



RISE IN RETAIL EXECUTIVE - Mrs. Alberta Wells (left), the first black woman to be named A Woolworth store manager, checks receipts with saleslady, Mrs. Betty Diamond at the check-out counter at the North Park Woolworth store in San Diego, Calif. A recent graduate

of the company's management training program, Mrs. Wells finished the normally four-year extensive course in three years. She says, "The most important things a woman should possess if she's to succeed in retailing are enthusiasm, patience and a love for talking to and working with people".

Massachusetts has such a backlog of workmen's compensation cases the General Court has given the Governor power to appoint five temporary members to the Industrial Accident Board for a period of two years.

PIRG Releases Prescription Drug Prices

The North Carolina Interest Research Group (NC PIRG) releases today a study report on prescription drug pricing in Durham and Laurinburg.

In this report we detail examples of huge price differences that were quoted by pharmacists in the same city for the same prescription. Several of the factors which could account for this variance are discussed: the lack of price competition among major drug companies and the excessive amounts of money they devote to marketing and promotion, the problem of poor pricing practices among pharmacists themselves, and the lack of financial consideration by most physicians when they prescribe medications.

The conclusion of the report is two-fold. By surveying and demonstrating excessive price differences in both a city (Durham) and a smaller town (Laurinburg) in North Carolina, we want to show that the problem of high drug prices is not peculiar to

one particular location. Rather, we believe that such a variance in price could be found in most cities and towns across the state, and thus the problem must be dealt with on the state level. Two, price variations of 500% and better for identical prescriptions illustrate the fact that the existing situation for drug pricing is intolerable. It is fair to assume that no consumer in North Carolina would pay \$8.00 for 40 tablets of Tetracycline if he was aware that the same prescription costs \$1.45 elsewhere, or pay \$6.00 for Penicillin G if it was openly available at \$1.20 elsewhere. The need for prompt action is imperative. Prescription drugs are not a luxury, but a medical necessity. A person should never be strained unnecessarily to financially afford a prescription medication.

The solution we call for is a state statute requiring the posting of prices for the 100 most commonly prescribed drugs, and the repeal of the state's restrictions on price advertising. We have discussed with members of Durham's delegation to the NC House of Representatives, and we plan to lobby extensively for the passage of posting laws when the Legislature reconvenes in January.

Chas. Evers Re-elected Mayor of Fayette; Gains of 1st Term Listed

Mayor Charles Evers was re-elected as the chief executive of Fayette, Miss., in the town's general election on June 5th. He faced no opposition either on June 5th or in the Democratic primary on May 8th.

Evers was elected the first black mayor of a biracial town in Mississippi in May, 1969.

Three of the five black Aldermen who were originally elected with Mayor Evers four years ago were also re-elected. The two Aldermen who were elected this week - a man and a woman - are also black.

Eleven candidates - including two whites - vied for the five Aldermanic seats in the Democratic primary.

Shortly after his election in 1969, Mayor Evers and the Board of Aldermen set as their top priority the achievement of 500 new jobs in the Fayette region by 1973. "That goal was passed by January", Mr. Evers observed.

The 500-job goal was expected to transform Fayette and surrounding Jefferson County - the fourth poorest in the nation in 1969 - to the national median in economic terms.

A detailed background

paper listing the gains made during the first four-year term of the Evers Administration (copy enclosed) reports that Jefferson County's unemployment rate dropped from 68 percent in 1969 to 13 percent in 1972. (Because of the recession, the unemployment rate this spring is over 20 percent).

As the background paper illustrates, the drop in unemployment and the increase in jobs are the result of a wide variety of economic and social programs initiated by the Evers Administration with substantial financial and other assistance from the Medgar Evers Fund.

The Fund was founded in September, 1969, both to perpetuate the memory of the martyred civil rights leader and to support programs of social and economic advancement in the Fayette region. Since that time it has provided Fayette with more than \$600,000 in funds and a substantial amount of technical assistance and aid in kind.

Much of the Fund's grants to Fayette have enabled the Town - with a population of about 1,800 and the surrounding county with

Dunbar High of Little Rock, Ark. Hold Reunion of Classes 1930-56

The Detroit Chapter of the National Dunbar High School Alumni of Little Rock, Arkansas, is sponsoring a reunion of all the graduation classes to be held in Detroit, Michigan, August 2-5. The site of this gala occasion will be the Howard Johnson Motor Lodge at West Grand Boulevard and Third Ave.

This extravaganza is given in honor and tribute to the school (Dunbar High) that was closed by the governor of Arkansas during the fight for integration.

Dunbar High has to its credit more than 15,000

graduates over the years and we are expecting all of these, worldwide, to gather in Detroit for this event August 2-5. We are very proud of our school and we will be very proud to see you, its graduates, here with us.

Don Walters is Chairman of the Detroit Chapter of Dunbar High School Alumni, and Ronnie E. Robinson is Publication Chairman. For further information about this coming event, write or contact: Ronnie E. Robinson, 2999 Calvert, Detroit, Michigan 48206, or call 1-313-867-0559.

WIDOWS MUST FILE DISABILITY CLAIMS IF ELIGIBLE FOR MEDICARE

Widows who have been getting survivors payments from social security but who have been severely disabled for the last 2 years may be eligible for Medicare starting July 1

...but they must file a disability claim", according to D. W. Lambert, Social Security District Manager in Durham. Medicare has been available only to people 65 and over.

10,000 persons - to come forth with local share matching grants towards federal grants of much greater amounts. Among the projects funded are a five-year, \$5 million two-county comprehensive health program now treating 8,000 persons; a multipurpose community center; a child day care center; an economic development office; a dental program; a training program for municipal employees; a project to train and equip the local police force; a recreation

program which includes construction of a swimming pool and two modern playgrounds; and scholarships.

The four-year report also notes for the first time in recent history the number of black men employed in Jefferson County exceeds the number of black women and white men employed.

Mayor Evers' inauguration will take place in Fayette during the first week of July.

Starting in July, the Government health care insurance will be extended automatically to all disabled people under 65 if they've received monthly social security disability payments for 2 years or more.

"But some severely disabled widows 50 and over have never applied for disability payments", Mr. Lambert said. "Generally they've been getting benefits as widowed mothers who have young or disabled children in their care."

"To get Medicare, these widows must file a claim for disability payments", Mr. Lambert said. "As soon as possible, they should call, write, or visit any Social Security Office. If a widow is unable to make the contact, a friend or relative may help.

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