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# Michigan Bell Telephone Company Purchases Over \$98 Million Insurance Contract From Detroit Black Ins. Co.

## NCCU Law Building Is Badly Damaged By Midnight Blaze



STUDENTS OF NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL UNIVERSITY'S Law School as they clean away remnants of more than 21,000

volumes destroyed by the near million dollar fire which gutted the library; Dean DeJarmon looks on.

From left to right are James Harris, Wayne Petteway, Dean DeJarmon, and Carlton Fellers. (Photo by Purefoy)

### Dean And Students

## Perform Miracle In Salvaging Many Valuable Books Of Fire

Classes Resume Schedule With Only Short Delay

A fire at midnight, Thursday, Sept. 18, destroyed over 21,000 volumes of the North Carolina Central University law library and did extensive damage to the law school building itself.

The Durham Police and Fire Departments are investigating the possibility of arson as the cause of the fire.

Books destroyed were estimated at \$500,000 in value. Many, however, were virtually irreplaceable. Some had been out of print for more than a century.

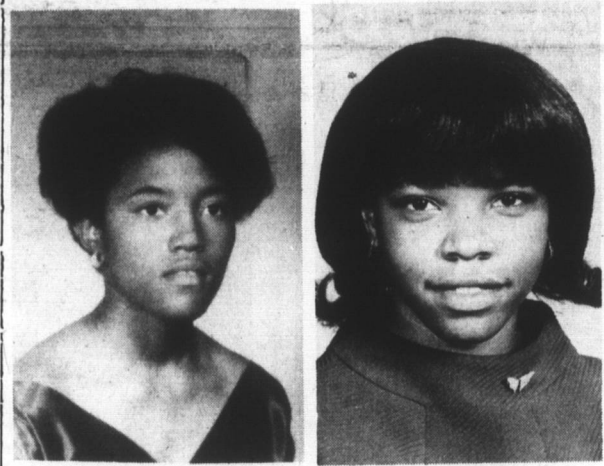
Dean LeMarquis DeJarmon said that he received a call from the switchboard operator at the university at about midnight. "Dean, the Law School is on fire," the operator said.

By the time Dean DeJarmon arrived on campus, firemen and policemen from Durham and neighboring communities were on the scene. Some 20 law students also assisted firemen in extinguishing the blaze.

Flames were completely extinguished by a.m., September 19.

Classes were held in B. N. Duke Auditorium on the NCCU campus on Friday. Law students, who had launched an appeal for aid in replacing the (See FIRE page 10A)

## Claggett Award Recipients For Choral Excellency are Honored



MISS KING

MISS ALSTON

Valeria King and Vernessa Alston are the 1969 recipients of the T. H. Claggett Awards for choral excellency. The awards are presented to a junior and senior high school student who has shown a musical interest, a cooperative attitude, as well as a musical aptitude during his or her entire school tenure.

Valeria King, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry King of 510 Otis St., received the scholarship assistance and is now a

freshman at North Carolina Central University here.

Vernessa Alston, daughter of Mrs. Ginnie Alston of 414 Poplar St., was the winner of the junior high school trophy at the annual awards day program at Whitted last spring.

The students are chosen from members of Whitted Junior High and Hillside High since these are the schools where Miss Claggett taught until her recent retirement from the city (See AWARDS page 10A)

## UDI Buys Land For Mangum St Supermarket

Durham's unique plan for "community capitalism" took on a more concrete shape recently when United Durham, Inc., purchased land at 602 North Mangum Street as the site for a supermarket on September 15.

United Durham, Inc., is a profit-making corporation with a board of directors on which low-income persons hold 2/3 of the positions. United Durham, Inc. (UDI), is the operating agency for investing the \$900,000 venture capital grant announced by the Office of Economic Opportunity in April of this year.

"This piece of land will be the testing place for UDI's plan for strengthening the low-income Black economy of Durham," said Nilas Thompson, president of UDI.

Thompson, a retired Duke Power Co. employee, said, "Very soon our low-income supporters and other friends will be able to see community capitalism being built on Mangum Street."

"This UDI board of directors is working to expedite progress on the Mangum Street supermarket, which is expected to hire about twenty full-time workers and thirteen part-time workers. The board is busy with obtaining designs for the store, hiring a contractor to build the supermarket, making arrangements with wholesalers and deliverers for supplies, hiring and training store personnel, etc. No deadline has been set for completion of these tasks and opening the store.

