

Words of Wisdom

My grandmother used to say, "Prepare for the future but never fear it."
—Faith Baldwin

Happiness is a byproduct—just as the fragrance of homemade bread can be created only by baking it.
—"Register-Tribune"

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BY ELVA P. DEJARMON

Black History Week will be observed during the week of Feb. 9 through Feb. 16. The 1975 General Theme is "Fulfilling America's Promise."

Daily discussion topics have been set forth under the leadership of The Association For the Study of Afro-American Life and History, Inc., and the Division of The Association for the Study of Negro Life and History, Inc., and by the Associated Publishers, Inc. Division.

These discussions topics will focus on Sunday, Feb. 9, The "Bicentennial and The (See HISTORY Page 6A)



DIALOGUE—At "A Dialogue" between inmates, and correction officials, legislators and concerned citizens held at the Essex County Corrections Center Jan. 17, John F. X. Irving (left), dean of Seton Hall Law School, shakes hands as he greets an inmate from Rahway State Prison. The inmate is one of the inmates who took part in the session. Irving served as keynote speaker at the meeting.

Need For Food Stamps Causes Extended Hours

North Carolina's depressed economy is causing an influx of applicants for public assistance and food stamps at county social services departments across the state.

For the month of November, the latest full months report available there were 160,774 recipients of financial aid under the Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) program. This was an increase of 4,184 persons over the previous month of October. Compared to November 1973, there were 10,159 more recipients.

All indications show that when reports come in from the county social services departments for December the number of recipients will show a similar increase if not more.

The rise in applicants for AFDC coupled with dramatic increases in applicants for food stamps has caused many local social services departments to extend their office hours and require their staff to work overtime.

Prior to the Christmas (See SUNKEN Page 6A)



NATION'S FIRST—Jackie Chatmon, (right), the first person in the Nation to be hired under the emergency public service jobs bill signed by President Ford on New Year's Eve, discusses her new job as a community liaison specialist with Maida Navis, executive director of Interfaith Task Force, a community action agency in Arapahoe County, Colorado, where Ms. Chatmon will be working.

Church Women United Elect New Officers

In the Second Annual Assembly of Church Women United in Durham held at White Rock Baptist Church, Tuesday, January 21, new officers were elected and installed by the State President, Mrs. Hal Dotson, who used candles to interpret the theme "Let Your Lights So Shine."

The new officers are: Mrs. Ethel Montgomery, President, Mrs. Johnnie McLeister, First Vice President, Mrs. Minerva Evans, Assistant Recording Secretary, Mrs. Ruby West, Treasurer. Those who will succeed themselves for another (See WOMEN Page 3A)



STEWART

BY MALVINE E. MOORE

While 1974 was a disastrous year for many black businesses across the country, including those in Durham, the cumulative effects of the recession and inflation during the year had a minor effect, if any, on Durham's "Big Three."

The North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company, Mechanics and Farmers Bank and Mutual Savings and Loan.

Over the years the image of Black business in this country and Durham and the south, in particular has been enhanced by the successes these three businesses have experienced.

As far back as the turn of the century, Durham's reputation as a "mecca" for black business — "the Black Wall Street," was spread far and wide by the statements and writings of black leaders and theoreticians

Recession Had Minor Impact On Durham's 'Big Three'

such as Booker T. Washington and W.E.B. DuBois.

As late as 1972, the assets of the "Big Three" exceeded in the aggregate, the assets of black businesses in New York and those in Chicago. In its 1973 ranking of the 100 largest black businesses in the country, Black Enterprise Magazine ranked North Carolina Mutual first among black insurance companies, Mechanics and Farmer fifth among black banks and Mutual Savings eighth among black savings and loan institutions.

"The Big Three" should maintain their relative positions in the magazine's rankings for 1974.

"Last year we saw some progress at Mutual Savings not as much as we would have liked, but looking back, certainly more than we (See RECESSION Page 3A)

Duke Univ. Gets \$3.5 Million Grant to Study Coronary Disease

Doctors at Duke University Medical Center have received a \$3.5 million grant to tackle the nation's No. 1 killer coronary artery disease.

The grant, awarded by the

National Heart and Lung Institute will support the work of 17 researchers over the next five years.

"Prolonging life and reducing disability that's what

we're interested in," said Dr. Andrew G. Wallace, head of the research team and chief of Duke's Cardiovascular Division.

Wallace explained that two arteries feed blood to the heart. Fatty deposits can build up inside these arteries, like rust in a pipe, thus bringing on coronary artery disease. The clogging prevents the heart from getting enough blood and, for that reason, can kill.

"It's the most common cause of death for both men and women in this country," Wallace said. In 1971 the disorder was blamed for the deaths of 675,000 Americans more than the population of Boston.

