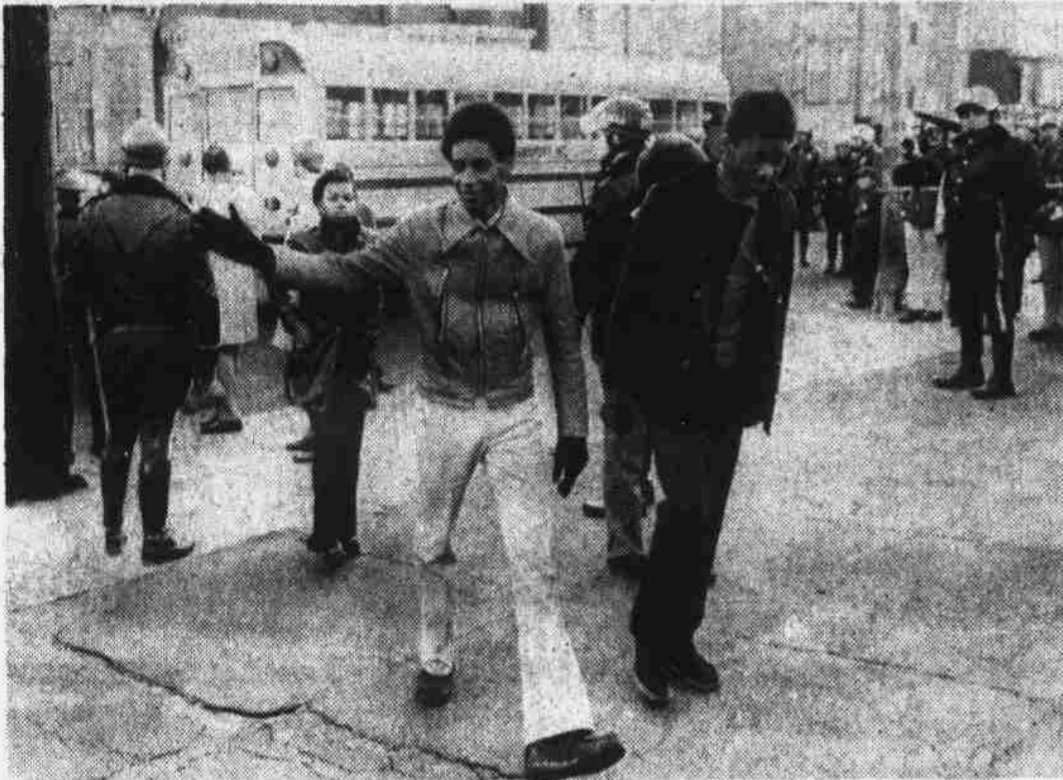


More Than 4 Million Vets Eligible For Loans



TROUBLED SCHOOL OPENS—A black student waves as he arrives at South Boston High School after it opened under heavy police protection. The school had been closed since December when a white student was stabbed and violence erupted.

More than four million veterans, whose GI home loans have been paid in full, are potentially eligible for new loans guaranteed by the Veterans Administration under legislation approved by the President December 31.

New loans are possible also for some four and a half million who now have loans outstanding when their current GI loan is paid off and the home purchased with it has been disposed of.

The broadened eligibility rules apply to all veterans who have served since the beginning of World War II.

VA Administrator Richard L. Roudebush said the recent legislation follows a trend of relaxing eligibility for the VA guaranteed loans set by Congress over the past decade. The changes have been made possible by the continued good credit record set by veteran borrowers, he noted.

Other provisions of the December 31 law designed to make GI loans more attractive to both lenders and borrowers are:

an increase from \$12,500 to \$17,500 in the maximum

portion of a GI loan which VA can guarantee. There is no limit on the amount of the loan to which the VA guarantee applies.

a provision for loans to purchase lots on which to place mobile home units already owned by veterans.

an increase in the maximum permissible loan amount for a single width mobile home unit to \$12,500 and double wide to \$20,000.

removal of the July 1, 1975, delimiting date for guaranteeing loans on mobile home and mobile home lots.

liberalizing rules for guaranteeing loans on used mobile homes.

streamlining processing of loan approvals through VA approved lenders.

broadened possibilities on guaranteeing loans on one-family condominiums by removing link to HUD insurance.

The maximum grant to certain disabled veterans in need of special housing was also increased from \$17,500 to \$25,000 by the December 31 law.

The new law also closed out VA's farm and business loan program, it was pointed out.

