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TELEPHONE

RESIDENTS SAY:

AN NEEDS SHOULD COME FIRST

the Central Civic Center.

Several hundred citizens and questioning of proposals to spend \$150,000 to restore prevention and services to the elderly and the young, and sidewalks needed adequate funding.

the Community Development Program was criticized strongly.

The \$850,000 carryover was severly criticized in view of inadequate response or no response from City Hall on appeals of years standing.

Community, cited some 16 years of petitioning for recreation facilities for the

beautification and historic pre- been telling me for ten years at the Community Develop- streets if we don't get some rement Public Hearing held at sults, expressway or no expressway."

Durham Committee supported the CDC recommendation for sidewalks for the Crest Street The third year budget of area and recommended side- certified accountant firm walks on the east side of Rox- headed by Nathan T. Garrett boro Street from Dallas to Erie and Dewitt Sullivan, to serve children; to extend sidewalks system; and from the second year budget on the west side of Alston Avenue for the Shepard Junior Farmers Bank, a full service High students; Liberty Street black bank headed by John H. from Elizabeth, being an out- Wheeler, to share equally with let from Durham to Wake four other banks on a two-year

servation was the message the people gave to the Durham City Council Monday evening at the Community Developation at the Community Developation of the Commu

By Warren D. Blackshear As a result of last Mon-Representing the Durham day's Durham City Board of applauded speakers' appeals Committee on the Affairs of Education action, Parrish Black People, J. H. Wheeler Street, traditionally the center noted that the city has not of black financial firms, will West Point Mill when street complied with fair employ- be getting a greater share of lights, attention to crime ment practices to make it eli- the local educational dollar. In gible for CD funds. The two separate actions with no disenting votes, the board

* approved Garrett Sullivan and Company, a black for the Spaulding School as accountants for the school

* approved Mechanics and William Patterson, repre- Forest, and Roxboro Rd., revolving basis as a depository senting the Crest Street should be paid for from City for the systems' local current funds. The Committee also expense and capital outlay supported the expansion of the funds and school food service

The new accountant firm lay group, meeting on an acquired the contract which average of once a week, acquired the contract which average of once a week, was formerly held by Ricca contained unsupported recom-Nelson Gantt and Company, mendations which could cost a firm located on Croasdalle taxpayers up to five million Drive. The previous firm received about \$14,000 for services provided to the city school system last year.

The addition of Mechanics and Farmers Bank to the list of bank depositories was an action initiated by the board.
Originally the administration's
recommended list only included Central Carolina Bank, First Union National Bank, North Carolina National Bank and Wachovia Bank and Trust

According to Richard Barber, Assistant Superintendent for Business, it is esti-mated that the black owned bank will now share in the account which handles about seven million dollars a year.

On the educational front, the board received suggestions and commendations from the community based groups to improve the quality of edu-cation, yet failed to mention or take action to improve drop University to conduct research ly the highest in the state of North Carolina.

The board of education received a final report from the 53 member Citizens' Steering Committee as presented by Dr. Max B. Rogers, co-chairperson, in the absence of co-chairman A. H. Howard Clement, III.

The report contained more than 50 recommendations or changes without every once mentioning the committee's purpose, the existing problems or those they were trying to address, or their rationale to arrive at their massive recommendation list. The initial report was issued ten weeks after the committee's first

meeting. The report by the dollars.

Some of the recommendations included

* construction of a four year comprehensive high both Durham High and Hillside High Schools * purchasing 12 new buses

* the addition of physical education teachers for all elementary schools

held twice a year.

Durham Chamber of Directors which offered special our cooperation."

RALEIGH (CCNS)

approved two measures which,

if passed by the N. C. Legisla-

ture, would make it manda-

tory for all high school seniors

to pass standardized examina-

tions before receiving diplo-

mas, and which would test

all students in the first, second,

sixth and ninth grades to "mea-

sure the level of academic

achievement of students in

would be built into the pro-

Questioned if safeguards

basic subjects."

Governor James Hunt has worry about that and its a pro-

posed standardized tests to the test again their senior avoid discrimination against year. Passing the test would blacks and other cultural and allow the student upon pass-

racial minorities, Hunt said he ing other requirements to

commendation to John Lucas, principal, and the faculty of Hillside High School for "developing a flexible curri-culum which endeavors to meet the needs of a diverse student population." The chamber statement

said that this bold program allows students to select within a given framework, semester school which would replace courses based on their interest and ability which results in each student having the opportunity to develop a program which is challenging and allows them to reach their full learning potential. In a * mandatory individual show of support the statement parent teacher conferences be concluded "the Chamber would like to state its stead-In a brief presentation, Jr. fast support for the adoption David Ross, of the Greater of new and dynamic program ideas which will insure that Commerce presented a resolu- every Durham City student tion unanimously approved reaches his full learning potenby the Chamber Board of tial; and to that end, we pledge

per concern but we aren't

worrying enough about those

children who aren't learning,

student who received a

diploma after 1978 would be

required to pass a standardized

test developed by an 11 mem-

ber commission appointed by

the governor. Hunt said that

students failing the test when

first administered their junior

year in high school would take

According to Hunt any

that's what I want to get at.'



