

## EASTERN LEGISLATORS SIGN TENANT LAW

RALEIGH An impressive list of North Carolina legislators, including two eastern county law makers, have signed a legislative proposal which sponsor Rep. Henry Frye of Greensboro thinks will make some important changes in the state's 109-year-old landlord-tenant laws. Originally developed to regulate sharecropping as a means of land tenure, these laws now regulate urban tenancies. Changes in the state's tenant laws have been a constant controversy since the 1971 legislative session.

Always instrumental in the defeat of landlord-tenant legislation in the past have been legislators from the state's eastern counties. There, sharecropping is alive and kicking. Two of the previous legislative

proposals introduced by Frye sought to regulate sharecropping, however the present legislation does not.

Horton Roundtree of Pitt County, formerly opposed to landlord legislation, signed the bill at Frye's request. Contacted at his Greenville home, Roundtree said he had opposed the previous landlord-tenant bills because they were not suited for North Carolina. "They had a New York and Philadelphia flavor that just wouldn't work in North Carolina. They had how high you had to maintain the temperature and so forth." He continued saying, "Henry's bill is much more palatable for North Carolina."

Frye admits that the bill he introduced this year is not

a "comprehensive overhaul of the tenant laws, but is a foot in the door." The major provision of the legislation will make mutual the obligation of tenants to pay rent and landlords to maintain items furnished by them in the house or apartment. The tenant would also be obligated to use properly the property and not destroy it.

Untouched by the legislation is the power of landlords to evict tenants who complain of substandard conditions to the landlord or court and housing code officials. Also untouched are provisions to regulate security deposits which often are not returned when tenants terminate a lease and move to other premises.

Under this arrangement, if the landlord does not provide the essential services or does not maintain the premises to what Frye calls "minimum habitability", the tenant will have a defense against an eviction action.

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## State's Personnel Director to Receive Award

GREENSBORO - Harold H. Webb, the first black personnel director for the state of North Carolina, Milton Hilliard of Silver Springs, Md. and Ms. Arlene E. Bell, a teacher in Asheville, have been named winners of the annual awards of the A&T State University National Alumni Association.

The awards will be presented during the association's awards dinner in the Holiday Inn-Four Seasons on Saturday, May 7 at 7 p.m.

Speaker for the banquet will be Dr. Burleigh Webb, dean of the school of agriculture at A&T and a brother of Harold Webb.

Harold Webb, who graduated from A&T in 1949, will be presented the alumni achievement award.

His new role includes implementing policies of the State Personnel Commission as approved by Governor Jim

Hunt. The system applies to approximately 60,000 employees.

Hilliard has served as president of the Northeast Region of the A&T Alumni Association. The 1959 graduate will be presented the alumni distinguished service award. He has also been active as an officer of alumni chapters in Northern New Jersey, Baltimore and in Washington, D. C.

Hilliard received the national alumni achievement award in 1973.

Miss Bell, a former "Miss A&T State University", is a fifth grade teacher in the Asheville public schools. She will receive the alumni young alumnus award.

Miss Bell has served as recording secretary and corresponding secretary of the Asheville alumni chapter. While at A&T, she was a band announcer, the Alpha Phi Alpha queen and "Miss Junior."

## TUCK JOINS WTVD-TV STAFF

Donnie Ray Tuck has joined the Eyewitness News Department at WTVD-TV Channel 11 as a reporter. Donnie is a graduate of Duke University in Durham where he received an A. B. degree in Public Policy Studies, BeJure.



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coming to Channel 11 Donnie was affiliated with several broadcast operations including WCHL Radio in Chapel Hill, serving as news broadcaster and sports reporter. Prior to that Donnie spend a summer with

WBLG and WKQQ Radio Stations, in Lexington, Ky., where he was responsible for promoting the Cincinnati Reds on WBLG.

While attending Duke, he was a student assistant in the Duke University Sports Information Office and was involved in coordinating interviews and conference with media. He also provided color and performed engineering duties for the Duke football and basketball networks. Donnie also worked as a press assistant at the Big Four Basketball Tournaments, and ACC Basketball Tournaments.

