

# M&F BANK HOLDS ANNUAL STOCKHOLDERS MEET



MR. SCARBOROUGH, III, MRS. SCARBOROUGH, MRS. SCARBOROUGH, III, MRS. BYNUM, MR. WHEELER

## Scarborough Family Honored at Bank With Plaque And Citation

One of the high lights of the annual meeting of stockholders of Mechanics and Farmers Bank was the ceremony honoring the Scarborough Family and the firm of Scarborough & Hargett Funeral Home. J.C. Scarborough, Sr. (now deceased) was a member of the original Board of Directors in 1908 and was active, without compensation, as a member of the Board and the Executive Committee until his death in 1972.

As part of the ceremony, a citation and plaque were presented at the entire family in recognition for their long standing support of the bank and in recognition of the new and modern funeral home constructed by Scarborough & Hargett, Inc. at 306

South Roxboro Street, Durham. Stockholders of the bank received the Annual Report of the President, indicating excellent results from 1973 operations. It was reported that earnings for 1973 were \$2.42 per share (\$5.00 par (See BANK Page 3A)



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## Attorney M. Hugh Thompson Succumbs

### First Black Durham Bar Ass'n President Buried Here Thursday

Meredith Hugh Thompson, known by most persons as M. Hugh Thompson or "Tommy," and who celebrated on August 20, 1973, fifty (50) years of legal practice in Durham died on Monday, March 18 at the Veterans Administration Hospital. Thompson served as the first black president of the Durham County Bar Association of the 14th Judicial District and had participated in, and observed many changes in the administration of justice during his half century of legal practice in Durham and surrounding areas.

His office was located at 203 1/2 Chapel Hill Street and for years, Thompson was a most familiar figure walking with his cane in the downtown section as he made his way to the Durham County Courthouse to handle the many legal problems for his clients. The veteran lawyer, a native of Goldsboro, was born on May 3, 1898 and his parents were the late Mr. and Mrs. Solomon Thompson of that city. Working as a bricklayer to earn funds for his education, he later

attended Syracuse University in New York and was graduated from Howard University Law School in Washington, D. C. Following his graduation from Syracuse University, he enlisted in the Army and with the rank of lieutenant, fought abroad in both France and Germany. On the last day of World War I, November 11, 1918, shrapnel hit him in the leg and gave him the limp for the rest of his life. After graduation from Howard University Law School he returned South to Durham to begin his legal practice. In an interview with this writer he related and recalled many incidents of discrimination and other injustices during his long tenure as a practicing attorney. Of special interest was the practice of using different Bibles for white and black witnesses as they were sworn to testify as well as the non use of Mrs. or Miss when addressing black women in the courts. (See THOMPSON, Page 3A)



PRATT

### J. Fred Pratt, Well-Known Citizen Passes

J. Fred Pratt, Durham native and labor leader died on March 14, 1974 at the Veterans Administration hospital in Durham. He was born on January 28, 1887 in Durham. He was a World War I veteran. He joined White Rock Baptist Church during his youth and was an active member of the church. Pratt was a member of the Trustee Board, Committeeman for Boy Scout Troop, 55 White Rock Sunday School Orchestra (when the Orchestra was active) and Senior Choir. Pratt was a member of (See PRATT Page 3A)

## Floyd McKissick Announces 27 Million Dollars For Soul City

Floyd B. McKissick, President of The Soul City Company, confirmed today the all of the final closing documents enabling him to proceed with the development of the multiracial new community of Soul City had been signed and delivered recently in New York. Mr. McKissick also announced that the sale of the HUD Guaranteed Bonds assured funding in excess of 27 million dollars for development of North Carolina's first new town and a regional water system to serve Soul City and the neighboring communities of Henderson and Oxford.

Mr. McKissick, former Durham attorney and National Director of the Congress of Racial Equality, formed McKissick Enterprises, Inc. nearly six years ago to begin Soul City and to begin Soul City undertake other economic development projects to be owned and controlled by blacks and other minorities. McKissick Enterprises submitted its formal proposal for Soul City to

the HUD New Communities Administration on February 24, 1971. On June 28, 1972 the new town developer received an Offer of Commitment from HUD to guarantee 14 million dollars in private borrowing. On February 22, 1974 McKissick Enterprises formed a North Carolina limited partnership, The Soul City Company. In addition to McKissick Enterprises the General Partners in The Soul

City Company are the National Housing Partnership of Washington, D.C. MMI, Inc., of Cleveland, Ohio (the development arm of Madison-Madison International, a minority-owned architectural firm) and Mr. McKissick. The General and Limited Partners capitalized The Soul City Company with more than one million five hundred thousand dollars equity. In the weeks following, The Soul City Company marketed and sold five million dollars in HUD-Guaranteed Bonds, entered into a Project Agreement with New Communities Administration, and Indenture of Mortgage with North Carolina National Bank, Trustee, and executed all other enabling documents. (See SOUL CITY Page 3A)

