

It takes less time to do a thing right than to explain why you did it wrong.  
—Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

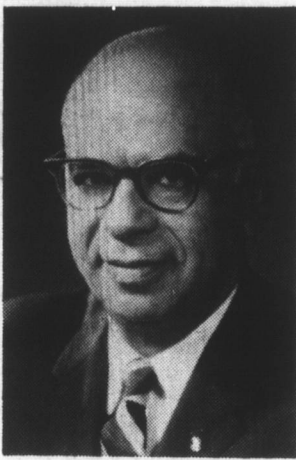
**Facts on the Weather**  
FRIDAY THRU SUNDAY  
Friday: Chance of showers and thunder-showers mainly east portion. Turning cooler, west portion. Highs in the low sixties, east portion low forties in the mountain, fifties elsewhere. Saturday and Sunday in the sixties.

## City Schools Name First Black Assistant Superintendent

# Dr. Asa T. Spaulding Calls For Black Board Members

### County Commissioner Sees Urgent Need For "Bank" of Qualified Blacks to Fill Vacant Slots

Asa T. Spaulding, retired president of the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company and a director of the W. T. Grant Company, a bank, and a savings and loan association, and a Trustee of two Universities and a Technical Institute, is pushing for more black representation on the Boards of Directors of the nation's leading business and industrial corporations.



Spaulding follows:  
No. 1  
"I suspect that every member of our Board would agree with the sentiment expressed in your letter of February 4. Would you be good enough to suggest six or more able and responsible Negroes whom I might bring to the attention of the board?"  
No. 2  
"If you have in mind any Negroes who you think are worthy of consideration, I would be delighted to have their names."

In a letter to the heads of the Boards of 109 of the nation's leading and most respected corporations, Spaulding said:  
"I can think of nothing which I believe would be a more convincing proof of your total commitment in the area of equal opportunity employment and increase minority and public confidence in your determination to provide forward looking leadership all the way, than for your company to put a competent and responsible Negro on its Board of Directors."

Spaulding qualifications could bring to the company a view and interpretation which might not otherwise be adequately understood and considered in proper perspective.

"Good racial attitudes and relations may well be one of the essential keys to the stability of our form of government and to the economic progress of the country in the years ahead," Spaulding wrote.

Spaulding has received replies from six of the companies written. The first two replies came with a week, according to the County Commissioner and read in part as follows:

"On the other hand," (See COMMISSIONER 10A)

As a result of the favorable responses, Spaulding feels there is the need for developing a kind of "bank" of qualified blacks and other minorities for corporate directorships and other top level positions, from which business and industry might draw. This is now under consideration, he also says. Stressing the importance of qualified candidates, Spaulding observed that an unqualified person would not only be a disservice to the company involved, but would also defeat the objective and purposes intended.



**MAKES DONATION** — Gilbert Sims Derr (left) and Mrs. Virginia Gault (right), director of libraries at DePaul University, discuss the selection of books for the new Black history collection at DePaul. The collection and a Black study center

will soon be established with money donated by Derr from his DePaul salary checks. Derr is an education lecturer at DePaul and the human relations coordinator for District 11 of the Chicago public schools.

### Motown and Sammy Davis, Jr., Entertainment Giants, Merge

DETROIT — In a landmark record company and music publishing development, Berry Gordy, Jr., president of Motown Record Corporation, one of the largest independent enterprises of its kind in the world, and Sammy Davis, Jr., considered by most to be the greatest entertainer of all times, have created a new music industry complex.

Gordy, in announcing the far-reaching association today, outlined the initial steps in the multi-million dollar alignment: They include formation of Ecology Records, a new company, and the development of two new music publishing companies, Ecology Music Company, a BMI affiliate, and Synergy Music Company, an ASCAP affiliate.

With the first phase of the two music industry giants completed, discussions are expected to get under way to further combine their resources to-

wards rounding out a new approach to wide-scale entertainment, leisure-time programming, involving motion picture (See MERGE page 10A)

### Frank B. Weaver, Native of Tarboro to Assume New Position in July on Approval of Ed. Board

Dr. Frank B. Weaver, a native of Tarboro, has recently become the first Negro Assistant Superintendent of Durham City Schools. His official title is Assistant Superintendent for Instruction. He will assume the new position July 1.



WEAVER

Weaver's approval by the Durham Board of Education came Monday night April 6, following a recommendation of L. W. Hannen, Superintendent of Schools.

The 43 year old Weaver is a graduate of Patillo High School in Tarboro, and holds the B.S. degree from Fayetteville State Teachers College (now Fayetteville State University). He received his Masters from Columbia University Teachers College, and his Doctor of Education degree from Pennsylvania State University. He has also done graduate study in United States History at North Carolina College (now North Carolina Central University).

Beginning his teaching ex-

perience in 1948, Dr. Weaver has served in many capacities in the field of education in North Carolina. He taught two years at the John R. Hawkins High School in Warrenton, served as teacher-principal of Providence School, Edgecombe County. In 1951 he organized the Roberson Elementary school in Edgecombe and served as principal there until '56. He also helped organize Willow Grove Elementary School in

the same county. This school became the first state accredited Negro elementary school in Edgecombe County. Weaver moved to the state level of education administration in 1962, serving as Supervisor of Elementary Schools, North Carolina Department of Public Instruction. Five years later he became an Educational Consultant on Adult Education in the Department of Community Colleges, State Board of Education. And in 1969 Weaver was promoted to Assistant Educational Director of the Division of Adult Education.

