

Let us spend more time . . . improving our operations and less time trying to curb our competition.
—Dr. Chas. L. Phillips
We would accomplish many more things if we did not think of them as impossible.
—C. Malesherbes

Four Dead In Baton Rouge Shoot-Out



DISCUSSING THE RESULTS OF FINANCIAL GRANTS from Reynolds Industries to Winston-Salem State University are (left to right), Valeria Price, a Reynolds Scholar at WSSU; Dr. Kenneth R. Williams, president of the university; Colin Stokes, member of the board of directors of Reynolds Industries; and Dr. Jeraline Harvin, chairman of university's Division of Applied Arts and Sciences and a Reynolds Professor.

Bank Deposit Program

\$3.5 Million Expand In Deposits At M&F

Minority Banks Deposits Reach Over \$150 Mil.

By JAMES VAUGHAN
John H. Wheeler, president of Mechanics and Farmers Bank announced today at a press conference that an increase of more than \$3 million resulted from the Bank Deposit Program, sponsored by the Federal Government's Capital Formation, Inc.

Samuel S. Beard, chairman of Capital Formation, Inc., an action foundation and national Co-Chairman of President Nixon's \$100 million Minority Bank Deposit Program and Richard C. Kennard, president of Capital Formation joined the conference session in announcing an increase in deposits in excess of \$150 million for the nation's 36 minority owned banks.

During the session, Beard complimented Wheeler for his leadership in the area of minority banks.
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NAACP Delays Charging Blame In Killing Of 2 Blacks, 4 Police

By JAMES VAUGHAN
After more than a week of controversy surrounding the shoot-out between the police and alleged Black Muslims in Baton Rouge, La., mystery of who the men actually were, and their motivations plagues authorities.

The shooting erupted in the streets as police charged a rally called by two strange blacks standing atop cars addressing an audience which had gathered.

One of the two who had declared themselves God and answered the police's order to move with "One of us is going to die," was actually shot and killed.

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Two Widowed Bass Sisters Die Same Hour, Only One Day Apart

By JAMES VAUGHAN
One wonders at the mysteries of the unseen hand of Supreme Powers. Death, with its unknown properties, has continued to mystify man, and especially when coupled with what we perceive to be an irony.

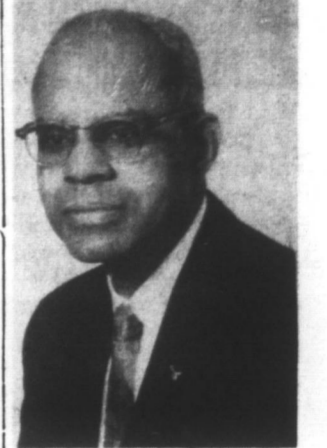
Two sisters of the area were married to Bass's Mimmie Day was married to the late Buck Bass; and Corinna Day was married to the late W. L. Bass.

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January 11, 1972 at 1:00 p.m.; Mrs. Mimmie Day Bass died January 12, 1:00 p.m., 1972. The sisters were the daughters of the late Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Day of Rougemont, N. C.

Mrs. Mimmie Bass was born in Person County, April 3, 1901 and received her education in Person County schools. She was married in 1928 and was the mother of eight children.
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Clement Named To Wachovia Board of Dirs.



CLEMENT

By JAMES VAUGHAN
William A. Clement, senior vice president of North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company recently became the first Black appointee to the Durham area Wachovia Bank and Trust Company board of directors.

His appointment was announced this week by Durward R. Everett, Jr., senior vice president of Wachovia and Durham office executive.

Everett stated that, "It is a pleasure to have a man of his caliber serving on the board with us. He has distinguished himself through the community for his fine service."
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Strengths Of Black Families Emphasized In League Study

Retired NAACP Nat'l Treasurer Blasts the Nixon Administration

By JAMES VAUGHAN
"President Nixon is emphatically not on the side of the Blacks or the poor," stated Alfred Baker Lewis, national treasurer emeritus of the NAACP.

Lewis was in the Durham area working with the local branch NAACP day care facilities project. He stated in an interview that, "He (Nixon) tried to put on the Supreme Court two bitter reactionaries and even bigger, Judge Haynesworth and Casswell. He was successful in putting reactionary, Mr. Rehnquist, on the court."

Lewis charged that "This is part of his 'Southern strategy' to win for the Republicans the people who voted for Wal-

lace in the last election, by bidding for the support of the racially biased white whom Wallace appealed."

In outlining ways to combat the Administration's political maneuvering and to "stop political reaction," Lewis stated, "The best way to stop political reaction is by a struggle uniting Blacks and poor whites to end economic exploitation."

"The natural political alliance should be between the financially underprivileged and the racially underprivileged." Lewis then moved to point out fallacies in the programs put forth by the Nixon Administration. "Our present wel-

(See RETIRED 2A)

WASHINGTON — The systematic examination of the strengths of black families should facilitate the development of national policies and programs that both enhance and employ these assets, according to a new study by the National Urban League.

The study, "The Strengths of Black Families," points out that "examining the strengths of black families can contribute at least as much toward understanding and ameliorating some social problems as examining their weaknesses."

The League study, reviewed in the current issue of the Labor Department's Manpower magazine, maintains that black families typically display:

- strong work orientation
- strong achievement orientation
- strong kinship bonds
- adaptability of roles
- strong religious orientation.

More Blacks Are Unemployed; While, More Whites Get Jobs

By JAMES VAUGHAN
Blacks throughout the country suffered an increased rate of unemployment; while whites enjoyed the opposite—an increase in employment.

