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WORDS OF WISDOM

Business is never so healthy as when like a chicken it must do a certain amount of scratching for what it

The man who rests on his oars will soon find himself -Elbert Hubbard, II

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WELCOME HUG-(Washington)-First Lady Pat Nixon gives a welcome hug to one of 80 children from the Foundation for the Junior Blind in Los Angeles who visited the White House recently. Julie Nixon Eisenhower, right, helped entertain the children. In another heartwarming yuletide activity, Mrs. Nixon inspected Christmas tree decorations in a multiservice center operated by the YMCA and YWCA.

Pan-African Childhood Educator Receives John J. Whitney Grant



MRS. McDONALD

On any day between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., the gentle, crisp chanting of pre-schoolers summons life at its freshest, Usually, 35 three to six year olds--all black-are gathered to start serious note by reciting the Black Pledge of Unity and Use-Pan-African Early Education

Center, located at 832 Ridgeway Ave., Durham. N. C. "When dealing with the

question of education for Black people, it becomes apparent to us that the existing white--oriented educational system does not and will not encompass our needs as a people, or even acknowledge our existence."

"It is essential that a mean ingful education begin at the pre-school level. Black children should be made aware that they are Black and what it means to be Black in this society: made aware of their heritage and able to say in reality

and pride, "I am somebody." Mrs. Mary McDonald, teacher-director of the Pan-African Early Education Cenanother day's experience on a ter, Inc., made the above statements. She recently received an \$8,000 research grant fulness. They are part of a new from the John Hay Whitney concept in the city here: The Foundation, New York. The

Police Department Bias Laid To North Carolina Eastern City Wallace Frightened Of Millitants

Appearance of Panthers and **Black Muslims Angers Whites**

Governor George C. Wallace, of Alabama recently asked the State Legislature again, to appropriate funds to increase the size of the State

Police force to combat "re-

By JAMES VAUGHAN

volutionaries and Black militants" in the state. The request was the third made to the Legislature in 1971. According to the state's chief law enforcement officer, Col. W. L. Allen, the Governor is now seeking authorization to add an additional 100 state

forces in the state. The Colonel testified before the legislative committee: "I am frightened for your

troopers to the current staff of

651 due to a rise of Black

militant and revolutionary

His request was for funds approximating \$1 million.

He warned that revolutionaries and Black militants were criss-crossing the state like airlines pilots. "We have our work cut out for us," he

He further stated that he had reports that there were three encampments of revolutionaries in Alabama as well as Black Panther training grounds and weapons ordi-

In one of the counties, whites have been angered by the presence of the Muslims and the Muslims have reported acts of violence as arson and cattle poisoning.

Last summer, Wallace asked for \$1.5 million special appropriation to hire 200 more state troopers to keep order in Alabama schools during the de-(See WALLACE page 6A)

Alexander Pratt Funeralized at

First Calvary Baptist Church



NAACP LIFE MEMBER-Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe, second from left, was recently awarded a Life Membership in the NAACP. Kivie Kaplan, Boston indusshown with a membership plaque, made the

presentation as Mrs. Kaplan and Clarence Mitchell, Director of the Washington Bureau looked on. Mr. Mitchell praised Secretary Volpe's record in establishing an effective

Five Dix Escapees Recaptured; Hounds Used To Nab Last Two

By JAMES VAUGHAN

Two brothers accused of Alexander Pratt, were held murder, were among five Tuesday December 23, at the patients who escaped from Dorothea Dix Hospital's close First Calvary Baptist Church. custody ward but were cap-A son of the late Alex and. tured at the beginning of the Jane Pratt, Alexander Pratt was week. born in Orange County, Octo-

James M. Hicks, 15 and Johnny Ray Hicks, 13 of Davison County were under charges of murder in the slaying of Alvin R. Sechrist, 72, at his home between Lexington and Thomasville in November.

James Hicks along with Donnie Ray Flood were the last to be re-captured Monday reported authorities. Others of the group includ-

ing Danny Dorsey, 19, of Gaston County and Richard I. Lunsford, 35, if Wilkes County were captured in Fuquay-Varina after police spotted them on the main street.

Flood was the only regular mental patient from the hospital. The other four were there for observation and treat-According to authorities,

the last two to be captured, Hicks and Flood, were tracked down by Wake County authorities using blood hounds.

Police were alerted to the where about of the two by a resident of Lake Wheeler Road who had been approached by the two. Reportedly, the escapees approached the door of the residence, knocked until there was an answer. They then requested matches claiming to be stranded traveling from South Carolina.

Mrs. Alice Rouse, the resident, agreed to bring back the matches closing the door on the two

She

band had been alerted of the escape by radio broadcasts. Instead of returning with the

matches, they telephone po-

She stated that the two remained at the door, continuing to knock until police ar-

rived. The two fled once the patrol cars approached the scene. The two, however, (See ESCAPEES page 6A)

Black Officers Relegated to Lowest Rank

FAYETTEVILLE, N. C. -Charging that the Fayetteville Police Department widely discriminated against its black members and applicants, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has filed suit in the North Carolina Eastern Federal District Court calling for an injunction against local officials.