COLD VIGIL - Author Mark Lane and comedian activist Dick Gregory (R) hold old newspaper atop memorial at the birthplace of the late President John F. Kennedy. More than one hundred persons gathered at the JFK birthplace to conduct an allnight vigil in freezing temperatures in hopes of convincing Congress to continue appropriating money for investigations into the deaths of Kennedy and the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. (UPI).

A&T University Dedicates Electronic Center, A First For Black Universities

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first major electronics research center to be located at a predominately black university was dedicated recently at North Carolina A&T State

University. The laboratory dedication was attended by a number of key representatives from NASA, Rockwell International, Cornell University and the North Carolina State University system. Gallium arsenide solar cells fabricated with materials grown in the new laboratory were displayed after the dedication.

The laboratory was established through a grant from Rockwell International and the Research will be funded by the National Aeronautics and Space

Administration. Dr. James C. Fletcher, Administrator of NASA said at the ceremony, "One of the real pleasures I have had as Administrator of NASA has been to provide the means for talented people to make their contributions to our nation's space program and thus to mankind.'

The Space Agency provided \$150,000 through its Langley Research Center and Rockwell International provided nearly \$250,000 in laboratory equipment. NASA is also providing an additional \$30, 000 to A&T for a feasibility study on experimental research in Curriculum Sharing via Communication Technology Satellites. The focus of this second grant is to establish

GREENSBORO - The a curriculum sharing process similar grant will be made among institutions having large later this year to Howard out problem which is reportedminority enrollments.



chancellor of A&T. (Photo by William Peeler).



SOLID STATE LAB UNVEILED -- Cutting the ribbon at the new Rockwell solid state laboratory at A&T are (left to right) Robert Anderson, president of Rockwell International; Dr. William Friday, president of the cyclical revenue sharing, de-University of North Carolina; and Dr. Lewis C. Dowdy, signed to pay out an additional

did not know what would be graduate with a high school done, but we will have to diploma. He said that stu-Carter Proposes More **Public Service Jobs**

dent Carter has proposed ex- and payments to Social pansion of public service employment by 415,000 jobs, in his two-year \$31.2 billion economic recovery package sent to Congress.

The President also called for an expansion of training and youth programs under the Comprehensive and Training Act (CETA) and \$4 billion more for local public works, as nesses. well as the following:

rates of unemployment.

crease in the standard deduc- force because jobs are so

- Individual tax rebates hard to find." Security, Supplemental

billion. - An optional credit against income taxes equal to 4 per cent of payroll taxes, or an additional 2 per cent investment tax credit for busi-

as the following:

"The economy I found
An increase in counter- when I took office," Presicyclical revenue sharing, de- dent Carter said, "had 7.5 million Americans out of \$1 billion a year at current work, 1.4 million full-time workers forced to take part-- A \$4 billion program of time jobs, and still another tax reform and simplification 1 million workers who had for individuals, through an in- dropped out of the labor

The President said last year expenses caused by the Security Income (SSI) and recession, such as unemploy-Railroad Retirement benefi-ciaries which would total \$11.4 billion higher than in 1973, the last pre-recession year.

Economic growth has declined for three consecutive quarters, he said, and most economists have projected that without further stimulus, the economy will grow by "an in-adequate 4½-5 per cent" in

The severe weather this winter will probably reduce growth even further if no action is taken, the President added.

Regarding employment and training programs, the President said his economic stimulus package is designed to cope with both cyclical unemployment, caused by the recession, and structural unemployment, which affects those lacking training and skills to find work even in good

times. people off welfare and put them to work, with maximum emphasis on creating jobs in the private sector," President Carter said. "But it will take time for an expanding economy to provide a large number of jobs for the unemployed."

'In the meantime', he porary public service jobs for those who would find it difficult to obtain work in private industry."