The supermarket will offer a discount on all purchases to low-income persons who have (See SUPERMARKET 10A)

## Union Strike To Continue Despite Fines

SUFFOLK — Despite trespassing convictions of 30 people, leaders of Local 26, Distributive Workers of America revealed Wednesday that the strike of non-professional workers, that has been underway at Obici Memorial Hospital since Aug. 1, will continue.

A total of 22 men and women, who were charged with trespassing at the hospital on Aug. 19, pleaded guilty and were fined \$25 and costs each by Nansmond County Judge Thomas O. Andrews.

EIGHT MORE, charged with trespassing on Sept. 1, were convicted and fined \$50 and costs each and sentenced to 30 days in jail. The jail sentence was suspended on the condition that they refrain from going on the hospital grounds without authority for one year.

Among those in this group were Lock J. Parker, president of Local 26. In the earlier group were Fredell Madison, the orderly whose firing launched the strike, and the Rev. Ronald E. Morris, president of the Suffolk-Nansmond branch of the NAACP.

THE PLEDGE that the strike would continue was made by DWA President Cleveland Robinson who reaffirmed a previous pledge that no hospital striker would live in want because of the walkout at a meeting attended by an estimated 75 people.

Union Secretary-Treasurer Alfred L. Bailey told the group "we're going to keep on marching until a summit is reached."

## VSC Receives Teaching Grant

PETERSBURG — Virginia State College has received a grant of \$147,000 from the Federal Government for use in an innovative teaching program for college graduates for School Year 1969-1970.

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## N. C. Native Named Assistant Supt. Of Norfolk, Va. Schools

### Both Races of Oklahoma Seek Desegregation

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The U. S. Supreme Court was asked last week to uphold a U. S. District Court decision ordering a new desegregation plan for Oklahoma City public schools.

However, the District Court ruling which brought more desegregation was overturned by the U. S. Court of Appeals on August 27.

Associate Justice Brennan, acting as circuit justice in response to argument of NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc. (LDF attorneys, (See SCHOOLS page 10)

### Dr. Allen Is The First Black Man To Be Elected To Such Administrative Post

Dr. Jesse Lee Allen, teacher at the University of Miami and assistant director of the Florida School Desegregation Consulting Center, has been appointed assistant school superintendent of the 56,000 student system in Norfolk.

The first black to be elected to the top administrative echelon, Allen will be in charge of special education, pupil personnel and guidance, and administrative services. All of these departments deal with the physical, academic and disciplinary problems of pupils.

The 38 year old Durham native said, "In the beginning, I thought this might be a window-dressing job, but I talked to the superintendent who assured me it would be a real job."

As assistant director of the federally financed Florida De-



DR. ALLEN

segregation Center, Allen worked as an advisor to school districts attempting to find the

best methods of desegregating. The question of naming a Negro to a top job in a school system, where 40% of the students are Negro, has been before the board for some time. Some time ago, Gloria Frayser, a faculty member at Norfolk State College, went before the School Board to suggest that a black person be seriously considered. Also spokesmen for the Norfolk Education Association carried a grievance on the matter to the superintendent from a group of black principals.

Allen was educated in the public schools of Durham and graduated from North Carolina College. He received the master's and doctorate degrees in education from Duke University in Durham.

Allen is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Butler Allen, formerly of 1515 Faye St.

## Michigan Solon Praises Phone Company For Liberal Policy



### 28,000 Workers Protected By Great Lakes

WASHINGTON — In a recent speech on the floor of House of Representatives Congressman Charles C. Diggs paid a high tribute to the Michigan Bell Telephone Company for action in purchasing over 20 percent of its life and accidental death benefit insurance to Detroit's black-owned Great Lakes Mutual Life Insurance Co.

In his remarks Congressman Diggs said:

"Mr. Speaker, on September 2, The Michigan Bell Telephone Company turned over more than 20 percent of its life and accidental death benefit insurance to Detroit's black-owned Great Lakes Mutual Life Insurance Company. This \$98 million contract represents nearly a fourth of the \$400 life and accidental death coverage for 28,000 telephone employees. This makes Michigan Bell the major account held by Great Lakes Mutual, which is the largest black-owned and operated enterprise in Michigan and one of the nation's largest black-owned insurance companies."

