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1.5 MILLION DISABLED WILL LOSE FOOD STAMPS



PAST PRESIDENTS — of the Old North State Medical and Dental Societies offer congratulations to the newly elected doctors who will lead them. From left to right are: Dr. William H. Hoffer, Jr., Winston-Salem, shakes the hand of Dr. H. Curtis Bowens, newly elected Dental Society President and Dr. Charles Johnson, being congratulated by Dr. Daniel C. Roane, past president from Wilmington.

Durham Doctors Elected Heads State Medical-Dental Societies

Charles Johnson, M. D. and H. Curtis Bowens, DDS, have been chosen as presidents of the Medical and Dental Societies of the state. The predominantly black societies known as Old North State Medical Society and Old North State Dental Society, as well as the Old North State Pharmaceutical Society, met on June 5, 6, and 7, at the Sir Walter Hotel in Raleigh.

Dr. Johnson, a specialist in Internal Medicine, is a native of Acamar, Alabama. His early training was received in the schools of Acamar. His B. S. and M. D. degrees were earned at Howard University and the Howard University Medical School. Following this, he did his internship at the D. C. General Hospital. Post graduate studies have been done in Endocrinology at Duke Medical Center.

Johnson hold memberships in the National Medical Association, the American Medical Association, Durham-Orange Medical Society and is a member of the Chamber of Commerce. His publications include articles in the *Annals of Internal Medicine Journal*.

As head of the Old North State Medical Society, Johnson was elected for a two year term. This organization is state-wide and has more than 130 physicians in the group. Johnson is married to the former Carolyn Denton of Little Rock, Arkansas and they are the parents of two children, Carla and Charles, Jr.

Dr. Johnson serves on the staff of Duke Medical Center and is Director of Medical Services at Lincoln Hospital.

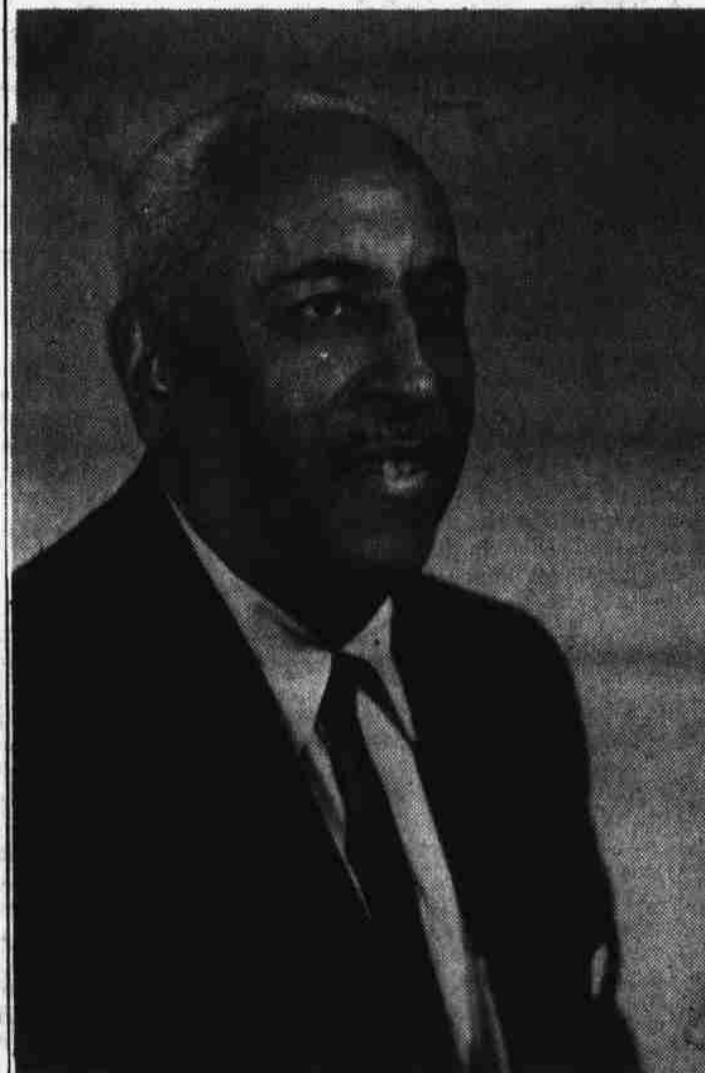
H. Curtis Bowens, DDS, is a native of Wilson. He attended the schools in Wilson and was (See DOCTORS 2A)

Nationally Known Author And Critic, Arna Bontemps Passes

NASHVILLE — Arna Bontemps, nationally known author and critic, and writer-in-residence at Fisk University, died Monday night, June 4, at Hubbard Hospital after a heart attack.

