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Northern Jurisdiction, Prince Hall Affiliation, died in Cleveland, Ohio, Wednesday, March 14, after a lengthy illness.

Sovereign Grand Commander French's death follows by a few months the demise of his predecessor, sovereign Grand Commander Emeritus George Williamson Crawford. Both men were top officials of the 33rd degree masonic organization.

Just one month ago official notification was sent United Supreme Council members that Lieutenant Grand Commander Frank M. Summers, of East St. Louis Ill., would discharge the duties of Sovereign Grand Commander until Mr. French recovered.

Scottish rite ceremonies were observed Monday night, March 19, at 9 p.m., in Shiloh Baptist Church, 5500 Scoville Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio. Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 20, at 11 a.m. in Shiloh Church, where Mr. French was a trustee.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Agnes French; a sister and a nephew.

National Budget -- Blueprint of Nat'l Policy of 'Benign Neglect'

WASHINGTON — The proposed national budget was described by Vernon E. Jordan, Jr., Executive Director of the National Urban League as the "blueprint for the conversion of a national policy of 'benign neglect' into a policy of active hostility to the hopes, dreams and aspirations of black Americans."

While the policy is not the "product of conscious, anti-black, anti-poverty reasoning," Mr. Jordan warned that the cutbacks in the funding of human resources programs "reflects an irrational choice of priorities" that intensifies

the nature of urban problems.

Speaking at a luncheon held at the National Press Club, Mr. Jordan said that far more whites than blacks would be affected by the budget cuts, but that "the responsibility for calling attention to the impact of the cuts falls increasingly on black leadership."

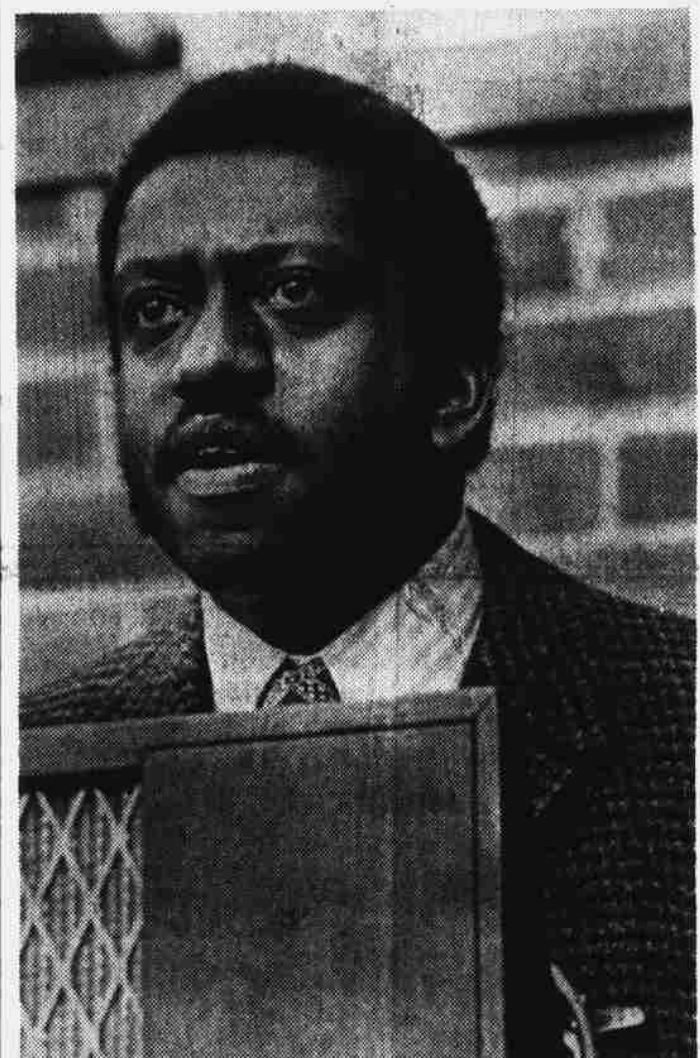
"It is fair to ask today that white people join us in the struggle to preserve the social services of the federal government that enable them, too, to survive," he declared. "The silent white majority that has been the prime beneficiary of the programs of the 1960s and is today the group most in need of further federal services will have to speak up. They are not stigmatized, as are the blacks, by charges of special pleading by special Americans looking for special treatment. And their representatives in the Congress will have to act, too."

