

HISTORY

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 and Park Avenue. The occasion will also feature an address by Vernon E. Jordan, head of the National Urban League, Borough President Percy Sutton, Manhattan, will welcome the delegates, while Mayor John V. Lindsay, New York City, will officially address the convention on Friday.
 Mayor Lindsay will share the Friday 9:00 AM session with former Assistant Labor Secretary Arthur A. Fletcher, President of Arthur A. Fletcher & Associates, Washington, D.C. The session to be addressed by the two respected political figures has been themed: "Helping America Understand: Minorities and the Political Parties." Mrs. Chisholm's address, a keynote performance will be entitled "Helping America Understand: The Critical Issues."

FOLDING

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 same rout thereby putting insurance and in some cases cutting off their old age pension.
 The Good Citizens Life Insurance Company with 63,722 policy holders, admitted assets of \$ 2,364,953, liabilities of \$ 1,896,715 and annual premium income of \$ 1,123,500 joined the Unity Life and the Standard Life in passing over to white ownership.
 One other company joined these three major companies some time ago but it was purchased by another Negro-Owned company from another state. The other folding companies were absorbed by major companies owned by the blacks.
 Policy holders were protected by the insurance commission which examined the sale before giving permission for the sale.
 Many attribute the sale and folding of the companies to lack of business knowledge by the directors, lack of insurance procedures, permissious hiring of kinsmen in strategic positions, overburdened administration costs and lack of advertising tactics.

GRANTS

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 school graduate becomes aware of the Basic Educational Grant program," said Vernon Jordan, Executive Director of the National Urban League, "and takes advantage of it to help get a college education. This program is a long overdue beginning to assist Black and minority youngsters in preparing themselves for a better future."
 The Basic Grant can be used to help a student attend the college, vocational school, technical institution or hospital school of nursing of his choice. The money is a grant-not a loan the student would have to repay.
 The maximum size of a Basic Grant during the first year of the program will not be large-a maximum of \$450 per student, with an average Basic Grant running around \$250. These amounts are expected to rise substantially when the program is expanded next year.
 Basic Grants will be given directly to students by the U. S. Office of Education. The same set of standards will be applied to students from all areas of the Nation, and the only real criterion is need.
 Applications for Basic Grants are now available from all local post offices, state employment services offices, and from county agricultural agents' offices. In addition, many local schools and colleges have applications, and are ready to help students complete them. Deadline for filing applications for the 1973-74 school year is January 31, 1974.

WOMAN

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 Transportation Detachment. Private McDowell, a State Secretary of the Youth Division, New York NAACP, views her National Guard career as another means of serving her country and community. "There's extra money to be made and opportunities if you take advantage of them," she said. After her return from basic and advanced training at Fort McClellan, Alabama, she will perform her Guard duties as a

detachment, commanded by Captain Carl Weston.
 Ms. McDowell was born in New York and graduated from Franklin K. Lane High School. She has completed two years of City College, majoring in Political Science and Psychology, but has taken a leave of absence this Fall for her two-month active duty stint at Fort McClellan.

ALLISON

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 Affairs; Member, NAACP; Member, A. S. Hunter Lodge No. 825, F. and A.M.; Member, Citizens Advisory Committee of the City of Durham; Member and Past President of Durham Chapter, Hampton Institute National Alumni; Past Director and Treasurer, Durham County Chapter, American Red Cross, Past Captain, Durham United Fund Drive; Past Director and Treasurer, Operation Breakthrough; Past Director, Edgemont Community Center; Member-Durham Chamber of Commerce and Trustee of White Rock Baptist Church.
 He is married to the former Miss E. Lavonia Ingram and they have two children, Karen Michele and Ferdinand Vincent, III.

MINORITY

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 carpentry, electricity, plumbing, outside machinist, burner, and pipe welding.
 RTP will continue to assist and counsel youths who become apprentices until successful completion of their apprenticeship.
 Since 1967, RTP has placed more than 5,500 apprentices and 1,575 journeymen. More than 400 of the apprentices were placed outside the construction trades.
 The Durham Office has been in operations for the last three years. During this period 203 apprentices were placed in construction trades and 7 apprentices were placed into industrial trades.
 The program is under the leadership of Ernest Green who was one of the first Blacks to graduate from Central High School in Little Rock, Arkansas, then known as the "Little Rock 9."
 The Durham Office is located at 501 Umstead Street with David Jackson, Project Director, James Nunn, Educational Counselor, and Emily Smith, Secretary.

