

WORDS OF WISDOM

the reason some parents no longer LEAD their children in the RIGHT DIRECTION is because the parents aren't going that way themselves.

Work is the YEAST that raises the Dough.
Don't let yesterday use up too much of today.

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Black Caucus Has Successful Beginning



WOW IS CERTAINLY APPROPRIATE whether talking about pretty girls like Rosie Senior or the new Chrysler-Plymouth/Dodge dealer training program for Women On Wheels. The

WOW graduate will be able to "talk car" and fix one with a couple of screw drivers, a wrench and pliers. It begins this week.

More Than 500 Blacks Gather On Campus At Shaw University Sat.

By JAMES VAUGHAN

The noise level, a typical part of any convention, was high; excitement ran rampant, likewise, an accustomed convention trait. But business was conducted, and the N.C. Black Caucus, the statewide Black political convention was a success.

More than 500 blacks from counties throughout the State assembled on the campus of Shaw University Saturday at 10:00 a.m. The group proceeded to adopt a 19-page resolution containing eight sections and to elect delegates from congressional districts to attend the March 10-12 National Black Convention in Gary, Indiana.

Despite N.C. convention planners' contention that the Saturday meeting was burdened by a time element, and should have been planned several months in advance, those in attendance and elected officials stated that the turnout and results of the caucus were gratifying.

Chapel Hill Mayor Howard Lee, a candidate for the U.S.

Congress stated that: "The Caucus was very fruitful. This, of course, is not to say that such things as timing does not have to be improved. But the turnout and interest mark a good start."

Mayor Lee is a member of the National Caucus Steering committee and one of the first black elected officials to suggest such a move by blacks. He suggested that, "in the future we hope to base our conventions on a three-point plan: politics, economics and communications."

John Wheeler, head of the Durham Committee On Black (See CAUCUS 8A)

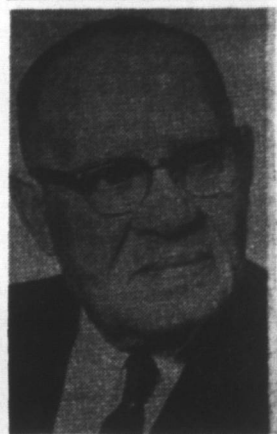
ATTY. M. HUGH THOMPSON IS NAMED BAR PRESIDENT

Durham County Ass'n Picks First Black as Head

M. Hugh Thompson, often referred to as the Dean of Black Lawyers of Durham, was elected, by unanimous vote, to serve as president of the Durham County Bar Association on February 24, 1972. Thompson is the first black attorney in North Carolina to head a county bar association.

Atty. Thompson has been engaged in the practice of law in Durham for 48 years. A legal scholar, he has long been respected in court circles. During these years his legal practice has been conducted in the highest tradition.

His high school education was completed in Newark, New Jersey where his uncle lived. From there he attended Syracuse University in New York. (See PICKED 8A)



ATTORNEY THOMPSON

Neighborhood Registration Drive Continues

Last Friday and Saturday, over 1,200 people filled out applications for registration in a Voter Registration Drive conducted by the Durham Committee on Voter Registration. It was one of the largest registration efforts ever held in Durham County, and the Committee on Voter Registration considered it to have been very successful.

People wanting to register literally swamped the registration tables at times, and the response was so overwhelming that several of the locations (See DRIVE 8A)

Asa Spaulding Keynote For House Fellows

Asa T. Spaulding, Durham County Commissioner and former President of the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company was invited to address the sixteen 1971-72 White House Fellows at a two hour informal meeting and discussion on March 1, in Washington.

The White House Fellows program was founded October 3, 1964. Each year since then, "a group of 15 to 20 exceptionally promising young citizens" (See KEYNOTE 8A)

William Bell Announces Candidacy For Seat On County Commission

By JAMES VAUGHAN

William Bell, an IBM Electronics engineer of Durham recently announced his candidacy for a seat on the Durham County Commission.

"Greater Community involvement is the real need," he stated. "If the commission is to function in the interest of the people, there must be means whereby people from any section of the community can involve themselves."

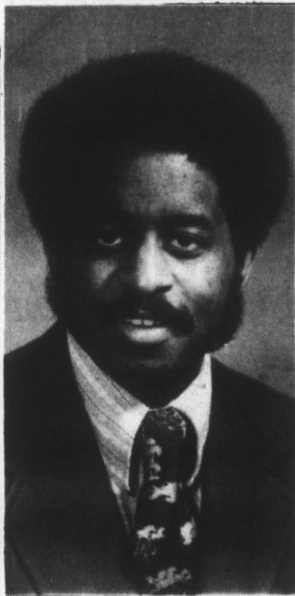
Bell, a soft-spoken graduate of Howard University school of engineering also holds a masters degree in engineering from New York University and has studied at UCLA and the University of Michigan. A resident of Durham since 1968, Bell is a native of Washington,

D.C., but attended public schools in Winston-Salem, N.C.

In an interview, Bell expressed hopes of being able to serve the people and the Commission by digging deeper into the issue of school bond merger stating that "a merger is needed but has to be conducted in such a way as to leave the school systems in a much improved state in the face of the unavoidable expenses to be passed on the public." He mentioned also, concern for such issues as county water and sewage facilities, the new hospital board appointment, which, according to him, "cannot afford to be anything less than reflective of the total county it is to serve—the poor as well as the affluent and blacks as well as whites. No institution serves as inclusive a citizenry as a hospital, every-one gets in need of medical attention."