"They cannot complacently watch their constituents' welfare being trampled on, nor can they accept the shrinkage of their rightful constitutional role in our system of government."

"The gut issues of today—better schools, jobs and housing for all, personal safety and decent health care—are issues that transcend race. So long as they are falsely perceived as 'black issues,' nothing constructive will be done to deal with them."

"White America must come to see that its cities, its needs and its economic and physical health are at stake. The needs of blacks and whites are too strongly intertwined to separate." Mr. Jordan said. Whitney Young used to say, "We may have

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WASHINGTON: H. R. CRAWFORD, ONE OF THE COUNTRY'S FEW BIG-TIME black apartment operators, has been nominated by Pres. Nixon as an assistant Sec-

tary of Housing and Urban Development. If the nomination is confirmed by the Senate, he will become the highest ranking black in the administration. (UPI)

N. C. C. University Choir Tour Begins; Repertoire is Varied

Sacred music, classical music, "serious" work by black composers, and black music in the traditions of the spiritual and gospel songs comprise the varied repertoire of the North Carolina Central University touring choir.

Audiences in the northeast, from Washington to Newark, Conn., and in the midwest, from Cleveland to Superior, Wisconsin, will hear that music performed between Friday, March 16, and April 1.

Under the direction of Charles H. Gilchrist, the choir will perform in the east coast cities, New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, and Washington, as well as Newark, Conn., generally under the sponsorship of alumni association chapters in the area.

Then they swing west, to hit Cleveland, Detroit, Cincinnati, and the campuses of the University of Wisconsin, which has for many years conducted student and faculty exchanges with North Carolina Central.

All the audiences will hear much the same program. The 50 members of the choir will start with three sacred songs, by Randall Thompson, Rachmaninoff, and John Beck.

The second segment of the program is entitled "Contemporary and Traditional Com-

positions by Black Composers." These are the "serious" compositions, often unrecognized by the general public as part of the black heritage.

Gilchrist's goal is to increase the public knowledge of these black composers, who include Ulysses Kay and William Dawson, both still living, and Harry T. Burleigh, who died in 1949.

A composition by Norman Dello Joio completes the first half of the program.

J. S. Bach's "Kantate 150" opens the second half of the program. A selection of folk songs and modern compositions follows, and a segment entitled "Black Reflections" closes the program. This includes Jester Hairston's "Live A Humble," and "In Dat Great Getting Up Morning," and Gilchrist's own arrangement of gospel music, "Rock A My Soul."

Gilchrist, who has been director of the choir since 1968, is a 1961 graduate of NCCU. He holds the master of music degree from Indiana University and is presently enrolled in the doctoral program of the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

Less Severe High Blood Is More Frequent In Female Sex

The need for early detection of men and women with high blood pressure, and for them "clearly to understand the importance of controlling their condition," was stressed at a medical symposium on hypertension held in Houston, Texas recently.

High Blood pressure can be successfully lowered with modern drugs and strokes and heart attacks prevented, according to Morton H. Maxwell MD, Clinical Professor of Medicine, University of California, Los Angeles.

Patients should receive drug treatment if they give evidence of persistently elevated blood pressure readings, or if they have a family history of hypertensive cardiovascular disease, another participant on the program, Edward D. Freis, MD, said.

Dr. Freis, who is senior medical investigator, Veteran's Administration Hospital, Washington, D.C., recommended that indications for treatment should be stricter for men than for women because of the more rapid progression of cardiovascular damage in men. (Statistics, however, show that more women than men are diagnosed as being hypertensive).

A relatively simple and inexpensive work-up can help the physician to determine whether a hypertensive patient should have therapy without delay.

Walter M. Krikendall, MD, director of the program in intensive medicine, University of Texas Medical School, made this point and explained that a group of symptoms and signs in the patient's history, physical examination, and laboratory tests give the physician the information he needs to evaluate the patient.

