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In the long run we shape our lives, and we shape

PRICE: TWENTY-CENTS

Wm. Bell Files For Re-Election **To County Board Commissioners**

Housing Officials Asked To

Share In Correction of Bias

Judge Weinstein ruled that

the city's central Board of

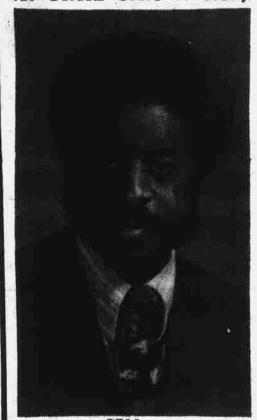
Education and the

community school board had

violated the Constitution.

He, therefore, ordered local

today announced that he would be a Democratic candidate for re-election to the Durham Board of County



Commissioners. He was first elected to the Board of County Commissioners November 1972.

Bell, 33 and an electronic engineer. holds the position of administrative assistant to the IBM Vice-President in the Research Triangle Park. He received his B.S./Electrical Engineering from Howard University, his M.S./Electrical Engineering from New York University and was educated in the public school system in Winston-Salem, N.C. He is also a former officer in the U.S. Army.

I have delayed until today, making a decision to seek re-election in order to evaluate how much time would be detracted from my job, family and other personal affairs in conducting a campaign and, if re-election, my ability to function effectively as a county commissioner.

During the past year, I have gained experience and insight into county government operations and the concerns of Durham residents which has further prepared me to continue serving the people of Durham community further convinces me that the need for Durham to move ahead in the areas of public education, library facilities, health care delivery, water and sewer extensions, mental health, comprehensive planning

(See BELL Page 6A)

by next September. He

scheduled a hearing on the

The class action suit was

filed in August, 1972, by

the National Association for

the Advancement of Colored

People in behalf of several

parents against Community

School Board 21 and School

Chancellor Harvey Scribner.

The local school board

subsequently brought city,

(See HOUSING Page 6A)

party suits against them.

remedy for March 5.



MISS VALJEANNE JONES

History Wk. '74 And Neglected

Since the late 1920s, the week of February 12th has been celebrated nationally, now as "Black History Week." Long known as "Negro History Week," the period was selected because it is the week of Abraham Lincoln's brithdate. Although the Office of Management Lincoln was given the Services at HEW supervising years many Afro-Americans point more to his faults. These persons stress the manner in which he played politics with the rights of Blacks. Now Black History Week may be celebrated on any day in the month of

February. Black History Week was state and Federal housing authorities and agencies into the case by filing third (See CULTURE Page 6A)

Jobless Rate For Black Vets

and rising cost of heating (See CRISIS Page 6A) **NU's Equal Opportunity** Office Adds New Staffer

Needs:

the crisis on the poor.

director of research for the

Joint Center for Political

Studies, told Sen. George

McGovern's Select Committee

on Nutrition and Human

class people, are likely to

"Blacks, like most working

Ms. Valjeanne Jones, most recently with the Department of Health, Education and Welfare in North Carolina Central Chicago, has joined Northeastern University's Office University, Durham, N.C. of Equal Opportunity.

She will assist Richard C. Adams, Equal Opportunity Officer in developing, implementing and monitoring all phases of Northwestern's

affirmative action plan. progam and as a teaching Ms. Jones, who worked in She received a BA degree nick-name "The Great Aid to Dependent Children programs, replaces Ms.

> live in Africa. "Ms. Jones will alos work closely with the Evanston community, Northwestern Staff Advisory Council and other University groups,"

Caroly Tah, who resigned to

Adams said. Ms. Jones is a candidate for a doctorate degree in launched and long-directed by anthropology from Cornell Dr. Carter G. Woodson to University, pending remedy the neglect and completion of her thesis. abuse of his race in written While at Cornell, she also history. There long has been worke'd as a research failure to recognize the assistant to organize data for Cornell's affirmative action

She is also a graduate of Hillside High School. Ms. Jones lives at 1725 Orrignton Ave. in Evanston.

Be Hit Most In Fuel

Ms. Jones is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Carl L. Easterling Cecil Street, Durham.