The erudite educator is widely in demand as a guest speaker. Aside from the numerous speaking engagements in which he serves as consultant to professional and community groups, he speaks for numerous high school and college commencement exercises. In addition to his many other duties, he was selected by the (See POSITION page 10A)



**OLD CHURCH BUILDING**—The West Durham Baptist Church will be moving from the above

old location to a new church building on Nixon and Athens Street Sunday, April 19. A pro-

cession will leave this building and proceed to the new church for worship services.

### West Durham Baptist Church Moves To New Nixon-Athens Street Location Sun.

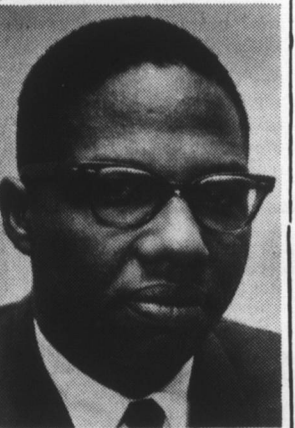
The West Durham Baptist Church will hold its opening service at its new location on Nixon and Athens Streets Sunday, April 19, at 11 a.m. The congregation will gather at 9:30 a.m. at the old church at 1001 Thaxton Avenue and will form a procession at 10 a.m. arriving at the new site by 10:45 a.m. The morning message will be delivered by the pastor, Rev. F. D. Terry and W. L. McAuley will be presiding. Music will be furnished by the Senior Choir directed by Mrs. Thurman Prescott with Leon Cole as organist. At 4 p.m. the Ebenezer Baptist Church will be guest with other participants.

The Church's Dedicatory Services will be extended over a year's period emphasizing different areas of involvement as community, education, and religious affiliations. Outstand- (See CHURCH page 10A)

### Shaw University Gets New Vice President of Academic Affairs

RALEIGH, — Dr. King V. Cheek, Jr., president of Shaw University, recently announced that Cleon F. Thompson, newly appointed Vice President for Academic Affairs at Shaw, received a fellowship from the American Council on Education to study as an intern in the area of academic administration.

Among thirty-six ACE Fellows, Thompson will be assigned to one or more top administrative officers both to observe and to participate appropriately in policy in decision making activities. Each fellow will attend fall and spring seminars in Chicago and Washington on



**THOMPSON** the problems of academic administration, undertake certain assigned readings in academic administration and produce an (See SHAW page 10A)

### W. A. Marsh Warns Voters To Register For Primary by Sat.

Attorney William A. Marsh, Jr., chairman of the Durham County Board of Elections announces that April 18, this Saturday, is the last registration day for those who wish to vote in the May 2 primary.

Marsh says he has noticed that there are at least two categories of persons, possibly qualified voters, who are not registered to vote in the upcoming primaries. They are anyone who did not register during the general registration drive in 1968, or for the tax referendum in 1969. Another group who might, according to the chairman, be under the assumption that they are duly registered are those persons who registered for the 1968 presidential elections under special conditions.

"These persons at that time had not fulfilled the requirements for state of local registration and registered in 1968 (See MARSH page 10A)



**INTERCOLLEGIATE MUSIC CONFERENCE** — Several of the principals in the meeting just concluded at Livingstone College of the Intercollegiate Music Association chat following one of the strenuous sessions. From left, are: Frank T.

Greer, conductor of the famous Tennessee State University Marching Band; Mrs. Eloise M. Simpson head of the Livingstone music department which hosted the conference; Miss Evelyn Johnson, middle area chairman of Elizabeth City

State University; Dr. A. W. Graver, secretary-treasurer of IMA from St. Augustine's College; and Mrs. Evelyn White, professor of music at Howard University. Greer was guest band conductor while Mrs. White was guest choir conduct-

or for the public concerts given during the conference. Dr. F. Nathaniel Gatlin of Virginia State College, Petersburg, is president of IMA and had to leave before the convention closed. (Livingstone Photo)

## Landmark Equal Pay Court Decision Hailed By Official

### Dr. James Edward Cheek to Be Inaugurated as 15th Howard Uni. President Saturday, April 25

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The inauguration of Dr. James Edward Cheek as fifteenth President of Howard University will be held at the University on Saturday, April 25th at a convocation beginning at 10:30 a.m., it was announced today by G. Frederick Stanton, Vice President for Special Projects and Secretary of the University.

Stanton is chairman of the Inauguration Steering Committee. University-wide effort, through lectures, workshops,

seminars, discussion groups, etc., on the theme: "To Seek a New Direction: Howard in the Decade of the Seventies." Plans for the inaugural observance include bringing together the University's trustees, administration, faculty, students and alumni to examine the current strengths and weaknesses of the University and to ponder its mission, role and purpose during the next ten years.

Born in Roanoke Rapids, the 37-year-old University pre- (See CHEEK page 10A)



DR. CHEEK

WASHINGTON — The second major equal pay court victory in three months has been achieved by a unanimous decision of the U. S. Court of Appeals, 8th Circuit, according to Federal Wage and Hour Administrator Robert D. Moran.

The court decided in a case involving the American Can Company, Dixie Products Division, Fort Smith, Arkansas, that women performing the same general work as men should receive the same pay.

Moran said the decision could result in payment of more than \$100,000 in back wages to 60 women employees as well as raise their pay 20 (See LANDMARK page 10A)