## NAACP Convention Seeks End To Capital Punishment In State

The NAACP's Southeast Region convention advocated federal action outlawing both capital punishment and all involuntary sterilization as it ended its three-day meeting in Durham Saturday. The 300 adult and youth delegates of the senior civil rights organization also advocated in resolutions a

number of federal steps in education and employment. All the measures are needed, the convention declared, in order to answer the challenge of its theme: "Equality and justice in another time of crisis." The education resolution called for the end of (See CONVENTION Page 3A)

## Shaw Nat'l Alumni Ass'n Slates Workshop On Black Education

The National Alumni Association of Shaw University is conducting a one-day conference workshop at the Hilton Inn in Raleigh, March 30. This activity is slated to be a well designed, highly organized, and constructive event to deal with the problems paiguing

black education, especially as it affects Shaw University. The workshops are chaired by highly competent Shaw graduates, who have distinguished themselves as outstanding Americans. During the past year, strong bonds of cooperation have been formed between the National Alumni

Association and the University's Board of Trustees. The alumni feel that this type of association is absolutely necessary if predominantly black (See SHAW Page 3A)

## Former Student To Honor Dr. T. R. Speigner at N. C. Central Univ.

The student he has taught during 27 years at North Carolina Central University, and the faculty members with whom he has worked, will honor Durham's Dr. Theodore R. Speigner at a testimonial banquet Saturday, March 30 at the Durham Hotel and Motel. Among the former students who will participate in the ceremonies are Dr. Marion D. Thorpe, chancellor of Elizabeth City State University, Superior Court Judge Sammie Chess, and Dr. Dudley E. Flood, assistant superintendent for human relations and students affairs of the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction. The principal speaker for the banquet, another former student of Dr. Speigner, was the first NCCU geography

graduate to receive his Ph. D. degree in that field. Dr. Woodrow W. Nichols is currently assistant professor of geography at the University of Miami (Fla.). The banquet will begin at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, March 30. Dr. Speigner was employed as a member of the North Carolina Central University faculty by the late Dr. James E. Shepard, founder and first president of the school. He taught in the division of social sciences for several years before he became professor and chairman of the Department of Geography. Among those expected to attend the banquet from Durham are NCCU Chancellor Albert N. Whiting, John S. Stewart, former City councilman and (See SPEIGNER Page 3A)



APPRECIATION SERVICE HELD FOR REVEREND PERCY L. HIGH—Dr. Paul H. Johnson, Pastor, Martin Street Baptist Church, Raleigh, his choir ushers and congregation were guests of Mount Vernon Baptist Church on Sunday, March 10, 1974 at 4:00 p.m. for an "Appreciation Service" for Reverend Percy L. High, Pastor. Dr. Johnson is the former pastor of Reverend High. This was a very meaningful service and was well attended. A social hour was held in Fellowship Hall following the service. Making the presentation to Reverend and Mrs. High are Mr. J. R. Farham, Trustee and Mrs. Hazeline Wilson, member of the Finance and Social Committee. Other pictures on 4A.

## Democrat Party Now Seeking Wider Participation Of Blacks

The Democratic National Committee, with key votes from its Black members, has now adopted new rules for the selection of 1976 Democratic National Convention delegates. These new rules obligate state and local parties to open up even more, all of their activities to the widest possible public participation.

In place of the so called "quotas" provision, there has been instituted the requirement that all state parties develop and execute, under close supervision from the newly formed Compliance Review Commission, a detailed affirmative action program that is designed to "encourage full participation by all Democrats, with particular concern for minority groups, native Americans, women and youth." In another provision, Blacks joined with progressive elements and other interests of the party to keep the Compliance Review Commission (CRC) as an enforcement body rather than changing it to a strictly supervisory capacity. The new Compliance Review Commission will include six Blacks. They are Representatives Barbara Jordan and Andrew Young, Mayor Richard G. Hatcher, Compton, California Mayor Doris Davis, Felicia Bragg and Colorado State House Representative, Arle Taylor. Most of the rule changes were worked out in the Democratic National

Committee's Executive session the day before the

regular meeting. Black members of the Executive meeting include: Vice Chairman Basil Paterson of New York, Secretary of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, C. Delores Tucker and Danville, Virginia Attorney, Ruth Harvey (See DEMOCRAT Page 3A)

## NIA Sponsors the 35th Agency Officers' Mid-Year Conference

The 35th Annual Agency Officers' Mid-Year Conference sponsored by the National Insurance Association (NIA) will consider effective ways of "Coping with Change," March 20-22 in Mobile, Ala. Under the leadership of Agency Section Vice President John W. Jones, Vice president-agency

combination companies coping with change at the conference's opening session on March 20. Other guest speakers and panelists will include Honorable A. J. Cooper, mayor of Prichard, Ala. as well as leading representatives from NIA as E. J. Halfacre, CLU, regional agency director, North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Co., L. J. Gunn, CLU, vice president-agency director, Atlanta Life Insurance Co., and Alonzo Gary, Jr., agency director of (See INSURANCE Page 3A)