Special History Being Offered During Nat. Negro History Week

GEORGIA,-During National Negro History week, February 10-16, 1974 a time when the nation will turn its eyes toward observing the contribution of blacks to American History, Coca-Cola USA announced that it will offer an illustrated history book titled "Black Americans" by Dr. John Hope Franklin, a distinguish historian. In making the announcement, Charles H. Boone, Market Planner. Coca-Cola USA, stated that the book will be distributed to consumers through mail in redemptions and will be offered at the point-of-sales as a near-pack premium by participating Bottlers throughout the country. The

Time-Life Book, valued at

\$7.95, is being made

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available from February to March at less than half its published price: \$3.25 with the purchase of the consumer's selected package of Coca-Cola.

"Black Americans," timely provocative book. traces the growth of the slave trade and details how the trade helped ravage the ancient Kindgoms of Africa. It tells of the former slaves in the civil war, of blacks hopes and frustrations through the two world wars and the depression. Further, the book tells of the development of black culture, literature, music and the arts. Finally its presents in text and pictures the leading black spokemen of today. The publisher describe the book as a concise and authoritative presentation by (See HISTORY Page 6A)

WASHINGTON-The current fuel crisis threatens to affect inner-city blacks and other poor most sharply, a black economist has testified to a Durham Native sharply, a black economist has testified to a Herrington J. Bryce, irector of research for the point Center for Bellius of the burden of the energy crisis." congressional committee investigating the effect of **School Position** Consequences of the



MRS. LASSITER

Mrs. Louise Lassiter, wife of Durham native Ernest Lee Lassiter, has been named Special Assistant in the Baltimore City School System.

The daughter-in-law of Mr & Mrs. Narvie H. Lassiter of Route 3 Durham. Mrs. Lassiter has administrative responsibility for 500, pupils their 35 teachers and counselors at the 2,000-pupil Pimlico Junior High School.

She is also responsible for the supervision of all school assemblies, the honor society, school aides, student affairs and summer school. Additional duties include

the supervision of curriucim and instruction in the school's Art, Home Economics, Special Education and Library Science Department. Mrs. Lassiter holds a B.S. Degree from Tuskegee Institute, Alabama, and a M.Ed. Degree and an Advanced Certificate in Supervision and Administration from Loyola College, Baltimore.

Durham area relatives include in-laws Mr. & Mrs. Willis C. Lassiter of 3000 Driftwood Road, Mrs. Gladys L. Bynum, 1306 Lakewood Avenue, Mr. & Mrs. Lewis (See NATIVE Page 6A)

(See HOUSING Page 6A) **Legislators Answer Queries At** Women Voters League Breakfast

In FY '74, Labor Dept. Reports

contractors were awarded Clark said that with the

more than \$21 million or establishment of the Office

8.1 percent of the total in of Procurement Policy, the

contract awards for purchase department's Minority

of goods and services during Business Program has

the 1973 fiscal year, the received special emphasis to

U.S. Department of Labor assure that minority

"Awards to black, the action" through the

Hispanic, Indian and other competitive procurement

percentage points at a time To further foster and

when the department's total promote minority business

procurement during the year firms, the department has

for administration and (See CONTRACTS Page 6A)

minority firms rose by 1.6 process.

assistant secretary of labor

decreased," Fred G. Clark, established:

WASHINGTON-Minority management, said.

judge's ruling presented great authorities to prepare plans

promise as another means for integrating the school.

for bringing about the He gave them until March 1

Capital punishment, food delegation. sales tax, corporal Legislators sponsored by the League of Women Voters. The opportunity is being provided for private citizens of Durham to hear and get first hand information relating to their areas of

systems on a

metropolitan-wide basis in

that it involved a single

school. Mark Twain Junior

High in the Coney Island

section of the borough. The

desegregation of northern

Legislators present punishment, for landowners, included Rep. H.M. Michaux, Landlord-Tenant relations Jr., Rep. George W. Miller, Urban Renewal and coastal Jr., Rep Willis P. Whichard environmental safeguards and Senator Kenneth Royal, were among the several all Durham Democrats. questions posed by Durham's Senator Gordon Allen of citizens at the first of a Roxboro was unable to be series of Breakfasts with present. Rep. Willis P. Whichard is now running for Senator Allen's seat.

