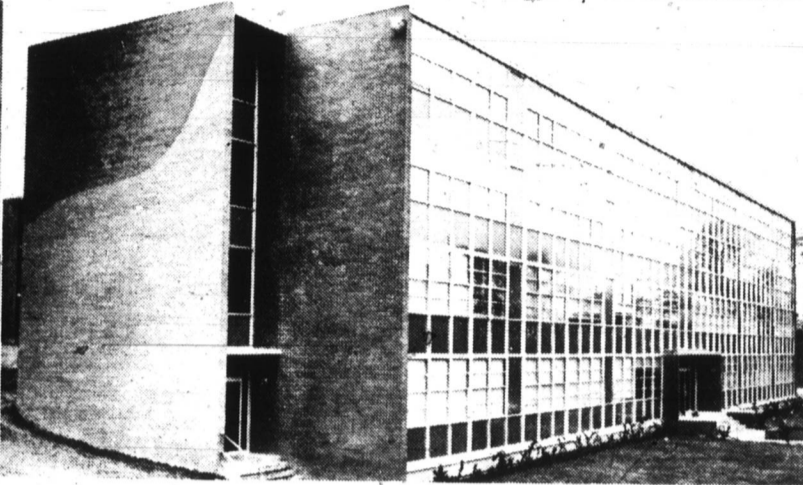


YOUR PICTURE-NEWS WEEKLY

## U. S.-African Ties Improved By V. P. Trip



**FRED M. LANGE HALL TO BE NAMED**—The men's dormitory at Bishop College in Dallas will be named in honor of the well-known Texas humanitarian Fred M. Lange in dedication ceremonies at 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 4. Lange, pictured at left, is executive vice-president of the Dallas Community Chest Trust Fund and was instrumental in bringing the 87-year-old college to Dallas in 1961 from its original location in Marshall. Lange is also a trustee of Bishop. Fred M. Lange Hall is among several new buildings at the college to be named for supporters who have played key roles in Bishop's development.

### Many Leaders Impressed By HHH's Visit

The Congo (Kinshasa)—A top official of the State Department said Vice President Humphrey has done more in 12 days to improve U.S. relations in Africa than has been done in a long time.

Mr. Peter Straus, Assistant Administrator, AID, Bureau for Africa, made the assessment after the Vice President had completed visits to eight African countries. Mr. Straus was one of several State Department officials accompanying the Vice President on his nine-nation cross-country tour of Africa.

Without exemption, Straus said, "the leaders of the countries visited by the Vice President, and in particular the Economic Ministers, were profoundly impressed with the Vice President and his ability to grasp and understand their economic problems.

They said they would have been glad to have a Vice President visit their country, but they were doubly impressed and pleased that such a ranking member of the United States, with a deep and genuine interest in the future of Africa, was sent to hold talks with them," Straus said.

In discussing the possible impact and influence the Vice President's African visit will have back in the United States, Mrs. Straus said, "The Vice President has the great advantage of seeing for himself the problems and progress of Africa."

"When he speaks on Africa, he will speak not on the basis of what he has read but on the basis of what he has seen and heard from the leaders and people of Africa. And, of course, the Vice President's voice carries far more weight than any other, except one, to the people of the United States and to the Congress," Straus said. "They will understand and accept what he says far more quickly than the rest of us."



ARETHA FRANKLIN

### Aretha Franklin Sweeps Leading Vocalist Poll

NEW YORK—Aretha Franklin, Atlantic hit-maker, has just completed her greatest year in the record business, has swept every popularity poll in the business. Her list of awards for 1967 includes every trade magazine popularity poll, the NATRA (National Association of Television and Radio Announcers) Award and the Bill Gavin Year End Awards, Miss Franklin won the NATRA award as the Best Female Singer of the Year, in the summer of 1967. The organization also

named her recording of "Respect" as the Best Single Record of the Year and her album "I Never Loved A Man The Way I Love You" as Best Album of the Year.

In December of 1967 she won the Billboard, Cash Box and Record World polls as the Top Female Vocalist of the Year, Top Female Artist R&B for the year as well as awards for Top Singer of the Year on Single Records and Albums. At the Bill Gavin Radio Program-

ming Convention held in Las Vegas in mid-December, she won the award as Top R&B Artist of the Year.