Bontemps, 70, who was

appointed last January as an honorary consultant in American cultural history to the Library of Congress, was librarian emeritus at Fisk where he served from 1943-65. He was a professor at the (See BONTEMPS 2A)



ARNA BONTEMPS

William J. Kennedy, III Elected To The NBC Board Of Directors

William J. Kennedy III was elected to the National Broadcasting Company's Board of Directors at its regular monthly meeting recently, it was announced by David C. Adams, NBC Board Chairman. A prominent business and civic leader, Mr. Kennedy is President of North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company of Durham.

Prior to assuming the presidency of North Carolina Mutual, one of the nation's largest black-managed companies, Mr. Kennedy had been Senior Vice President of the company, serving in that capacity since 1969. He joined

North Carolina Mutual in 1950, became Controller in 1959 and Financial Vice President in 1966.

Mr. Kennedy, who has been a member of the RCA Board of Directors since February of this year, is also a director of the Mechanics and Farmers Bank of Durham; United Durham, Inc.; Urban National Corporation, Boston; and Galaxy Fund, Inc., New York. He holds a B. S. degree in Business Administration from Virginia State College, and M. B. A. from the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School, and another M. B. A. from New York University. He

served as a lieutenant in the Medical Administrative Corps during World War II.

A native of Durham, Mr. Kennedy has served as a director of that city's Chamber of Commerce and is the immediate past chairman of the Chamber's Human Relations Committee. He is also a member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and of the North Carolina Society of Financial Analysts.

Mr. Kennedy is married to the former Alice C. Copeland. They have a son, William J. Kennedy, IV. Twenty-eight year old

Watergate May Cause Softening On Civil Rights Policies, Nixon Foes Say

Feels Shake-up Of White House Staff God-sent

WASHINGTON — (NBNS) — The far-reaching Watergate scandal which has enveloped not only this city but also the entire nation may have some positive effects, according to civil rights leader and urban affairs and government officials.

One aide to abig city mayor said recently, "Watergate seems to have been God-sent", explaining that he thought the political scandal, and more specifically the shakeup of the White House staff, may lead to a softening and perhaps a reversal on racial and social issues by the Nixon Administration.

Now, he said, Nixon may attempt to ameliorate relations with civil rights leaders, rather than ignore or alienate them.

Bayard Rustin, a principal convener of the 1963 March on Washington and the current director of the New York-based A. Philip Randolph Institute, said he thinks blacks and white liberals should seize the opportunity "to take advantage of Nixon's extraordinary weakness".

With the departure of H. R. (Bob) Haldeman, the White House chief of staff, and John D. Ehrlichman, domestic affairs advisor, observers feel the primary obstacle of obtaining an audience with the President has been withdrawn. And, with the rise of



ST. AUG.'S FALCON YEARBOOK DEDICATED TO DR. MINNIE T. FORTE — Left: Dr. Minnie T. Forte, associate professor of

Education at Saint Augustine's with her typical beaming smile, accepts the 1973 Falcon yearbook from Joseph Alan Griffin, editor. Members of the

Senior Class dedicated the yearbook to Dr. Forte as an expression of their love and esteem. At right, looking on is Harry Murphy, senior from Griffin, Ga.

St. Augustine's Year Book Is Dedicated To Dr. Minnie T. Forte

Leonard Garment from special consultant for minority affairs to presidential counsel, these (See WATERGATE 2A)

Members of the Senior Class at Saint Augustine's College, during their Class Night activities in May, dedicated their 1973 Falcon Yearbook to Dr. Minnie T. Forte, associate professor of Education. The dedication under her picture read "No words can express the warmth and love that Dr. Forte has exhibited since she has been at Saint Augustine's. Her understanding and concern go far beyond the classroom. Many have said that Dr. Forte has been their guiding light to a successful and meaningful position in society. Her ability to relate to students not only academically, but on a one to one basis is what the Falcons as well as her co-workers consider a characteristic of the perfect instructor. Congratulations to one of Saint Augustine's Finest, Dr. Minnie T. Forte".

Dr. Forte received the B. S. degree at Fayetteville State College, M. A. and Ph. D. at North Carolina Central

University. She has been on the faculty of Saint Augustine's College since 1966.

Thousands To Lose Medicaid Help in Jan.

WASHINGTON — (NBNS) — Some 1.5 million aged, blind, and disabled persons will lose their eligibility for food stamps and close to 150,000 others will lose Medicaid medical benefits under a new federal guaranteed income plan which will take effect on Jan. 1, 1974.

