Local Deaths and Funerals

THOMAS BOYD STROUD

Thomas Boyd Stroud of

1023 Morehead Avenue died

Wednesday, January 15, at his

Funeral services were held

at 2:00 p.m. at Russell

Memorial on Saturday, Jan. 18.

Rev. L.H. Whelchel officiated.

Mrs. Fannie T. Stroud of the

home, two daughters, Mrs.

Ruth S. Lewis of Portsmouth,

N.H. and Mrs. Grace S.

Thornton, of Durham, three

sisters, Mrs. Fannie Tapp, Mrs.

Louise Wooten, both of

Durham, and Mrs. Ella Chrisp

of Atlantic City, N.J., one

brother, Wilbur F. Stroud of

Durham, eight grandchildren

Interment was in

I wish to thank eacy of you

for your kindness shown me

during the bereavement of my

dear husband, Baxter Rigsbee

Your cards, telegrams, flowers

and many gifts helped to

Ida M. Rigsbee

made of. From the beautiful

ballad tribute to Duke

Ellington titled "He loved Him

Madly," to the African

rhythms of "Mtume," to the

blues rock of "Red China

Blues," to the special funk of

"Honky Tonk" and "Rated

X," this album is a work of art

by a man who cannot be

categorized. If anyone receives

any awards, gold records, etc.,

it should be the public that is

finally ready.

and one great grand-child.

Beechwood Cemetery.

LETTER OF THANKS

My dear Friends:

lighten my heavy heart.

May God bless you.

Survivors include his wife,



FUNERAL SERVICES HELD FOR EDGAR W. PRATT

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Jan. 21, at the White Rock Baptist Church for Edgar W. Pratt who died Jan. 18 at Duke University Medical Center, Rev. Lorenzo A. Lynch delivered the eulogy.

Mr. Pratt was born in Durham and spent his early years in the city. He attended the Durham City Schools, graduating from Hillside High School. He joined White Rock Baptist Church at an early age and was a member of the Senior Choir. He later became director of the Kyles Temple A,M.E. Zion Church Choir.

For a number of years he lived in Washington, D.C. and New York City. He later returned to Durham where he joined his brother in business until he retired due to ill health

He is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Gwendetta Pratt Boyd of New York City, a sister, Mrs. Gladys Pratt Newby of Gary, Ind., a brother, Enmett C. Pratt, and several neices and nephews.

Burial was in Beechwood Cemetery.

Most " music" enthusiasts,

with" the "exception of

hard-core jazz people, look

upon Miles Davis as some sort

of King of Jazz, the type of

musician one acknowledges as

the best because everyone says

he's the best. Many people

have never taken the time to

listen to the music of Miles. He

has become the most unknown

King. There are even people

who don't like his music who,

declare he is the best. Why

this mysterious adulation for

Miles? Is it because he has never commercialized his music? Is it because he has been the guiding force between the formation of several

popular jazz/rock bands of today? Maybe its because of his celebrated liefstyle. Is he

idolized because there are so many obvious music impostors

around these days. Surely the fact that he was the first jazz artist to use heavy electronic music successfully to create his

sound has proudced innumerable permanent fans,

who forgot that there was a

highly creative Miles Davis

Miles laughs at attempts to

catergorize him, explain his

fame or compare him to this

musician and that musician. It

seems that the greatest

compliment to the man is that

in reality he cannot be

adequately catorized as a jazz

musician, Jazz/rock or jazz

R&B musician. How can one

categorize the music of

"Bitches Brew," the offering

from Miles that started an

entire new trend in popular

music? The closest we can

come to a description is a bit

putrid and unfair to his

creative abiliites. He combines

many types of music into

haunting chord patterns that

are unpredictable and seem

almost as if they are alive with

character that is a bit more

than music. There is a

communicated feeling that

grabs you and says, "Don't try

and understand for it may be

above you, but listen, you may

learn something, or get the

feeling you always hope to get

from listening to great music,

that inner stimulation that

Miles Davis says that if his

music does indeed give that

type of stimulation it is

because he is 80% music and

20% all of the other things

people are made of. In his

latest album on Columbia

Records, "Get Up With It,"

rhythm gives your soul."

before synthesization.

