

### Powell Retires; Carter Is New Gatesville Chief

Blackwell Powell, fire chief of Gatesville Fire Department, retired July 1 after 15 years of service in this position.

The Albemarle Firemen's Association representing Gatesville Fire Department was built in 1951 and was moved to Roberts Street. The addition of a bay was constructed in 1971 to house more fire fighting equipment. They have recently purchased a new American LaFrance fire truck that has a 1,000 GPM capacity and a 750 gallon booster tank. The 20-man department meets twice monthly for night training. They have been a member of the Albemarle Firemen's Association since 1967.

On August 25 Gatesville completed a new water system. The new system consists of a 150,000 gallon storage tank using 10-inch water lines. This has been a project "in the making" for eight years and should prove to be a great asset or Gatesville's fire protection.

He has been employed by the ASC office in Gatesville for the last 28 years and is now serving as county executive director. Powell is succeeded by Hayes Carter, also from Gates County, and a charter member for 21 years. Carter is currently clerk of Superior Court for Gates County, is married and has been residing in Gates County since 1947.

Carter's past duties in association with Gatesville's fire department have consisted of secretary, treasurer and assistant chief. He also has served as a past director in



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### Blacks In State Urged To Register

The Voter Education Project, Inc., had representatives at a rally here September 11 where a non-partisan voter registration drive was discussed. It was part of a three-day trip through North Carolina which included rallies and mass meetings on black college campuses and tours through both rural and urban areas of the state.

Georgia State Rep. Julian Bond was the featured speaker at the brief meeting at the Municipal Building which drew some 50 people, mostly Negroes.

Bond told the audience he was "here to urge you to get involved in politics." But he was quick to point out that the voter registration drive is strictly non-partisan. "I would not stand here and ask you to vote for Sen. McGovern nor foolish enough to suggest that you vote for President Nixon," he said.

He cited many changes which have happened to benefit the black people in this country over the past few years. "These changes did not just happen," he added. "You and people like you made them happen, and now nothing is stopping you from participating."

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**GATESVILLE GETS NEW CHIEF**—Hayes Carter, left, clerk of Gates County Superior Court, has been named chief of the Gatesville Fire Department. He is shown here with Blackwell Powell, who recently retired.

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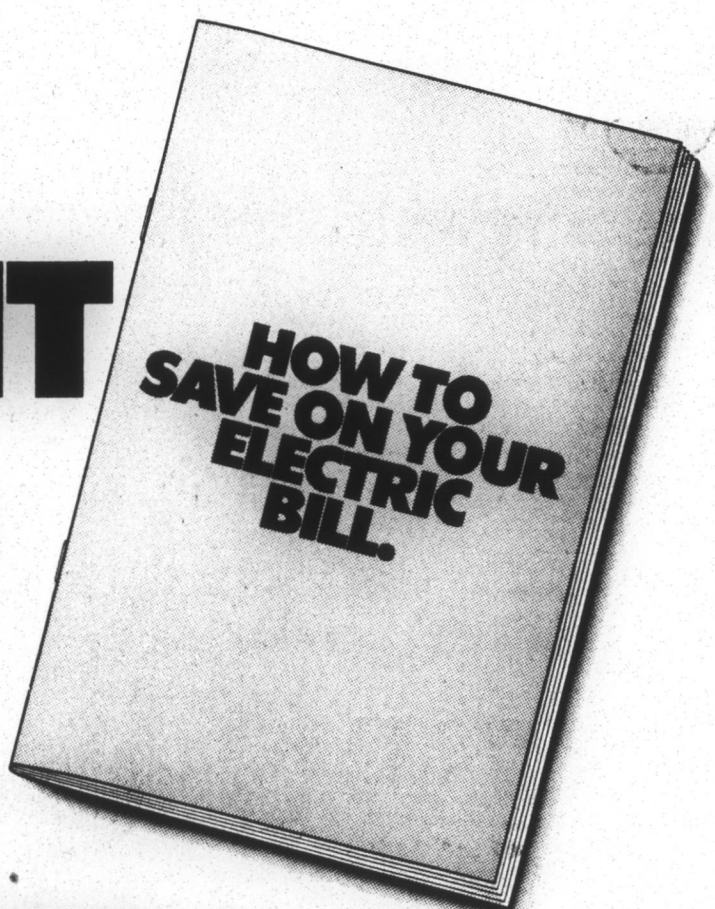
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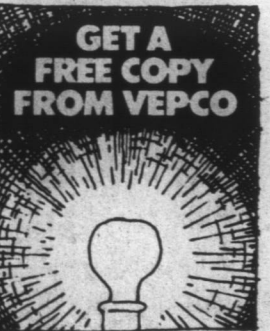
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