Five of Miss Franklin's single records and two albums have been nominated for Grammy Awards by members of the NARAS (National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences). The national organization composed of members of the recording industry will vote on the top performers and records of 1967 in March.

## Allison Gordon Retires After 38 Years as A&T U. Postman

### Retiree Served Under Five College Heads

By RICHARD E. MOORE

GREENSBORO—Allison Gordon, who parlayed a \$3.00 a month scholarship into a 38-year career as postman at A&T State University, has gone fishing.

Gordon's recent retirement robbed A&T of a devoted employee approaching a legend. Known and loved by thousands of students over the years, he lost no time in seeking out his rod and reel.

"Retirement is fine," chuckled Gordon in an interview at his home. "When my time came, I decided to go. No use in hogging the road."

When Gordon left his tiny seaport town of Southport, N. C. for college back in 1922, A. and T. was just "three buildings and a barn."

"In those days," he said, "each county gave one scholarship of \$3.00 per month to a youngster going to college and I got the one in my county. The fees then were something like \$20.00 a month."

Although not officially appointed postman until 1929, Gordon said he "started fooling around with the mail" as early as 1923, under the late President James B. Dudley.

"I remember one time I lost a special delivery letter and had to pay for it. That taught me a lesson I shall never forget."

Gordon specialized in business courses at A&T, picking up his degree in 1929 after sandwiching in stints as a newsboy and secretary in the college's mechanical arts department.

Even though he was an excellent student in typing and shorthand, Gordon said that after he started handling mail, he never really considered taking any other kind of job.

"In that kind of job you are always meeting people," said Gordon, "and you have to be friendly. You just can't get angry and you just can't expect to do an eight-hour job and go home."

And that seemed to be his personal code of ethics. His was always a ready smile and long after the office had closed, he would hang around to deliver a telegram or special which meant so much to a student on a shoestring budget.

Gordon was also a whizz at remembering names.

"The only time I nearly got thrown was the year I had the five William Smiths, two of them in the same town and all of them in the same general area."

The only thing that saved me was learning the addresses. Continued on page 3B



**ENDS 38 YEARS AT A&T**—Allison Gordon, right, who recently retired as campus postman at A&T State University, shows his daughter, Miss Charmion Gordon, the plaque and check presented him by the faculty, staff and student body of the University. Gordon served under five A&T Presidents.

## Women Organize for Unity; Join Jeanette Rankin Brigade

### Mrs. Martin Luther King, Urges Support for Anti-War Campaign

ATLANTA, Georgia — A group of prominent Negro women in Atlanta have begun to organize for unity among black women in support of world peace efforts, including the Jeanette Rankin Brigade which was scheduled to hold a peace demonstration in Washington recently.

Some of the Negro women went with other Atlanta women to Washington, where a mass gathering of women for peace joined Miss Rankin in a march to Congress and meeting with congressional leaders in which they will demand an end to the war in Vietnam. Miss Rankin was the first woman elected to Congress and cast her first vote as a U. S. Representative against World I.

In a statement issued today, the black women of Atlanta said: "It is time for black women throughout this nation to unite in a determined effort to oppose the rapidly growing American involvement in a vicious and unjust war in Vietnam. We have worked so hard for Freedom for our people in America must do everything possible to stop this war which is draining away the lives of our young men and deepening the problems of poverty and racism. One action we support is the Jeanette Rankin Brigade march for Peace in Washington.

The Atlanta group praised a similar group of black women

in Harlem and agreed with Miss Ruby Dee, the noted stage and TV actress, who has said dxfives iwi-Uhar mtowa htra as spokesman for the Harlem group: "Negro mothers must become involved in working to end the war in Vietnam because their sons represent 22 per cent of the dead, while they get only two per cent of the bread."

The Negro volunteers for the army at a greater rate and enlist for longer stints because opportunity in the army for equality and jobs is greater than in civilian life—what a terrible tragedy for our democracy!"

The Atlanta group urged black women in all other communities to unite in similar local groups against the war.