New Law Broadens Aid To Veterans

The U.S. Department of Labor has acquired major new responsibilities to provide job aid to disabled and Vietnam-era veterans, Secretary of Labor Peter J. Brennan announced.

Under the Vietnam Era Veteran's Readjustment Assistance Act of 1974, adopted Dec. 3, the Department is charged with administering a stronger and broader program to aid veterans.

The Department's new responsibilities include: Assuring that federal contractors and subcontractors "take affirmative action to hire and advance in employment" qualified disabled and Vietnam-era veterans.

Enforcing the reemployment rights of veterans who held jobs with state and local governments before entering military service.

Extending priority job counseling and placement services for veterans to spouses

of certain veterans. Assisting the U.S. Civil Service Commission in developing affirmative action regulations for the employment of disabled veterans in federal agencies.

Under the previously existing federal law, government contractors were

required only to give "special emphasis" to veterans' employment. Stronger affirmative action provisions in the new law apply to firms holding federal contracts or subcontracts worth \$10,000 or more and cover all work of such firms, not just federal contract work.

WSSU Bio-Medical Project Awarded Funds By NIH

Dr. Wilveria Atkinson, Director of Project Strengthen at Winston-Salem State University has announced the receipt of a grant of \$48,730 awarded by the Minority Bio-Medical Support Program of the National Institutes of Health. The award will fund the project through Dec. 31.

Project Strengthen is a program designed to provide research opportunities in bio-medical sciences for both

faculty and students. Its specific aim is to offer participating students better insight and background for careers in the health related sciences.

The basic concept is that an atmosphere of scientific curiosity, which research engenders, is a critical ingredient for a successful career in medicine, dentistry or the teaching profession in higher education.

Morehouse Receives Grant From Standard Oil

Dr. Hugh M. Gloster, President of Morehouse College, has announced that the College has received \$20,000 from Standard Oil Company of California toward the construction of the John H. Wheeler Business Administration-Social Sciences classroom building.

The presentation of the award was made at a noon luncheon at the Commerce Club Wednesday, January 8. Mr. Willis J. Price, President of Standard Oil Company of Kentucky, presented the check to President Gloster. Construction of the

building, which is included in the College's Second-Century Development Campaign, will increase and enhance the physical plant of Morehouse.

The three-story brick structure will house the Departments of Business Administration and Economics, Psychology, Computer Science, Political Science and Sociology. Each department will have faculty offices and classroom facilities.

The building will also house a small library, a faculty lounge, an auditorium, and laboratories. Estimated total cost of the building is \$1,345,000.

The building will be named after John H. Wheeler, a distinguished alumnus of Morehouse, a member of the College's Board of Trustees, and President of the Mechanics and Farmers Bank.

NCCU Alumna Heads Program In Worcester

Mrs. Byrdie Burner Wilson, an alumna of North Carolina Central University, Durham, has been appointed director of the Family Nurse Practitioner Program at Worcester Hahnemann Hospital in Worcester.

Mrs. Wilson, a registered nurse who holds a master's degree in nursing service administration from New York University, is the first director of the program, which began in March. The program offers training which enable the professional nurses who graduate from it to provide judgement based health care to individuals and family members of all ages.

Ms. Wilson has been employed by the Harlem Hospital, the Hospital of the Albert Einstein College of Medicine, and the Visiting Nurses Association of New York City. She joined Worcester Hahnemann Hospital after serving as director of nursing at the Neighborhood Maternity Center in the Bronx, New York.

The program directed by Mrs. Wilson is the first such program in the Northeast based at a hospital. Similar programs in the area concentrate on the areas of adult health care or pediatric care.



EXPLAINS HOW TO RECHARGE IMPLANTED PACEMAKER—Dr. Robert C. Hauser, chief of the cardiovascular monitoring units at Presbyterian, St. Luke's hospital, shows Mrs. Earnestine Bass how to recharge her implanted pacemaker. Believed to be the first rechargeable unit placed in a Chicago patient, it will eliminate the need for future operations to replace the battery. Mrs. Bass will be able to recharge it at home. UPI

State To Present Symposium On Blacks In Southern History

Three public symposia at North Carolina State University, scheduled for Jan. 30, Feb. 20 and April 7, will examine Blacks in Southern history.

The session, sponsored by the School of Liberal Arts, will feature nationally recognized authors Robert W. Fogel of the University of Chicago and Eugene D. Genovese of the University of Rochester.

Fogel's "Time on the Cross" and Genovese's "Roll, Jordan, Roll" have been judged as outstanding books by several national news magazines. The two will appear during the April 7 symposium to discuss new perspectives on American slavery.

