

SHAREHOLDER'S MEET SHOWS M&F's CONTINUED GROWTH

LCHC Expects Groundbreaking This Year

By Donald Alderman
Groundbreaking ceremonies are cautiously expected to be exercised in May of this year for a new \$4.9 million Lincoln Community Health Center, according to a top administrator. However, an additional \$20,000 is urgently needed before that accomplishment can be satisfactorily realized. Officials have disclosed that the Center's building fund campaign has raised \$180,000 of a \$200,000 local goal. Another \$1 million in foundation grants to be raised by the campaign depends largely on the successful achievement of the local goal. The patients of Lincoln Community Health Center would be "better served" by a new facility, commented Dr. Evelyn Schmidt, the Center's chief administrator, while explaining the need for additional financial support.

The present facility is not effective and efficient in the delivery of clinical services in a proper and dignified manner, says Dr. Schmidt, adding that the present structure was designed for a hospital. The Center is not being plagued by a number of deficiencies: the heating and cooling system is totally inefficient — comfortable temperatures can not be properly controlled in the winter or summer; the electrical system is partially worn out, making the sixty year old structure a fire hazard; much of the Center's medical equipment is technologically obsolete; the floors, ceilings and walls are deteriorated.

Administrators say the new building will help attract and retain quality medical personnel and would allow health services to be delivered in a courteous and dignified manner.

According to present plans, the old facility will be demolished to make way for a parking lot when the new building is completed. Officials say the trees and flowers will remain a part of Lincoln.

However, many citizens who favor the preservation of historically black institutions have voiced concern over the old structure being torn down.

"The spirit of Lincoln is not only within this building," says Mrs. Goodwin. "It is also the nurses and doctors who render services to the community. It is being able to provide the kind of quality services that the community rightfully deserves. The name will not change and the spirit of Lincoln will be renewed in a better facility," she explains.

Mrs. Mary T. Jofies, supervisor of clinical nursing and a staff member (Continued on Page 2)



BLACK HISTORY ESSAY WINNERS (See Story)

Chapel Hill-Carrboro Deltas Call For Federal Intervention In Atlanta

The Chapel Hill-Carrboro Area Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., along with 677 Delta Sigma Theta chapters located throughout the United States and abroad, supports the Governor of Georgia and the Mayor of Atlanta in urging President Reagan to declare a state of emergency in Atlanta, and that he mobilize the Georgia National Guard to assist in apprehending the criminal(s) and protecting the city's residents from further untimely deaths.

The chapter members are circulating petitions which will be delivered to President Reagan, requesting immediate federal intervention in solving the atrocious murders. Pledging themselves to be persistent reminders of the unsolved, gruesome crimes against black children in Atlanta, chapter members are wearing green ribbons as a symbol of life. They are also encouraging Orange County and surrounding communities to be reminders by wearing green ribbons.

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., is a predominantly black professional women's organization. Attorney Emma Jean Levi is president of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Area Alumnae Chapter.

Jesse Gray To Speak Here At St. Joseph's March 28

Jesse Gray, president of the National Tenants Union, will deliver the opening speech at the March 27-28 conference, "Organizing For The 80's". The conference to be held at St. Joseph's AME Church in Durham is being sponsored by more than 35 North Carolina groups representing civil rights, labor, low income, women's, religious and environmental interests to organize opposition to the Reagan administration's economic policy and other conservative programs.

Gray, one of the organizers of the Maritime Union, came to Durham helping to plan and carry out the sit-in at the Royal Ice Cream Parlor in 1957

before moving to New York. There, his work with the Harlem Tenants Union led to rent strikes, and the formation of the National Tenants Union in which tenant organizations from 140 cities work together for improved housing legislation. Gray has also consistently called for a new approach to our national budget to channel billions spent on armed forces to rebuild slums with decent housing, hospitals and college education or skills training.

The conference program will focus on the impact of conservative policies on the people of North Carolina, including the impact of the federal budget cuts which have

been proposed. Speakers and workshops will propose strategies for grassroots lobbying efforts.

Also addressing the conference on Saturday will be Ms. Brenda Frazier, a native of Shelby, who served as an at-large delegate to the 1980 Democratic Convention as well as sergeant-at-arms of the Pennsylvania delegation. She is national co-chair of the NOW committees on Educational Discrimination and Minority Women.

David Dellinger, long time peace activist, editor and author, will speak at the close of the conference. Dellinger is the author of *Revolutionary* (Continued On Page 2)

NCCU Offering Reward In Telephone Bomb Threats

By Donald E. Alderman
As a result of persistent bomb threats, North Carolina Central University is offering a \$250 reward leading to the arrest and conviction of the guilty party, according to a release by Chancellor Albert N. Whiting.