His experience also includes working the 1974 NCAA Basketball finals, the 1973 Martin Luther King Games, The USA-USSR Meet of 1974 and last year's USA-PAN Africa-West Germany Track Meet. Donnie is originally from Chapel Hill where he attended Chapel Hill High School. He is single and continues to reside in Chapel Hill. Among his varied interests are tennis, music and all sports.

While Donnie has an extensive sports background, he will also lend his talents to reporting other news stories that develop from the Eyewitness Newsroom.

## Gen Tel Puts Electronic Computer Into Service

The familiar clicks of telephone switching equipment routing calls to their destinations will soon be a thing of the past for RTI and GSA, in the Research Triangle Park.

On April 16, General Telephone Company put into service an electronic, computer-controlled switch in its Parkwood office which will provide the quietest, fastest and most error-free mode of telephone communication available in the world today.

Called a No. 2 EAX (Electronic Automatic Exchange) the \$2 million switch is the first of its kind in the world installed to provide center service. It will be used as a model for future installations of its kind across the nation.

Currently, businesses with many telephones who want the ability to receive calls directly to an individual's telephone (without going through their switch-board) need switching equipment located on their premises. The No. 2 EAX will eliminate that need by providing centralized electronic switching equipment (which can be used by several customers) within General Telephone's Parkwood central office.

The installation will also greatly benefit General Telephone in a number of administrative areas: 1) the

switch will automatically record all billing information for long distance calls at the central office 2) Solid state technology, in the form of plug-in printed wiring cards will facilitate repair and replacement of faulty equipment 3) The master computer continuously monitors all circuits and prints out detailed information on location, extent and nature of service trouble with the system. 4) Floor space requirements are less than one fifth of those of step equipment. 5) The electronic switch will require substantially less energy to operate and will handle up to 20,000 lines without increasing the size of the central office building.

This is only the first of several electronic switching systems planned for the Durham area. An Electronic TCS-2 already serving North Carolina Central University, will add the City of Durham and several other downtown businesses in mid-June; a No. 1 EAX will provide the local service for the "683" exchange as well as switching and toll ticketing for the Durham "682," "683," "471," and "477" exchanges, and will be a major toll center by September of this year; and a second No. 2 will be completed to serve IBM in the Research Triangle Park by July of 1978.

## Dr. Baines Nominated To Go To West Africa



Dr. Tyrone R. Baines, director of North Carolina Central University's Public Administration Program, has been selected to participate in a ten week traveling seminar in West Africa.

He will participate in a training program for the 1977

Phelps-Stokes Fund West African Ethnic Heritage Seminar in mid-June. After successful completion of the preliminary program, he will go with other participants to the Ivory Coast, Sierra Leone, and Upper Volta, and to either Liberia or Ghana.

Participants were selected by the Phelps-Stokes Fund after nomination by the presidents and chancellors of selected colleges and universities. The program is designed to encourage scholarly study of the African heritage.

Participants are required to demonstrate that they will include their seminar research in their institution. Baines plans to teach a seminar on public administration in West Africa after his return, and will also use the experience to plan courses in comparative public administration.

Dr. Baines also plans to present public lectures on his experiences in West Africa.

Expenses for the trip are to be paid by the Phelps-Stokes Fund.

We are now entering our severe storm season as evidenced by the recent series of tornadoes that struck Alabama and the ensuing heavy flooding in Kentucky, West Virginia and four other states. The recent rash of airplane accidents helps to reemphasize a growing need for people to be prepared to react in emergencies caused by man-made and natural disasters.

As a coordinating agency, the Division of Civil Preparedness of the N. C. Department of Crime Control and Public Safety, has duties whose success depends on the willingness of citizens to cooperate for the common good during emergencies. To further that end and to expand public awareness of a joint responsibility between the citizens of the United States and those charged with helping to protect them, the NBC Television Network will feature a special television program entitled "The National Disaster Survival Test." The 90-minute program produced in cooperation with the National Safety Council will be shown Sunday, May 1 at 8 p.m. Several vivid examples of what to do in emergency situations - floods, fires, tornadoes and vehicle accidents - will be shown and viewers will be able to evaluate and grade themselves as to their own reaction and how to survive in each instance by using a special Test Sheet. A copy of the Test Sheet is printed below. Clip it, leave it near your television set, for the telecast on May 1.