Miles Davis Is Looked

Upon As King Of Jazz

NCCU Law Grad Durham Man Named Employee Of The Month Chosen For Dis. Judgeship

Donald Earl Ramseur of Castonia has been named by Governor Jim Holshouser to fill a district court judgeship in Gaston County.

Ramseur was selected from four names submitted by the judicial district bar association, which includes Gaston, Lincoln, and Cleveland Counties.

Dr. Larnie G. Horton, Special Assistant to the Governor for Minority Affairs, noted that the Ramseur appointment brings to six the number of black judges in North Carolina.

EUBANKS

Norman B. Eubanks,

Administrative Supply

Techician with the U.S.

Environmental Protection

Agency, has been named

employee of the month by the

for your

The cutest doll or the most

realistic model truck can be a

potential hazard to a young

child unless parents use care in

the selection of toys, warns Dr.

Albert H. Domm, child safety

specialist and medical director

Company.

Dr. Albert

H. Domm

apart.

hobbies.

the Prudential Insurance

"The parent must realize how

dangerous a toy can become

when it is poorly made or un-

sharp points or edges." Special

attention should be given to

dolls and toy animals. The

child can choke on their stuff-

ing or button-eyes if they fall

As the youngster grows old-

er. Dr. Domm suggests toys

which are large, sturdy and

have no removable small parts. He advises that extreme cau-

tion be exercised before buying

any electrical toys or "projec-

tile" toys, such as a bow and

arrow. Likewise, parents should

be sure their child is mature

enough before allowing him to

own chemistry sets or engage

in other potentially dangerous

suitable for

a toddler's

age brack-

et," says Dr.

For infants

he recom-

mends toys

"too large to

swallow, too

tough to

break, and

without

Domm.

child's safety

Prior to his appointment, Ramseur was a member of the law firm of Ramseur and Gingle.

A Cleveland County native, Ramseur is a graduate of Johnson C. Smith University. He received his law degree from North Carolina Central University in 1954.

Ramseur has been active in various governmental and civic affairs, including holding memberships on the Gastonia City Board of Education, the Gastonia Mayor's Commission on Human Relations, and the Gaston Memorial Hospital Board of Truestees. He is also the founder and current Board Memember of the Gaston Boys Club. Other activities include President of Citizen Credit Union in Gastonia, member of N.C. Bar and N.C. Assn., of Black Lawyers.



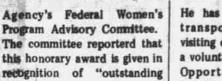
Through proper care the toughest of the man-made fabrics - nylon underthings - not only can be kept white and fresh, but most times they can be re-whitened after they turn vellow.

Wash them only with other white things because the colors in nylons transfer. Use hot water and a gentle

wash cycle with the recomtergent and a bleach substitute such as Borateem Plus, which deodorizes the garments and keeps them relatively odor free during the next wearing.

By comparison, colored nylons should be washed in warm water, also at the gentle cycle setting. This will help hold the colors fast. A fabric softener in the rinse water will check static

Delicate, silk-like nylon blouses should be washed in warm water (120°F), except those with lace trim. They should be hand washed. Iron at low temperature.



job performance and sincere conern for humanity." Eubanks joined the Environmental Protection Agency in 1970. Since coming to EPA, he has helped in the establishment of the Agency's mailroom and motor pool sections and served as Chief of both areas until 1973. Recently, Eubanks set-up a self service supply store at the Agency's National Environmental Research Center, located in the Research Triangle Park, for use by EPA

employees from all facilities.

transportation services to visiting dignitaries and serves as a volunteer Equal Employment Opportunity Representative for fellow employees.

Eubanks, now a senior at Shaw University, has been working toward a degree, part time, for the past eleven years. Plans for the future include a masters degree which he watns to utilize at the middle Management Level for the government.

Eubanks' wife, Spanola, is director of Library Services at Dorothea Dix Hospital in Raleigh. The couple have a five year old daughter, Sherry Lynn, and live at 2201 Wise Place, Durham.

the publication of the first

volume of a series of Dr.

DuBois' unpublished writings

and letters by the University of

reported 22 persons were killed

and 56 were injured Saturday

when an express train derailed

near Qalyub, 10 miles north of

- Police

Massachusetts Press.

CAIRO, Egypt .