The symposium was sponsored by the Medical School and Division of Continuing Education of the University of Texas Science Center at Houston, and was co-sponsored by CIBA Pharmaceutical Company.

U. S. Office of Edu. Makes \$14 Million Grants

WASHINGTON —(NBNS) — The U. S. Office of Education last week belatedly announced the award of \$14.3 million to 48 school districts and 29 nonprofit groups in 16 states for school desegregation activities.

The grants were awarded Feb. 7, but were held up until last week because of bureaucratic red tape, an Office of Education spokesman said.

The largest awards for instruction in mathematics, reading, and other educational and community activities to help schools desegregate went to

WEEKLY LEGISLATIVE REPORT

BY JOHN EDWARDS

This report covers the period from March 8 through March 14.

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-423—Funds for Mentally Retarded: Appropriates \$1.7 million to the Department of Mental Health to be used to make grants to support the mentally retarded and physically disabled.

S-423—Eastern N. C. Sanatorium Funds: Appropriates \$840,000 to the Department of Human Resources to support a program at the Eastern N. C. Sanatorium to improve medical service and education in eastern North Carolina.

S-427—Give Governor Veto: Amends N. C. Constitution so Governor could veto or approve bills passed by the General Assembly.

S-420 — Allow Two-term Governor. Amends N. C. Constitution to allow the Governor to serve for two terms.

H-591 — Counties' Nursing Home Costs: Provides that counties pay nursing home costs in excess of \$18.50 (now \$14) per day for eligible recipients but cost paid cannot exceed \$23 per day (now \$18.50).

H-596 — Landlord - Tenant

Law: A new law which defines the rights of landlords and tenants and clarified law governing the rental of dwelling units. Basically this law would strengthen the legal rights of tenants.

H-620 — Auxiliary Public School Police: Would require the sheriff and chief of police to appoint and train teachers and administrators to serve as special deputies in junior and senior high schools.

H-651—Exam for Advanced Teachers: Would limit power of State Board of Education to certify teachers and administrators unless employees meet Board's minimum score requirements on National Teacher's Exam in force on July 1, 1960.

S-476 — Workmen's Compensation Benefits: Bill provides for raising of benefits under the Workmen's Compensation Act.

S-477 — Workmen's Compensation: 3 Employees: Would change the definition of employer so that private employers of three or more employees (now, five) are covered by Workmen's Compensation Act.

Several other bills (S-478, S-479 and S-480) were introduced which would broaden and increase the benefits of the Workman's Compensation Act.

Association Agency Officers Said To "Control the Whole Thing"

Using a sermonette format, complete with a text from the Book of Ruth, W. J. Kennedy, III, president of the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company, told the eighty-five delegates to the 34th Annual Agency Officers Mid-Year Conference at their second session held in the Downtown Hotel that, "You agency officers are responsible for the continuous flow of life giving blood (premium dollars) into the company arteries in ever increasing amounts to sustain healthy growth and continued viability."

"All of us are familiar with the old axiom: 'Either grow or go!'" Kennedy continued.

"We are part of a dynamic society and a dynamic economic environment. This is doubly true in the black community. In 1968, D. Parke Gibson, that leading black marketing consultant so widely used by our nation's largest firms, identified the disposable income of blacks in America at \$30 billion."

"Four years later, Andrew Brimmer, a member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, an-

nounced that the disposable income of blacks in the United States reached a record \$51 billion in 1972, an increase of \$5 billion or 10.9% over 1971. And, this is in contrast to 8.8% for the United States as a whole. But, it must be noted that while blacks make up 11.3% of the total population they only have 6.7% of the nation's 1971 disposable income. And, as Dr. Brimmer pointed out: "If we had the same share of disposable income in 1971 as we have as a ratio of the population, the income of blacks would have been \$78.6 billion instead of \$46 billion."

"I heartily agree with Dr. Brimmer's explanation of this short fall," Kennedy stated. "It is a legacy of racial discrimination and deprivation. All of this has limited blacks' ability to acquire marketable skills and barred them from better paying jobs."

"While blacks are buying some insurance they are not buying life coverage in sufficient amounts to meet their complete security needs. And,

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