Within the past month numerous threats have caused disruption across the campus. Students have been alarmed by early morning evacuations. Administrators and staff members also have been subject to the terror, said David Witherspoon, the school's News Bureau director.

A number of "extra security measures" have

been employed throughout the campus. Visitors seeking dormitory entrance will find them locked at 11 p.m. instead of the 1 a.m. usual lockup time. Officials are "closed mouth" about other security precautions. "It is best for the callers not to know," Witherspoon said.

Every threat warrants serious attention. Maximum evacuation procedures are exercised. Bomb detective experts are brought in and the suspicious facility given a thorough search. Every search is said to require from one to two hours. "That process," said Witherspoon, "is very ex-

pensive. Each search probably costs several thousand dollars." Considerable time is lost while employees wait to return to work. Also, the expenses of explosives experts and other public safety officials are said to be rather high.

Students were said to be "angry and exasperated" by the untimely manner and persistency of the calls. Some students were "sleeping in their clothes" last week in preparation for the often early morning evacuations, Witherspoon said.

This week, March 16-21, the students are on Spring Break and no "calls" had been received as of press time.

Operates Eight Branches In North Carolina

Mechanics and Farmers Bank held its 73rd Annual Shareholders' meeting at the bank's Durham headquarters on March 9.

J.J. Sansom, president of the bank, announced 1980 earnings of \$400,119 or \$2.81 per share as compared to \$280,464 or \$1.97 per share in 1979. Shareholders' equity increased from \$3,680,492 in 1979 to \$4,009,459 in 1980. Total assets of the bank as of December 31, 1980 were \$47,608,931 as compared to \$44,711,273 at the end of 1979. Total deposits at the end of 1980 were \$43,000,885 as compared to \$40,562,285 for the same period in 1979. The bank's loan portfolio increased to \$24,140,288 at the end of 1980 as compared to \$21,338,427 in December, 1979.

Board members re-elected at the annual meeting included: J.B. Anglin, Jr., Joseph W. Goddoo, Malachi L. Green, William J. Kennedy, III, Benjamin S. Rubin, Joseph J. Sansom, III, John C. Scarborough, III, Maceo K. Sloan, Charles C. Spaulding, Jr., Mrs. Julia W. Taylor, Walter S. Tucker and John W. Winters, Jr.

Mechanics and Farmers Bank, the oldest black bank in North Carolina, was chartered in 1907, and operates eight branches in the cities of Durham, Raleigh and Charlotte with a ninth branch scheduled to open in Winston-Salem in late summer 1981.

Usage Increase Needed At Stanford Warren

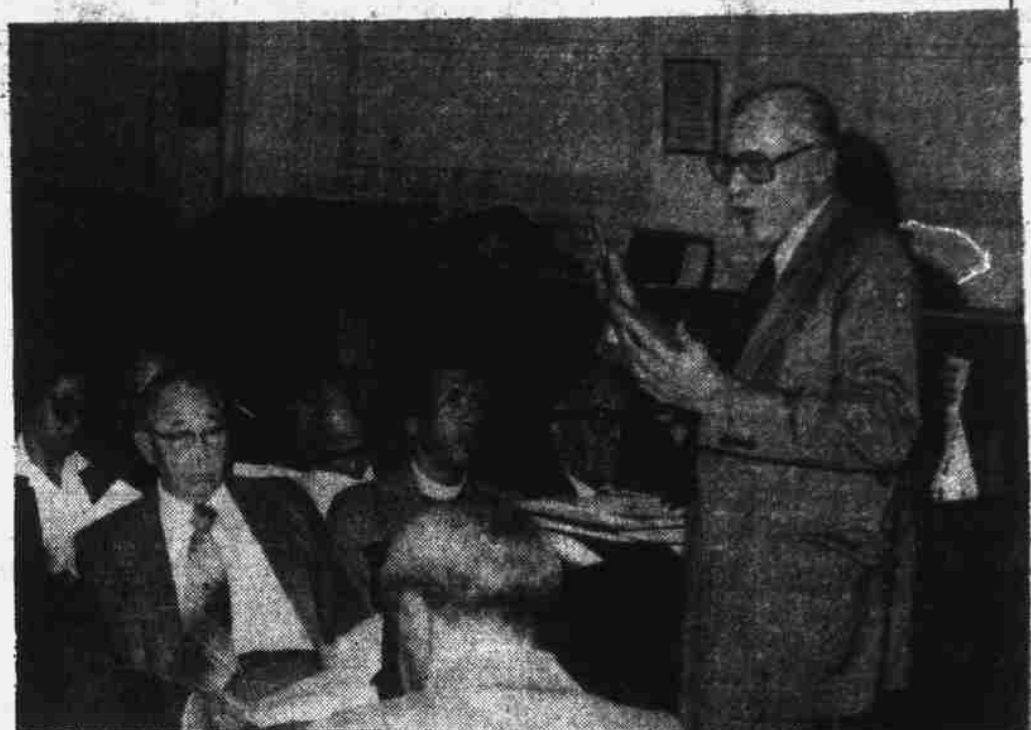
By Donald E. Alderman
A probable decrease in the budget of the Stanford L. Warren Library is sure to be, unless community involvement increases immediately, according to a library administrator.