All legislators gave their views relating to the several questions asked by citizens. Speaking of chances of getting the state tax for interests by the Durham (See LEGISLATORS Page 6A)

enterprises get "a piece of

A minority business

WASHINGTON-The unemployment rate for 20-to34-year-old Black veterans, was down to 5.2 percent, a substantial improvement over the quarter and over the year, the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics reports.

The black veteran's jobless rate dropped below that of their nonveterans peers (7.6 percent), but remained higher than the 3.6 percent rate of the white veteran.

The overall employment of Vietnam era veterans 20 to 34 years old continued to increase in the 1973 fourth quarter, reaching 5.3 million. The number of unemployed and the unemployment rate fell to their lowest seasonally adjusted levels in over three

Veteran's employment increased by 190,000 over the quarter, unemployment was reduced by about 50,000 to 225,000, and the

Improves Labor Dept. Reports one percentage point to 4.1 percent.

> The lower unemployment rate resulted largely from the generally improved job market during 1973 and special efforts to employ veterans.

In addition, a growing majority of Vietnam era veterans have been out of the service for several years and have gotten settled into jobs.

The unemployment rates (See JOBLESS Page 6A)



CHATS WITH EASTER SEALS POSTER KIDS-MILWAUKEE, Atlanta Braves Hank Aaron only one homer away from Babe Ruth's career record of 714, chatted with Milwaukee Easter Seal Poster Kids, James Boser, 7, (L) and Eric Janke, 8. Aaron received the Super Star Award from the Milwaukee Baseball Writers at their dinner.

Gov. Names Black To N.C. **Alcohol Research Authority**

Dr. A.M. Witherspoon, Ass't Professor of Botany at North Carolina State University in Raleigh has been appointed to serve as a member of the North Carolina Alcoholism Research Authority.

The N.C. Alcoholism Research Authority was created under an act ratified during the 1973 Session of the General Assembly to receive funds from State, Federal, private and other resources for expenditures on research as to the causes and effects of alcohol abuse and alcoholism and for the training of alcohol research personnel. The Authority will appropriate these funds in the form of grants to non-profit corporations, organizations, agencies, or institutions engaging in such research or training.

Dr. Witherspoon, a native of Baltimore, Maryland, received his elementary and secondary education in that city's schools. He holds a B.S. degree from Claffin University, Orangeburg, S.C., Master in Education from Carbondale, Illinois, and

Governor James E

Holshouser has appointed a Black, Warrenton, North Carolina woman to the new North Carolina Criminal Justice Education and Tranining Council, Dr. Larnie G. Horton,

Special Assistant to the Governor said Ms. Ada Johnson, a retired elementary school teacher, is among four persons named by the Governor to serve on the council. .

Ms. Johnson is (See WARRENTON Page 6A) Southern Illinois University, the M.S. and Ph. D. degree

from North Carolina State

University. Highly regarded in the Botanical field, he is a member of the National Research Council, Dominion of Canada, Auspices, Dalhousie University, Nova Scotia, Canada, Auspices, Dalhousie University, Nova Scotia, Canada, Scientific Materials Selection Comm. State Department of Instruction, Affirmative Action Committee for Minority Employment and Recruitment, N.C. State University and Chairman on Public and Social Relations, St. Paul A.M.E. Church in Raleigh.

The Alcoholism Authority consists of nine

NEW YORK-A Federal judge has, for the first to present their plans with a time, place a major share of the burden of public school desegregation on officials responsible for setting housing patterns and ordered these officials at city, state and Federal levels to participate in ending segregation in a Brooklyn School. The ruling by U.S. District Court Judge Jack B. Weinstein was also significant in that it displayed a growing trend by the judiciary to avoid the murky lines between de jure and de facto segregation, which ostensibly characterize racial separation Patterns in the South and North, respectively. The cast was distinct | inner-city schools not only from other efforts to in New York but throughout desegregate northern school the rest of the nation.