Widow of Dr. DuBois Invited To Teach Creative Writing

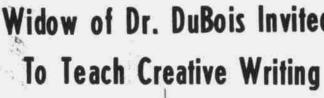
AMHERST, MASS.-Mrs. Shirley Graham DuBois, widow of Dr. W.E.B. DuBois, will be returning to the United States this month to teach creative writing during the Spring semester here at the University of Massachusetts, it was announced last week.

Mrs. DuBois, author of 11 books, resides in Cairo, Egypt, where she has lived since her expulsion from Ghana following the coup that overthrew the government of

She was accompanied on her trip by her brother, Lorenze Graham and his wife Ruth Morris Graham, both writers of books for children, her son, David G. DuBois, editor-in-chief of the Black Panther Party, and her lawyer, Bernard Jaffe of New York

Households with children of differing ages can present problems. "The elder ones must be taught to keep their playthings out of the reach of their younger brothers and sisters," says

Dr. Domm.



Dr. Kwame Nkrumah in 1966.

Her first published novel, "Zulu Heart," was recently released by The Third Press. Her biography of Tanzanian President Julius Nyerere is due for release soon by the same publisher. Mrs. DuBois is currently at work on a book on the women of China.

She recently made an extended visit to China (her sixth) where she collected naterials for her book on the women in China.

Last year the University of Massachusetts announced the acquisition of the very valuable papers of Dr. DuBois. Mrs. DuBois came here then from Cairo to make the formal presentation and to announced

At the inaugural celebration for the new Governor of Colorado, the entertainment included Mexican, Soul and Gospel music. Stands to reason since the new Lieutenant Governor, George Brown, is black. At a similar affair in NYC, there was a steel band, a Latin ballet troupe, a Greek band, a jazz band, a dance orchestra and an Irish bagpipe band. But ethnic booths featured only Italian, Greek, Israeli and Polish food.



Black Empowerment

By Dr. Nathaniel Wright, Jr.

HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVIST

" NEW BLACK DEPRESSION"

Black Americans of my vintage, and even of a few years younger, will remember quite will the period of the Great Depression. Officially begun in the late 1920's, the depression era had begun effectively for black Americans some years earlier. The age-old, and seemingly endless pattern, of being the "last hired and first fired" had been in operation since the ending of the Reconstruction in the 1870's. Still blacks debated their plight, were dealt with respectfully through the back or side doors of the White House and so had some measure of hope.

It was not until World War I that blacks came to know for certain that they were to be the indefinite economic and social outcasts of America. It was the worldrenounced, idealistic and scholarly President, Woodrow Wilson, who gratuitously re-segregated the public toilets in Washington, D.C., and who abruptly terminated the unofficial presidential meetings with black advisors on black needs and aspirations. He invited this latter group to leave quickly by the same door by which they had entered, adding tersely that no white man had to respect as binding any commitment he might have made with a

This, it might be said, was the point at which the great Depression began for black Americans. The greatest black semblance of economic power, and of political bargaining clout, ironically was built into the structure of segregation. The carrying of passenger's bags for the railroads, the making of beds, shining of sho he cooking and serving of meals on the trains represented the most secure large-scale economic opportunity in the black community in the period immediately following World War I.

I well remember all of the fir ly and proudly dressed black men who looked like bankers and who visited our home when I was a youngster. They were among the economic cream of the black community. They held forth in high style in the black drug stores, pool halls and barber shops. They were the deacons and trustees (and even vestrymen!) of the churches and they comprised much of the leadership ranks of the Masons and the Elks.

Collectively they presented themselves as a power force and voice for black liberation in A. Phillip Randolph's incomparable, and still unsurpassed, black Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters. With the precipitous decline of the railroads and the ending of bagyage carrier's segregation, the bottom fell out of this power structure.

· A note or two further regarding the men who worked on "the road" speaks graphically of our long continuing plight of economic depression during the 1910's, 20's, 30's and 40's. When I moved from the Mid-west to Boston in 1947, there was an average of slightly more than one college degree per man among the red caps in Boston's famed South Station. The third job which a presently sitting black judge in Boston had before being called to the bench was carryin bags in South Station. A distinguished black bishop of the Episcopal Church who died just a few years ago had followed much the same route.