The class action suit was brought by nine black policemen and the North State Law Enforcement Officers Association, a private organization, on behalf of the 13 Negro members of the department.

Filed last November, the suit charged widespread violation of the Fourteenth Amendment, guaranteeing equal protection under the law. It is similar to another action that was filed earlier in Philadelphia charging discrimination in the use of unfair tests and background investigations.

Named as the defendants are Chief of Police L. Fenton Worrell, the City's Civil Service Commission, Mayor Jackson F. Lee, the City Council and City Manager J. Guy Smith.

The suit noted that of the approximately 120 members of the police department, only 13 are black. Also, in all ranks, Negro police officers were under-represented. "There are only two black police officers

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Kennedy New Board Chairman At Mechanics & Farmers Bank

J. H. Wheeler, President of Mechanics and Farmers Bank announced today that W. J. Kennedy, Jr., had been elected Chairman of the Bank's Board of Directors following the death of Dr. Clyde Donnell, who had served in that capacity since 1952.

He also announced election of Albert N. Whiting to fill the unexpired term of Dr. Clyde Donnell.

Mr. Kennedy, former President of North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company, has been a member of the Board of Directors since 1935 (See BANK page 6A)



Pitt Cy. United Effort Coalition **Continues Fight Against Brutality** By JAMES VAUGHAN

The Pitt County United

Effort Coalition (PCUEC) recently made a bid to church groups throughout the state for support and funds to continue its fight "against police brutality" despite the recent announcement from the Greenville chapter of the North Carolina Civil Liberties Union that the Billy Day case is closed.

The Coalition, PCUEC, is a group of Black organizations including, SCLC, NAACP, Black Pastors' Conference of Pitt County, Muslims, and The

Black and Oppressed Commu nity which organized in the wake of Black protest over the police slaying of William Murphy, a Black farm worker of the area. The PCUEC has demanded

the regisnation of Trooper Billy Day, responsible for the death of Murphy. Day however, has been cleared by state investigators of the death and remains on duty.

In addition to the demand for the trooper's resignation, the Coalition has drawn up a list of six demands to be exe-

(See PITT page 6A)

USDA Adds New Restrictions To Food Stamp Transactions

ber 25, 1887.

He was a retired worker

Company. He was

from Liggett and Myers To-

married to the late Mrs. Har-

riett Trice Pratt. To this union

two children were born. At a

later date he married Mrs.

Jeanette Holman who survives.

Pratt had been a member of

food stamps as deposits on stopped." bottles and other returnable containers.

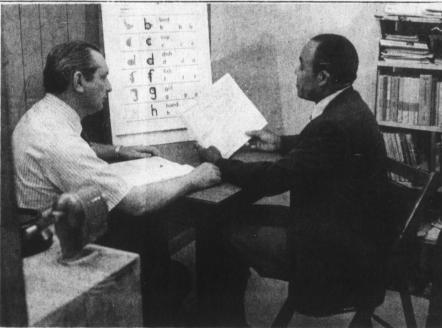
The revisions will become effective March 1, 1972. The revisions, according to Russell H. James. Southeast regional administrator of USDA's Food and Nutrition Service were made under USDA's rule-mak-

Washington, D. C. dated Mon- 1971. The Senate House Conday, December 27, 1971, gro- ferees said that the practice cers will no longer be allowed of giving cash change "threatto give cash change in food ens the success of the food

ATLANTA, Ga. — According comments contained in the retail food stores to issue to a statement from the U.S. Agricultural Appropriations credit tokens to shoppers with Department of Agriculture in Conference Report of July 22, to 49 cents with the tokens foods in the store.

(See STAMPS page 6A)

to be good only for eligible Unendorsed 50-cent food stamp transactions, nor accept stamp program and should be stamp coupons will continue to



HARRIS AND INSTRUCTOR News, Va.)—Red Harris and his Peninsula Literacy Council instructor W. Lawton get

together at the Council's headquarters, in

Peninsula Literacy Council Helps Shipbuilding Employes To Read NEWPORT NEWS, Va. - men his age. You can see the ment division and the Penin-

"Red" Harris started something most of us take for granted. He began to read.

Not that Harris, a veteran in the Tenneco company's traffic department, couldn't read at all. He could, but not well enough. He had to leave school early to go to work, like many

A year ago, Newport News man's keen intelligence in his sula Literacy Council. Shipbuilding employee W. R. eyes. But his inability to read well, quickly, and with com- vision conducted a program to

prehension had hampered him. train 100 forklift truck opera-He's proud of it. What's more, their vehicles. The program in-

neighbor in Smithfield. Help came to Harris through and written examinations, and the shipyard's material manage-

In September 1970, the di-With help from the ship- tors in the safe operation and yard, Red Harris now can read. preventive maintenance of he's teaching a non-reading cluded instruction from a manufacturer's representative, oral