These and other issues led to a conclusion that Bell, the 31 year old father of a daughter and a son, is a very concerned and involved member of the black community.

It is further substantiated by the various civic organizations he serves including being a member of the trustee Board



BELL

of Covenant Presbyterian Church, Emory Woods Community board, and past president of that organization; a member of the Durham County Emergency School Committee; the board of Southwest Durham Athletic Association and others.

Bell has the full support of the Durham Committee on Black Affairs in his bid for public office.

His wife, Gwendolyn is employed with the Durham City School board.

Income Tax Aid Free of Charge To Community

By JAMES VAUGHAN

A group of North Carolina Central University Law School students have formed a group to operate a center to assist members of the community in filling out income tax reports to file with the Internal Revenue Services.

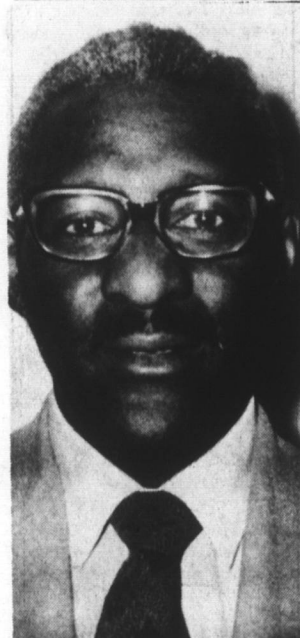
"This service, we feel is much needed in the black community in particular, and we are attempting a beginning of this sort of thing," a spokesman from the group stated.

Churches For Action, a recently formed religious organization for community involvement and service will assist in co-ordinating the group.

Currently, eight students are offering the services free of charge. The central office for the group is at 500 East Pettigrew St., housed in the UOCL office.

The office will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays thru Fridays and from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturdays.

Also, the group will be traveling to different churches



HEADS AFRICAN PROJECT—Dr. Sidney Evans, chairman of the Department of Economics at A&T State University, is scheduled to leave Friday to teach and do research in Uganda. Evans' project is being funded by the U. S. Agency for International Development.

Angela Davis Begins Courtroom Drama; Free Of Fear For Her Life

A courtroom drama—an event to capture the attention of the full range of the black community, young and old, intellectuals and the "run-of-the-mill"—has commenced to

unfold. Angela Davis' trial, after more than 19 months began this week in San Jose, Cal. The promise of a highly consequential series of events to be spurred by the trial focusses the anxious discomings of blacks—anxiety, re-enforced by the controversial figure of Miss Davis and contradictions. She,

a youthful 28 in years, but aged and set in her convictions; a radical, and defiant make-up, yet, undeniably a proven intellectual; and an earnest fighter for black liberation, yet, and avowed Communist.

Jury selection filled the agenda of Superior Court (See ANGELA 8A)



NORTH CAROLINIAN HONORED IN D. C.—North Carolina FHA Director James T. Johnson, 3rd from right, was among those honored at the AFME Founders Day banquet in Washington, D. C., recently. Under Johnson's direction, the North Carolina FHA program has increased almost 90 percent in the amount of credit made available to rural people, and nearly 20 percent in the num-

ber of loans and grants advanced. From left are Rev. Sidney W. William, Jr., Newport News, Va.; Bishop Henry Murph, Presiding Bishop of the 2nd Episcopal District; Director Johnson, Administrator of the Farmers Home Administration James V. Smith, Washington, D. C., and Dr. Larnie G. Horton, President of Kittrell College.

Wilmington: City of Eternal Strife

By JAMES VAUGHAN

CONTACT Volunteer Training For Durham to Start March 13

By JOHN MYERS

CONTACT, a telephone assistance service, will begin the training of its volunteers March 13 at 9:30 a.m. at Calvary United Methodist Church. The evening session will be held Tuesday 14 at 7:30 p.m. at Asbury United Methodist Church.

The training sessions will run a total of 25 weeks and will be held both morning and evening for volunteer's con-

venience. The training will be instructed by Dr. William P. Wilson and a volunteer professional faculty.

The initiation meeting held Feb. 15 received 52 volunteers for the training sessions and plans were made for the opening of a CONTACT center in Durham at the completion of the program in the fall of 1972.

CONTACT will be a telephone advisory center for any (See CONTACT 8A)

Wilmington, following the past weekend of sniper firing, fires and other signs of racially tense community, bears out the suspicion that this North Carolina port city seems destined to an eternal plague of race war.

The most recent violence of that area last Saturday night and Sunday morning left two white men wounded—one creased in the head and the other shot in the leg, both by snipers.

Several car passengers reported being fired upon by snipers including police cruisers in and around the black neighborhood of Wil- (See STRIFE 8A)

N. C. Mutual Life Insurance Co. Case Ruling is Delayed for Week

Orders restraining Mutual Life Insurance Company remains in effect this week as the Durham courts delayed rulings on the company's by-laws.

The trial is a result of a civil suit filed against the company led by Lee B. Porter and other policyholders. The latest ruling on restraint halts the company from soliciting proxies from policyholders who don't plan to attend or vote at the company's annual meeting in March.

Judge Thomas D. Cooper said Mutual can't solicit the proxies unless the mailing includes the printed statement of Lee B. Porter and 20 other policyholders who have challenged the company's management practices in a civil suit.

The controversy centers on a provision of Mutual's bylaws, approved in 1971, which requires the signatures of about 17,000 policyholders to make a nomination to the board of (See MUTUAL 8A)