James Crisp and Donald Scott of the NCSU History Department are coordinators for the symposia. Crisp said the purpose is "To point out the importance of the Black experience in Southern history."

The session on Jan. 30, entitled "Shades of Black and White" and set for 7:30 p.m. in Room 216, Poe Hall, will present George M. Fredrickson of Northwestern University and Joel Williamson of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. William C. Harris, NCSU associate professor of history and a specialist on Reconstruction, will be moderator.

Fredrickson is the author of "The Black Image in the White Mind: The Debate on Afro-American Character and Destiny, 1817-1914," published in 1971 by Harper and Row. The book is said to have penetrated the surface of racist theory, analyzed and categorized racist thought and provided a better understanding of race problems in America.

Joel Williamson has written "After Slavery," a book which deals with race attitudes

prevalent after the Civil War and continuing to the 20th century. During the symposium he will examine W.E.B. Du Bois' writings, presenting way of lookign at black and white.

Bi-racial politics will be the topic of the Feb. 20 meeting. Participants will be LaWanda Cox of Hunter College, Sheldon Hackney of Princeton University, Dan T. Carter of the University of Maryland and Helen G. Edmonds of North Carolina Central University.

In addition to authors Fogel and Genovese, panelists for the April 7 symposium which will coincide with NCSU's Annual Pan-African Festival, will be Lster H. Owens of the University of Michigan, Kenneth M. Stampp of the University of California at Berkeley and Richard N. Current of the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

First Va. Black Judge To Speak For PH Masons

PETERSBURG, VA.—The honorable James E. Sheffield, Virginia's first black circuit court judge in this century, will be the guest speaker when Prince Hall Masons of Virginia celebrate their 100th anniversary in a program at First Baptist Church in Petersburg, Sunday, Jan. 26.

Judge Sheffield, the first black ever appointed a judge of a circuit court in the city of Richmond, will be the keynote speaker at the first in a series of five programs sponsored by the centennial committee of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Virginia.

The other four programs in the series will be held in February and March at Norfolk, May in Alexandria, June in Richmond, and September in Roanoke where the 100th annual communication of the MWPHGL of Virginia will also take place.

First Baptist Church in Petersburg is the site where the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Virginia was first organized as a fraternal order in December of 1875.

The general public is invited to attend the 3:30 p.m. celebration.

Judge Sheffield is a native of Hot Springs, Ark. He graduated from the University of Illinois with a B.A. degree in political science and from Howard University with a L.L.B. degree in law, cum laude (with honors).



PRESENTS SERVICE PLAQUE—Mr. Jacob Lewis, Jr., District Manager of the Roanoke District presents the service plaque to James A. Holmes who retires from the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company after the completion of thirty-two years of meritorious service. Mr. Holmes is active in community and civic affairs, and is a member of St. Paul United Methodist Church. He is married to the former Natalie Fields of Pittsburgh, Pa.

Outbreak Of Head and Body Crablice Reported Throughout North Carolina

An outbreak of head, body and crab lice has been reported throughout North Carolina, according to Dr. J. N. MacCormack, head of the Communicable Disease Control Branch of the Division of Health Services.

MacCormack said the infestation appears to include people of all ages and sexes.

"Lice are more apt to be spread among members of the same household than through office of classroom contact," MacCormack explained. "However, crab lice (which infect the public region) can be spread through toilet contact. Most frequently they are spread through sexual contact and the

infestation is actually considered a venereal disease." The public health official said the most important thing is to get people infected with lice treated. He urged that all members of a household should be treated regardless of how many appear to be infected at the time.

"Lice are discovered mostly in the hair, eyebrows, under the arms and of course, in the public region," MacCormack noted. "If treatment is not started immediately in the areas can become irritated from persistent scratching, resulting in an infection. The critters are hard to see when

there are only one or two present. Itching begins when they lay their eggs and multiply."

MacCormack said the nits (or eggs) can easily be confused with flakes of dandruff. He said the best way to tell them apart is that the nit is considerably harder to remove because of the way it attaches itself to the hair shaft.

The epidemiologist said there are primarily two preparations recommended for treatment of lice. "Kwell" is a prescription drug and has to be prescribed by a doctor. A-200 can be purchased over the counter.



Dr. R.E. Dawson, newly elected member of the Board of Directors of Mutual Savings and Loan Assn. stands between J.S. Stewart, president of the Association and W.J. Kennedy, Jr. Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Assn.