It is a relatively easy matter to forget the difficulties in one's past. But we do so as black Americans to our peril. We have experienced, in fact, only an awesomely few non-depression years. These could be marked roughly from the end of World War II to the middle of the 1950's. Lest we forget, it was in response to a lack of black economic and social progress that the seeds of unrest were sown leading to the rise of such leaders as Martin Luther King Jr. and Malcolm X and to the hope-laden response of President John Fitzgerald Kennedy in 1962. We have never been on what might be called "the fat side" for very

The Census Bureau tells us of the sad statistics for 1973 regarding the unclosing social and economic gap between white and black Americans in a report circulated currently by the NAACP.

Median black family income was down to 58% of white family income after reaching 61% in 1969. Even in 1969 white families, on the average, were nearly 40% better off than blacks. Is this the kind of "progress" that more than 100 years of freedom should require?

Earnings of white families from 1969 to 1978 outstripped price increases by 6.1%. Meanwhile black families below the poverty line increased by 160,000 while 350,000 white families moved above the line, that is in exactly the opposite direction. From elsewhere, we learn that if black workers were paid as much as whites for the same work, black earned incomes would rise by 27%.

Let's not let the spending power of the relief checks and of the momentary unemployment compensation checks fool us. These are marks of a depression. When your community's unemployment rate has reached 15 per cent, you are long passed the entry point of a depression. That's where we, as black Americans, we today.



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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CONDITION

Mechanics & Farmers Bank

Of Durham in the State of North Carolina and Domestic Subsidiaries of the close of Business on December 31, 1974

ASSETS

Cash and due from banks	3,777,410.06
U.S. Treasury securities	4,326,762.80
Obligation of Federal Financing Bank	4,326,762.80
Obligations of other U.S. Government	3 5
agencies and corporations	5,396,502.40
agencies and corporations Obligations of States and political subdivisions	9,367,354.08
Other securities	15,033.17
Federal funds sold and securities purchased	
Federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to result and a securities purchased	250,000.00
Other loans	14,469,914.66
Bank premises, furniture and fixtures, and other	
assets representing bank premises	910,008.16
Real estate owned other than bank premises	10,212.35
Other assets	398,724.87
TOTAL ASSETS	38,921,922.55
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LIABILITIES

and corporations		2,267,777.9\$
Time and savings deposits of individ		7 000 707 34
		7,698,727.24
Deposits of United States Governmen		1,435,375.05
Deposits of States and political subdi-	visions	2,892,626.52
Certified and officers' checks, etc		721,988.62
TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$35,061,495.38	= 05. 05. 523
(a) Total demand deposits		
(b) Total time and savings depo	sits\$19,403,727.24	
Mortgage indebtedness		194,402.43
Total liabilities		451,641.88
TOTAL LIABILITIES	3	5.662,539.69
MINORITY INTEREST IN CONSO	LIDATED	
SUBSIDIARIES	\$	28,150.56

RESERVE ON LOANS AND SECURITIES

Ř.	Reserve for bad debt losses on loans\$	152,050.3
Ř.	Reserves on securities	1.500.0
8	TOTAL RESERVES ON LOANS AND SECURITIES\$	153,550.3
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CAPITAL ACCOUNTS

8	Capital notes and debentures	.8	660,000.00
8	Equity capital, total		2,417,681.97
	Common stock - total par value (No. shares authorized 200,000)	œ.	701,505.00
8	(No. shares outstanding 140,401)		
8	TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS TOTAL LIABILITIES, RESERVES,	-	3,077,681.97
8	AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	.30	8,921,922.5

MEMORANDA

	197
Average of total deposits for the 15 calendar days ending with call date	\$24.010.100 and
Average of total loans for the 15 calendar days	\$34,918,177.29
ending with call date	\$15,805,537.18
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Total deposit of the state of North Carolina or any	2
official thereof	\$1,120,058.49

I, J. B. Anglin, Jr., Comptroller, of the above-named, do solemnly swear that this report of condition is true and correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

J. B. ANGLIN, IR.

Correct-Attest:

W. J. KENNEDY, JR. J. H. WHEELER J. S. STEWART

State of North Carolina, County of Durham, ss: Sworn to and subscribed before me this 14th day of January, 1975, and I hereby certify that I am not an officer or director of this bank. JOSEPHINE S. STRAYHORNE,

NOTARY PUBLIC My Commission Expires December 10, 1979.