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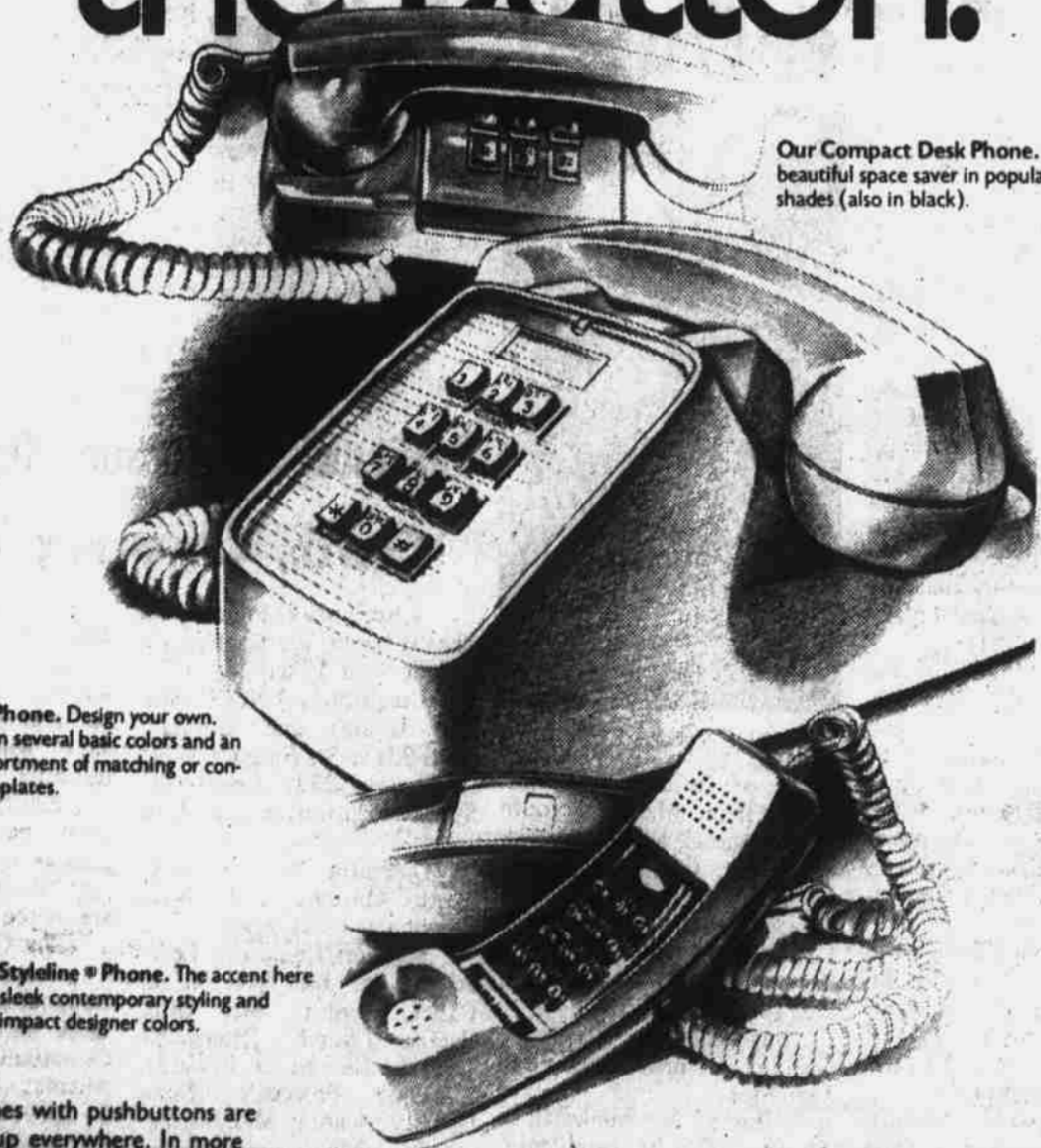
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