The President's proposal calls for an increase in the public service jobs under CETA from 310,000 not to 600, 000 by the end of the 1977 fiscal year, and to 725,000 for

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Hunts Supports Standard H.S. Tests dents not passing the test but Princeton including passing other requirements for National Teachers Exam (NTE) graduation would be likely to have been the subject of conbe given some kind of certi- troversey because of claims ficate.

The bill would exclude, tics say disproportionate numhowever, children who are ber of blacks fail the test and placed in special education pro- there has been no correlation grams or "who have been offi- of a teacher's score on the test cially designated as eligible for and the teacher's performance participation in such pro- in the classroom. The test grams. Most special education gation in the courts.

classes have higher percentages most of the educational tests Wake, Harnett, for the nation are designed. Counties, is the only black
Many test, produced by Continued on page 14

is the subject of current liti-Both pieces of legislation of black and poor children are co-signed by Senators Alwhose cultural backgrounds are ford Stallings, White, Lake, different from many of the re-searchers and scholars at Marion, Webster, and Barnes. Princeton University, where John Winters, who represents

that the tests are racist. Cri-

NATIONAL **NEWS NOTES**

STATUS OF BLACKS "UNCHANGED"

ALBANY, GA. - "Equal opportunity still does not exist; forty-two per cent of all young black men in the cities of the United States are out of work, seventy per cent of the 12,500 prisoners in the State of Georgia are able bodied young men," said Mamie Bynes Reese, Chairman of the State Board of Pardons and Paroles.

Mrs, Reese, the first black and the first woman to serve in this position, told faculty, students, friends and family gathered at Albany State College for the Sixth William H. Dennis Memorial Lecture Series, that the status of blacks in this nation is unchanged.

SEEKS NEW DIRECTOR

ATLANTA, GA. - The Voter Education Project is seeking new director to replace John Lewis, who resigned to seek the congressional seat vacated by Andrew Young, the newly appointed U. S. Ambassador to the United Nations.

'The resignation of John Lewis, VEP executive director of seven years, was a great loss, but the VEP staff and board are continuing vital voter registration and education programs on a full-scale basis throughout the region," says Harry Huge, VEP

The VEP Search Committee, is prepared to receive applications immediately. Applications, inquiries, and recommendations should be directed to: Attorney John Ruffin, P. O. Box 1625, Augusta, Georgia 30903.

HOWARD COMMUNICATIONS CONFERENCE

Basil Paterson, former vice chairman of the Democratic National Committee, will be the keynote speaker for Howard University's 6th Annual Communications Conference on February 19 at 8 p.m. at the Mayflower Hotel, headquarters for the conference.

Paterson, who now works with the Institute for Mediation and Conflict in New York, will speak on minority employment in the communications industry-present and future.

The conference, which will officially open on February 17, will feature workshops, seminars, film festivals, and job interviews for communications students.

JAN. UNEMPLOYMENT DOWN

WASHINGTON, D. C. - Both black and white workers experienced reduced joblessness in January, the U.S. Labor Department's Bureau of Labor Statistics reported. The rate for black workers declined from 13.4 to 12.5 per cent. For white workers, the rate dropped from 7. I to 6.7 per cent. On a national basis, the department reported that employment continued to rise in January and unemployment declined sharply. The unemployment rate was 7.3 per cent down from revised levels of 7.8 and 8.0 per cent in December and November, respectively, and equal to the 1976 low of last May.

SAMPLE WORK -- Dr. Donald Hearth, Director of NASA's Langley Research Center looks at a sample of work being done in unique research laboratory at North Carolina A&T State University.

Local Leaders Struggle **Against Repression** RALEIGH/DURHAM (CC social action branch in her

NS) - Mary Dunn, the mother church. of five children, born and raised in Raleigh became a beautician after leaving the ninth grade. She has worked on a series of jobs in Raleigh since During the recent cold

wave, when the mercury stayed down around 8 to 10 degrees, Mary Dunn has spent every Monday and Thursday leading the outdoor vigils in front of the State Legislature demanding an end to the death penalty. She is always the first to arrive and the last to leave.

Cynthia Hale, in her junior year of Divinity School at Duke University, is a member of the Disciples Church and preaches every Sunday in her community. When she graduates, she hopes to organize a

These two dynamic,

committed young black women are local leaders of the N. C. Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression and are examples of what Alliance leader and Charlotte 3 defendant Jim Grant means when he says, "The Alliance has taken root in the communities said, "we must expand temand is being led by local

In a series of interviews in Raleigh and Durham, Mary Dunn and Cynthia Hale spoke of their work, the Alliance and the movement for social justice number of federally-funded in North Carolina. Many community people

call up Mary Dunn when they have specific problems. Last week she was helping a woman the 1978 fiscal year.