It can lead to the following conditions, Wallace said.

One doctor will measure blood flow to the heart with radioactive chemicals that show up on X-rays. The indicate whether a coronary artery is clogging, Wallace said.

Another researcher will try to surgically remove ballooning areas of the artery that contribute to heart failure. Yet another will create a computerized data bank that (See DISEASE Page 6A)

Tribute to Dr. Martin King, Jr. Observed by U.S. Labor Dept.

WASHINGTON—In a special ceremony to pay tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Secretary of Labor Peter J. Brennan urged Labor Department employees to "rededicate" their work to the principles that Martin Luther King Jr. believed in and worked for.

"We remember Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. as a leader (See TRIBUTE Page 6A)



AWARDED NONVIOLENT PEACE PRIZE—John Lewis, VEP director, is awarded 1975 Martin Luther King, Jr. Nonviolent Peace Prize by Coretta Scott King. Present for the Ebenezer Church observance of Dr. King's birthday were Atlanta Mayor Maynard Jackson (l) and The Rev. Theodore Hesburgh (r). Photo by David Lamothe.

John Lewis is Recipient of King Nonviolent Peace Prize

John Lewis, Executive Director of the nonpartisan Voter Education Project, is 1975 recipient of the Martin Luther King, Jr. nonviolent Peace Prize.

Coretta Scott King, who made the award on behalf of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Social Change, described the Peace Prize as the Center's highest award. In her presentation, Mrs. King honored John Lewis as "one of the great nonviolent leaders of our times."

"We feel that this man exemplifies the life, the teachings, and the contributions of Martin Luther King, Jr., and certainly has brought about in his efforts the kind of nonviolent social

changes in our society that have moved us forward and will continue to move us toward the dream," stated Mrs. King. "This young man is a very humble man, a deeply committed man, and a man whom I respect, admire, and love very deeply."

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Peace Prize includes a contribution of \$1,000 an engraved citation, and a bust of the late Dr. King. The two previous recipients of the award have been Georgia Congressman Andrew Young and Cesar Chavez, leader of the United Farm Workers.

Lewis accepted the award "on behalf of the hundreds and thousands of people who participated and struggled in the civil rights movement." He stated: "I recognize the fact that it is not just a tribute or an honor for me, but because of the movement that Martin Luther King, Jr. led and that I have been a part of for the last few years."

Lewis was an organizer of the first sit-ins at segregated lunch counters and has participated in most major civil rights efforts since that time. He was in the original Freedom Ride of 1961, and in 1963, addressed the March on Washington. A leader of the (See LEWIS Page 6A)

NCCU Seeks Private Funds To Observe 50th Anniversary

Because the university has no significant source of funds for special programs, one of the more important committees working to help celebrate North Carolina Central University's 50th anniversary as a state-supported senior university is the one charged with fund-raising.

William P. Malone, executive director of the North Carolina Central University

Foundation is chairman of the anniversary fund-raising committee. He feels the committee has two important responsibilities.

"If we're to celebrate the anniversary as it should be celebrated," Malone said, "we need money for the celebration itself. And we will be making a mistake if we do not use the anniversary to bring in additional endowment and scholarship funds."

He said he feels the significance of the anniversary will interest donors to the program and to the university's support, if the real meaning of the occasion is understood.

North Carolina Central University became in 1925 the nation's first state-supported college for black people with a liberal arts orientation. Before the 1925 legislative act, the states were supporting teacher training programs and

mechanics.

"It is important to realize that the 1925 act meant that North Carolina was committed to the principle of training black men and women for leadership. The graduates of the North Carolina College for Negroes were not specialists trained for just one job. They were to be men and women who were able to adjust, to continue to learn, and to make

decisions." Malone said the evidence that North Carolina Central University had performed well is particularly clear in Durham, where the committee will concentrate its efforts.

Our alumni are in many key roles in Durham. We have an alumnus in State Representative H.M. Michaux, Jr. The director of the Housing Authority, as an alumnus, as is the director of the Human

Relations Commission. Community improvement organizations like Operation Breakthrough and United Durham, Incorporated, have many alumni in important positions.

"We have alumni in leading positions in finance, law, and medicine in Durham. I hesitate to try to name people because I'm sure to omit (See FUNDS Page 6A)



NATION'S FIRST PRISON COMMENCEMENT—In many ways, graduation day for Jerome Smith (R) was no different than the thousands of commencement ceremonies held across America each year. Smith, a 27-year-old Detroit is a prisoner of Southern Michigan Prison in his second year of an eight to 15-year sentence for manslaughter. Graduation for his tiny class of 21 marked the Nation's first commencement held inside a prison.



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