An examination of last month's Labor statistics, despite the claim that the unemployment situation remained essentially unchanged, revealed that the jobless rate for Blacks, previously 9.3 percent between November, rose over the last month to 10.3 percent. Whites, on the other hand, had moved to 5.7 percent during the month of November, but decreased to 5.4 percent during the month of December.

An official reasons, or explanation of the trend was released from the Department of Labor. Other data showed that the unemployment rate among Blacks of 10.3 compared with an overall rate of 6.1 percent in December. The total number of unemployed reached 4.7 million persons in December.

The unemployment pattern of major groups of people revealed the following: All adult men (4.4 percent), married men (3.3 percent), adult women (5.8 percent), and teenagers (17.5 percent).

In assessing the ratio between Black and white jobless

rates, the Labor Department stated that the jobless rate for Blacks continued to drift upwards in the first half of 1971, reaching 10 percent in the second quarter and remaining the rest of the year. In contrast, the rate for whites stayed at 5.5 percent from the fourth quarter of 1970. The overall Black-white jobless rate ratio,

which had fallen to its lowest point in nearly two decades was 1.8 to 1 in 1971.

Rhodes Scholar

SALISBURY, Rhodesia — Oliver David Ncube of Rhodesia, an agriculture student at Oxford is the first black from southern Africa to win a Rhodes scholarship since they were established in 1902.

Local Woman Dies Following Alleged Beating

By JAMES VAUGHAN
Miss Alice Rogers, 60, of 3308 Apex Highway, died last week following an alleged beating and hospitalization.

Miss Rogers, a former worker at what was Reeves Rest Home, was found unconscious in a bed at the Mt. Vernon St. home by police sources reported. Police were called to the scene by Mrs. Mae Bell Belton of 404 S. Queen St.

Currently, police and medical authorities are waiting for the results of an autopsy to establish if the cause of death could be attributed to the injuries received from the beating.

Medical examiner Dr. Robert Zipp said that a hemorrhage in the brain caused the death.
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Should Aid Development Of Black Political Power In State

Hugh Morton Holds Television Press Conference Tuesday

By JOHN MYERS
Hugh Morton, democratic candidate for Governor of North Carolina held a televised press conference at WTVD-TVLL Tuesday, Jan. 18, as part of his democratic campaign for Governor. Morton said the issues of roads, taxes, schools, and race problems were at the top of the list in this campaign but he also added the issue of job opportunities in N.C. to the list. He stated that N. C. was tying Miss. for the low income per capita standing in the U.S. He further noticed that one half of the families in N.C. had a total income of less than \$8,000 per year. He attributed this, in part, to the rural-urban balance and expressed his de-

velopment of Black political power in the state according to John Edwards, director of the North Carolina Voter Education Project. Edwards maintains that the intent and effect of both of these laws is to minimize the power of the Black vote and to keep Blacks from being elected to public office. Edwards stated that these laws have discouraged Blacks from running for public office at both the local and state level. Now that the anti-single-shot law and the numbered

N. C.'s Anti-Single Shot Law Is Major Significance in Elections

seat law have been declared unconstitutional, Blacks have a much better chance of being elected to boards of county commissioners and the General Assembly in 1972. Edwards said, "In light of this decision, I hope Blacks will reassess the use of the vote in our struggle, and more Blacks will run for public office. The deadline for filing is 12 noon on Monday, February 21, 1972."

According to N. C. VEP's director, as Black voter registration began to increase after World War II, local governing bodies and the General Assembly began to change the methods of electing officials and to pass laws in order to keep the Black vote from being effective.

NCCU's Gamma Fraternity Observes Founder's Day

By JOHN MYERS
Saturday, Jan. 15, was Founder's Day for the Gamma Gamma Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity at North Carolina Central University.

Festivities began at 9 a.m. with a coffee hour in the Student Union on campus and was followed at 10 a.m. with welcoming addresses presented by brothers William E. Stanley, President of the Gamma Gamma Chapter and Michael Pierce.

Sigma Fraternity's past accomplishments and future projections were discussed in a meeting at 10:30 a.m. and was followed at 11 a.m. by a silent march and open air memorial in the Freshman Bowl. The Fraternity broke for lunch at 11:45 a.m. to return
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Hold Funeral Services in Balt. For Retired Afro-American VP

BALTIMORE (NNPA) — Funeral services for David Arnett Murphy, retired vice president of the Afro-American Newspapers, were held here Saturday afternoon at Grace United Presbyterian Church of which he was a pioneer member.

Murphy, 79, died recently after a long illness.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Sadie Clark Murphy, two daughters, Mrs. Mae E. Dyson and Mrs. Arnetta M. Lottier, six grandchildren, and a brother, John H. Murphy, Jr., 90.

The eulogy was delivered by the Rev. William T. Peters, Jr., pastor of Grace. He was assisted by the Rev. N. B. Carrington.
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Reynolds Gives Grant to W-S State University

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C. — A grant of \$144,778 to Winston-Salem State University has been announced by R. J. Reynolds Industries, Inc., bringing to \$678,052 the total funds contributed by Reynolds since 1969 in support of the Winston-Salem State University Scholastic Achievement Program.

This most recent grant completes the four-part funding program by Reynolds which is designed to help the university attract especially well-qualified students.
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A PRESIDENT, QUEEN, AND GOVERNOR?—(Charlotte)—Dr. Reginald A. Hawkins (R), a gubernatorial candidate in North Carolina, raps to Miss JCSU Gail Hinsley and Smith

president Lionel Newsom following his forty minute speech to the Smith student body at Martin Luther King Memorial Services.