Mrs. Martin Luther King, Jr., a national co-chairman of the Jeanette Rankin Brigade and member of the Atlanta group of Negro women, said she is contacting other Negro women around the nation about the anti-war campaign. She added that "the women of America can and should now come together to build a powerful force against this tragic war in Vietnam. The American military machine is sending fine young black and white men to kill and be killed without any justification, and at the same time the American political and economic system is neglecting the millions of pov-

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DR. TAYLOR

### NCC Professor Named For Study At Jadavpur Uni.

Dr. Arnold H. Taylor, professor of history at North Carolina College, is one of 33 distinguished scholars awarded grants-in-aid by the American Council of Learned Societies for post-doctoral research. The award recipients, who represent twenty-eight colleges and universities in the United States and Canada, were named after a national competition sponsored by the ACLS.

Dr. Taylor's research will be on American diplomacy and humanitarian reform. He is currently on leave from NCC and is serving under a grant from the U. S. States Department as senior lecturer in American history at Jadavpur University, Calcutta, India. A native of Regina, Va., Taylor's secondary education was at

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### Sigmars Re-elect Dr. McNeil at Annual Meet

RICHMOND, Va. — Delegates attending the 53rd Anniversary Conclave of the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Incorporated, which met in the John Marshall Hotel, Richmond, Virginia, Dec. 23-30, re-elected Dr. Alvin J. McNeil, a professor of Social Studies at Grambling College, National President of the organization, then voted to support all programs of the National Urban League as their project for the ensuing year.

The national body also voted to send letters of commendations to President Lyndon B. Johnson and Senator Robert F. Kennedy for the herculean efforts they made in the passage of legislation through the 90th Congress.

The President was cited for his efforts to get a Rat Control Bill, (even although it was watered down) passed and Senator Kennedy for guiding a Poverty Bill to passage through the Congress.

The body voted to re-affirm its endorsement of a Virgin Islander as governor of the Virgin Islands and voted to increase its financial obligations to the Leadership Conference in Washington, D. C. whose duties are to lobby for legislation favorable to minority groups and the Negro in the Congress.

Under the new parking restrictions the motorist virtually walks to work.

Lazy men without money are always putting a loud pedal on the idea that it takes money to make money.



**CITED FOR WORK IN ALUMNI GROUP**—Mrs. Agnes H. Green receives gold watch after she won "Miss Gate City"

title in contest sponsored by A&T State University alumni chapter in Greensboro. Making

presentation for Coca-Cola Bottling Company is special representative Milton Gerald.

## Veep Amazed By Huge, Genial Crowds During Tour Of Africa

ACCRA, Ghana—"I have never seen anything like this before." This was the on-the-spot reaction of Vice President Hubert Humphrey to the great outpouring of warmth and friendliness which he has received during his tour of Africa.

The large, lively and colorful crowds have demonstrated, in their own dramatic way, their friendship for and welcome to the Vice President and Mrs. Humphrey.

Although this is Mr. Humphrey's first trip to Sub-Saharan Africa, he is no stranger to Africans and their problems and prospects. Over the years, he has met a number of African leaders during his visits to the United States, had talked with African students, maintained close liaison with Ambassadors from Africa in Washington, and had served on the Board

of the American Committee on Africa, sharing the platform with African nationalist leaders at African Freedom Day rallies.

Upon the Vice President's 3 a.m. arrival from Washington in Abidjan, Ivory Coast, he was greeted by a crowd of more than 1,000 Ivoirians who had come miles, many by foot, to participate in a dazzling welcoming ceremony of pulsating tom-toms and dancing African women and children.

During a tour, of a public market in Abidjan, the Vice President was surrounded by hundreds; and thousands of other Ivoirians lined the streets, waved, applauded rhythmically, and chanted native songs as the Vice President's limousine passed slowly by.

LIBERIA—In Liberia, Vice President Humphrey headed the U.S.

delegation to the Sixth Inauguration of President William V. S. Tubman. A second member of the delegation was Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall, who made two speeches during the three day visit to Monrovia, the capital of Liberia.

He also met with President Tubman, and held private sessions with other African leaders in Monrovia for the inaugural festivities.

A recurring theme in Vice President Humphrey's remarks in Africa was the fact that America shared and supported Africa's goals of developing new nations and human resources and individual freedom.

Wake's two State senators, Democrats Jyles Coggin and Ruffin Bailey, both have indicated they will seek new terms.