"Usage of the library is depressingly below normal. This will adversely affect our budget. We are competing with five other libraries for county funds. It is difficult to present a defensible budget request when your circulation statistics are below normal," said librarian Mrs. Shirley Brown.

The budget, appropriated by the Durham County Board of Commissioners, is based on circulation statistics, mainly, the number of books being borrowed, Mrs. Brown explained.

At one time, Stanford L. Warren was about the only place in Durham that blacks could borrow books. Although that has changed, the library has retained some of its uniqueness. One section, entitled "Black Collections" is the most comprehensive collection of contemporary black writers of all the county library branches. "From poetry to prose; from Brooks to Haley, they are all here," Mrs. Brown said.

The library is not only a place to borrow books but also a black cultural center. Workshops, films, (Continued on Page 2)



Addresses Shareholders

J.J. Sansom, Jr., president of Mechanics and Farmers Bank, (top) addresses shareholders at the bank's 73rd Annual Meeting at the 116 West Parrish Street location recently. (Bottom) Shareholders meet in the main lobby to hear of the state's oldest black bank's continued growth. (See Story)

Black Social Workers Protest Bill Introduced To HRC

Trellie L. Jeffers
The North Carolina State Association of Black Social Workers is protesting a bill introduced to the Human Resource Committee by Representative Lura Talley of Cumberland County, entitled "Human Life Licensure Bill." If the bill passes, social workers will be required to pass an examination and then pay a fee to secure a license in order to practice social work.

Leonard G. Dunston, president of the association, said that black social workers are not opposed to standards, but they are opposed to requiring additional standards where needs for them have not been demonstrated.

Social workers who work for the Durham County Department of Social Services have passed a merit test as part of the N.C. state requirements; social workers for the Durham County Schools are required to make a minimum score on the National Teachers Examination before certification, and social workers who work in the Durham VA hospital must have met requirements for joint hospital accrediting standards.

"Since each agency has its own standards, cases of malpractice should be demonstrated before new state standards are needed, and no such evidence has been documented," said Dunston.

Dunston said that the members of his organization believe that the issue surrounding the proposed bill is "one of title protection and an effort to control who is able to practice social work."

school believes that an individual's problems may be caused by multiple problems caused by various institutions in the society; the Freudian school believes that an individual's problems are his/her own fault.

Dunston said that the black social workers' position is that the victim cannot be blamed, that there are systemic problems involving the institutions that control people's lives.

"When the individual encounters a problem which may have its major cause in an institution, he/she may turn the aggression inward. The black social worker should then promote social change. They should not be into diagnosing people's lives," said Dunston.

Dunston said that he is concerned because more social workers have not protested the bill. He said that social workers should object to the huge cost to the state to implement the

bill, if passed (\$12 million) and they should object because it is not possible to construct an adequate examination for social work.

"Because social work overlaps with sociology, psychology, health, and even law, it is therefore difficult to construct an exam that is unique to social work," said Dunston.

Blacks are becoming more concerned that required tests — many of which seem to be subjective — are significantly reducing the number of blacks who qualify for a given profession. Presently, there are 1,005 social workers on the state merit register; 22 are blacks. In 76 of 100 counties, there are no black social workers. The North Carolina State Association of Black Social Workers fear that the licensure bill may further reduce the number of black social workers.

County Precinct Meetings Scheduled

By Trellie L. Jeffers
Registered voters in the Democratic Party of Durham County's 44 precincts will meet at their regular polling places, Thursday night, March 26, at 8 p.m., to elect five officers of their precincts, five committee members and to elect an assigned number of delegates to the county convention.

The five officers to be elected are the chairman, first, second and third vice chairmen and a secretary-treasurer. All active Democrats at the precinct meetings who reside in the given precincts will be eligible to cast a vote for all persons elected. (An active Democrat is defined as a person who has been a

registered Democrat for at least ninety days, except in the case of an initial registrant, and who gives of his or her time and/or means to further the interests of the Democratic Party.)

If requested, active voters who attend the precinct meetings may vote on resolutions and nominations to come before the Durham County Convention. If this is done, the chairman or presiding officer and the secretary should certify to the County Convention the vote that was cast in the precincts and this same vote must be reflected in the vote of the precinct delegates at the County (Continued on Page 2)