In making the announcement concerning the transaction, Thad B. Gaillard, C.L.U., President of Great Lakes Mutual said:

"Insurance implies confidence and when a company of Michigan Bell's stature gives us responsibility for insuring their employees, I think it supports the idea and the fact of Black business more than all the words of encouragement ever could."

William M. Day, Bell's President, said Gaillard had first approached him for the business about 5 months ago. He further said:

"This company met all our performance requirements, and (See BELL page 10A)

SEVERAL MEMBERS of the North Carolina Teachers Association are shown at the annual dinner of the Durham County affiliate, hosted Monday by the Mechanics and Farmers Bank. From left to right: J. H. Lucas, state director of N.E.A.; Mrs.

A. O. Eaton, president of the Durham City unit; E. B. Palmer, executive secretary of NCTA and guest speaker; Mrs. M. W. Evans, president of the county unit; and S. C. Cunningham, vice president.

Other guests present but not

pictured were W. R. Collins, expansion director of Hammonds Beach Association and David Harrison along with other representatives of the Mechanics and Farmers Bank.

(Photo by Purefoy)

## 3 Distinguished Americans to Receive Awards

The American Jewish Congress' top honor, the annual Stephen S. Wise Awards, will be presented to three distinguished recipients for 1969: Israel's Ambassador to the United States, Gen. Yitzhak Rabin; Roy Wilkins, executive director of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People; and Bernard B. Zients, president of Gimbels, New York, and a leading philanthropist.

The awards will be made at a dinner at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel Sunday evening, October 26. General Rabin will be honored for "distinguished service in

the cause of Israel." Wilkins will be cited for "advancing human freedom." Zients will be named for "dynamic leadership in Jewish life."

Rabbi Arthur J. Lelyveld of Cleveland, O., president of the American Jewish Congress, will present the award to Wilkins. Shad Polier, chairman of the Congress' National Governing Council, will make the presentation to Ambassador Rabin. Benjamin S. Kalnick, a national vice president of AJ Congress and mayor of King's Point, L. I., will present Zients' award.

Since establishment of the (See AMERICANS 10A)

## Sigmas Re-elect Dr. McNeil National President At Meet

### RAPS NIXON ADMINISTRATION FOR "DO NOTHING, GO SLOW POLICY"

NEW YORK — Delegates attending the 55th Anniversary National Convention of the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity recently concluded in Baltimore, Maryland, re-elected Dr. Alvin J. McNeil, Professor of Special Studies and Dean of Prairie View College, Prairie View, Texas, National President of the 55 year old National Black Greek lettered collegiate society then went on to underscore the Nixon Administration for its "do nothing, go slow policy" where human and civil rights of Blacks are concerned.

Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity founded at Howard University in 1914, is nationally membership by some 40,000 college trained Black men. The Fraternity engages in National programs of Social Actions. Education and Bigger and Better Business.

The delegates also voiced

dissatisfaction over what they say is a trend of President Nixon and his current administration to "pay off political debts" at the expense of the Black Minority of the land.

After listening to Brother Howard N. Lee, first Black Mayor of Chapel Hill, North Carolina and Percy Sutton, Borough President of Manhattan and engaging in political seminars designed by Clifton Felton past National Director of Social Actions; the fraternity voted to present a series of resolutions to President Nixon asking that action be taken by him on them.

The delegates gave the National Body the right to incorporate itself to act as the sponsoring body for individual chapters of the fraternity who are interested in engaging in the construction of low cost (See SIGMAS page 10A)

## Coretta King To Be On 'Face Nation'

NEW YORK — Mrs. Coretta Scott King, widow of slain civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., will be the guest on "Face the Nation" Sunday, Sept. 28 (12 noon-12:30 p.m., EDT) on the CBS Television Network, in color, and on the CBS Radio Network.

Mrs. King, whose husband was assassinated in April of last year, has written a book about his struggles and successes, titled "My Life With Martin Luther King, Jr." to be released Sept. 25.

SHE WILL be interviewed on "Face the Nation" by CBS News Correspondent George Herman, moderator of the weekly broadcast, and two other reporters to be selected.