ACTION

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 affluent should and must share in the programs.
 Mrs. A. T. Spaulding, president of WIAPV reviewed the highlights of the group's accomplishment over the past four years and reminded all, that despite the many obstacles and frustrations at times, the Women-In-Action has added great dimension in helping to alleviate some of the pressing black-white problems through its spirit of mediation for the most good of all Durham's citizenry.
 It was emphasized by Mrs. Spaulding that those 125 women who started the organization had "committed themselves to the great task of helping to meet the needs of people within the community by working to design and execute meaningful community programs to help bring about a better quality of life for all citizens of Durham."
 The value of these programs have spread out to other communities in Raleigh and Wilmington, N. C. Even more recently, an interracial team has gone to Indianapolis, Indiana to assist and point up some techniques and procedures to make school integration more acceptable in the communities involved.
 Much of the positive direction towards community problems have stemmed from the WIAPV policies of maintaining an open forum for the past 5 years serving as a mediator, working for conciliation between the different parties and advocating fairness and equitable solutions to the community problems involved.
 Highlights among the problems have been worked into the pressure areas of Housing, Police-Community Relations, Welfare or Social Services, Civic Improvement, Health, Education, Human Relations and, others, whereby Sub-Committees have been set up to research the problems and come up with recommendations for change. Other programs for

community improvement by WIAPV have been the Center for School Support which opened in 1970; the State-wide Workshop in 1971 where leaders of Women's organizations were invited to share in their experiences for improved community coalitions to work for the prevention of violence; the Problem Clearinghouse in downtown Durham which operates as a "walk-in" "call-in" information and referral services; Human Relations Workshops for teachers and parents and one of the most delightful experiences of all whereby 40 junior high students from low income families from Durham city and county were taken to Washington as guests of the Friends of the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts and Women In Action for a mini-cultural experience in Washington.
 The members of the Women In Action Foundation Board of Trustees were introduced as well as the Mayor Hawkins who brought greetings and spoke of the many accomplishments of the group. Several members from the Raleigh Chapter of Women In Action along with its president, Miss Louise Latham, were in attendance at the dinner.

Committee members for the Anniversary Dinner were Mesdames Dorothy Brock and Sarah Horry Jones, Co-Chairman, Sadie Washington, Eula W. Harris, Edwin B. Hamshar, Abe Greenberg, E. J. Halfacre and Charles Roe.

BOND

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 month on the second Monday night.
 No position was taken by the Board on the I-40 route through Durham County until it receives official information on the route. It is expected to be discussed at the next Board meeting.
 General categories for the spending of the money were indicated if the statewide school bond approved.
 Categories listed are kindergarten renovation and equipment, career and vocational education, library facilities, physical education and health, electrical work, fencing, floors, windows, grounds and air conditioning.
 School Board members said a public hearing would be held to get specific suggestions on how the \$3.1 million should be spent if the bond passes.
 James Dickson, new board member and sales manager of

the Golden Belt Mfg. Co. offered the proposal to set up the employers' advisory committee. He stated that 23 project sponsors are now spending more than \$6.5 million per year on manpower development programs in the Durham area and that some 10,000 new jobs will be available in the area within the next three or four years.
 Dickson has also said that the shift in student population to a predominately black system makes career education most imperative. Further that many of the disadvantaged youngsters come from disadvantaged homes where little or no interest is taken in their education. Dickson said employers are especially interested in the schools' encouraging good work attitudes in youngsters.
 It is expected that some exploration will be done looking to the possibility that Carr Junior High School will house the high school vocational courses. Dickson also said that he favors a program of pre-vocational training that would expose all elementary and junior school students to the world of work.
 Marty Pierson of Sperry Rand Corp has agreed to serve as chairman of the employer advisory committee for the

schools. Other members of the committee are Louis Beini, State Employment Security Commission, John Clark of Burlington Industries, B. D. McCombs of General Electric Co., Kelly Bryant of N. C. Mutual Life Insurance Co. Bill Sherratt of Amphenol Corp., George Parks, Golden Belt Mfg. Co., Page Teer of the Greater Durham Chamber of Commerce, Ben Roberts of American Tobacco Co., Dr. William Martin, dean of Instruction, Durham Technical Institute and John Lennon, Dean of Men at North Carolina Central University.
 The wage raise for custodial and maintenance employees will raise the probationary hourly rate from \$1.60 to \$1.80 and the minimum hourly rate for regular employees from an average of \$1.84 to \$2. Corresponding increases will be given to employees making more than the minimum wage.
 The school's business manager has estimated that the wage increases will cost approximately \$26,500 a year.
 Educational benefits now being paid to veterans lag behind World War II levels and are insufficient to meet students' living expenses, says a report to Congress.

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 Americans are spending more money for food and drink—including alcohol—than for any other consumer product, the Health Insurance Institute said today.
 The next biggest items in the average American's budget are housing, household operation, transportation, clothing including accessories and jewelry, and medical care including all expenses for health insurance.
 The data, based on an analysis of U.S. Department of Commerce personal consumption expenditure figures for 1972, showed that \$145.3 billion, or 20 per cent of total expenditures went for food last year.
 At the same time, Americans spend \$105.5 billion for housing, \$104.8 billion for household operation, \$100.2 billion for transportation, \$72.7 billion for clothing, and \$55.8 billion for medical care.
 Overall, the public's personal consumption expenditures amounted to \$726 billion last year.
 Following medical care, the seventh biggest expense for the American public was recreation which cost \$47.8 billion and represented 6.6% of total expenditures.

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