The Department of Health, Education and Welfare revealed that the new Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program, which will provide \$4.5 billion in federal and state payments to 6.2 million persons, will force about 1.5 million persons to lose various benefits under the food stamp program.

Between 100,000 and 150,000 will no longer receive Medicaid benefits.

Under the new SSI program, persons will receive a minimum cash income of \$130 a month per person or \$195 per couple. About half-24 — of the states currently provide aid at higher amounts than those, however.

The plan — enacted by the 92nd Congress in its closing days and signed into law by the President Oct. 30 — replaces the current state-administered old age assistance, aid to the needy blind and aid to the disabled.

More 35 states and jurisdictions have already indicated that they will (See STAMPS 2A)

Annual Meet of N. C. Funeral Directors, Morticians Held Here

When the gavel of the Funeral Directors and Morticians Association of North Carolina was called to order by its president, Mrs. Ernestine Scarborough Bynum, more than 180 members were in attendance at its 46th annual meeting at the Durham Hotel. Some 300 or more delegates participated in the 3 day convention.

The theme for the annual convention, as stressed this year was "Togetherness". Mrs. Bynum called for the "spirit of togetherness to bind the black morticians of North Carolina so closely that our association may affect all humankind —

ideally and pragmatically". This philosophy would radiate both helpfulness as well as utility in their services to human beings.

Mrs. Bynum is the daughter of the late John Clarence Scarborough Sr. who founded the Scarborough & Hargett Funeral Home in 1907. A new location of the Scarborough and Hargett Funeral Home is presently under construction at the corner of South Roxboro and Dillard Streets. The Souvenir program of the convention was dedicated to the late John Clarence Scarborough Sr., founder of (See MORTICIANS 2A)

--NEWS BRIEFS--

TOLBERT HERE FOR 20-DAY VISIT

SAN FRANCISCO — (NBNS) — President William R. Tolbert, Jr. of Liberia has arrived here for a 20-day visit of the United States. Tolbert, who has just left the Organization of African Unity meeting in Ethiopia, will pay an official state visit to President Nixon later in the month.

He was greeted at the airport by San Francisco Mayor Joseph Alioto and S. I. Hayakawa, president of San Francisco State University, along with other community leaders.

RIGHTS UNIT HEAD NAMED IN MARYLAND

ANNAPOLIS, Md. — (NBNS) — Elbert L. A. Gullory has been appointed executive director of the Maryland Human Relations Commission by Gov. Marvin Mandel. Twenty-eight year old

Gullory succeeds Treadwell O. Phillips, who left the \$22,000 a year post four months ago. Gullory was an official of the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission.

BOND RAPS PRESIDENT'S URBAN STAND

WASHINGTON — (NBNS) — The federal government's attitude toward the poor under President Nixon has moved from "benign neglect" to "malignant neglect", Georgia State legislator Julian Bond told a meeting of the National Urban Coalition meeting here.

Although the number of persons living below the poverty line was cut nearly in half during the 1960's, Bond said the President's men are making sure that this trend is reversed.

The President's "callous castrators: have taken over anti-poverty programs, he said, slashing government with the (See NEWS BRIEFS 2A)

Durham Residents Complete U. Of N. C. Small Business Program

CHAPEL HILL — The University of North Carolina has awarded certificates to eleven Durham residents who have completed its fourth annual "Venture Management" program for small business.

They are: Mrs. Dorothea M. Davis, Norris Douthard, Jr., Emma Joyce Farrington, Sally F. Garrison, Russell B. McBroom, Charles McCorvey, Roberta McCuller, McCoy Stanfield, Glancy P. Thomas, Floyd Wicker, and Cerbett N. Wicker.

Venture Management is designed to develop the management skills required to

operate a small business. It is held at the UNC School of Business Administration for owners and managers of small companies in Orange, Chatham, Durham and adjoining counties.

The 40 graduates of this year's program completed 12 evening sessions on leadership, financial management, accounting, and marketing under the direction of the Business School faculty and faculty members of North Carolina Central University in Durham. The faculty were assisted in developing program (See BUSINESS 2A)



VENTURE MANAGEMENT GRADUATES — Durham graduates of the University of North Carolina's Venture Management program for small

business are: (row 1, l. to r.) Emma Joyce Farrington, Sally F. Garrison, Roberta McCuller, and Glancy P. Thomas; (standing, l. to r.), Charles McCorvey, Norris Douthard,

Jr., Floyd Wicker, Cerbett N. Wicker, and Russell B. McBroom. Dorothea M. Davis and McCoy Stanfield were absent from the picture.