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Obstacles in the pathway of the weak, become stepping stones in the pathway of the strong.

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St. Joseph's Hosts Western AME Church Conference



Receiving Second Degree

Ms. Sharon Simms receives her second degree from Chancellor A.N. Whiting during NCCU's 68th Annual Commencement Exercises. Ms. Simms is a native of Wilson, N.C. She was awarded both the Master of Arts in Music and Master of Library Science degrees, she also sang in the choir. She currently works at Wilberforce University in Ohio.

Photo by Kelvin A. Bell

Dr. Harry Groves Addresses N.C. Central University Graduates

by Kelvin A. Bell
"When I was asked to deliver this speech, my immediate reaction was to decline the invitation," said NCCU Law School Dean Harry Groves.

last-minute commencement speaker is not on that list." Having taken on this challenge, Dr. Groves proceeded to provide a very enlightening experience for those who were present. It was not the fiery type of speech which might well have been provided by the Rev. Jesse

Jackson, had he shown up. But, the substance of the speech had powerful implications. "In every nation, developed and underdeveloped, rich and poor, every government rationalizes the need to pour more and more resources into incredibly costly armaments," said

Groves. "In this country, we cannot afford national health care, but we can afford more arms. We cannot afford to build or even maintain decent transport, even when the gasoline pumps are running dry, but we can afford more arms. We cannot even afford adequately to feed and house all of our people; but we can afford

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Bishop Murph Honored As Confab Begins

By Pat Bryant
Delegates and well wishers of the Second Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church were royally dined and entertained Tuesday night while their bishop, the Rt. Rev. Henry W. Murph, was praised by businessmen, politicians and educational leaders.

Toastmaster William Marsh's wit cut through the tense, solemn air that prevailed during the banquet before the opening of the 86th Annual Session of the Western North Carolina Annual Conference being held May 22-27 at St. Joseph's AME Church. The fate of each minister assembled depends upon Bishop Murph's assignments to be made public Sunday.

Bishop Murph's ministry includes 27 years of pastoral experience and eleven years as bishop. He served two years in Africa. The Governor of California awarded him the distinguished service award for bringing a cessation of the Watts rebellion during the early sixties.

Bishop Murph reminisced of many friendships established with those who came to pay tribute to him. He seemed most pleased that a group of young people, members of Youth Involvement in Politics, had come. The youngsters, ages 12-18, are in training to become active in local politics, particularly



Bishop Henry W. Murph, Atty. Wm. A. Marsh, Mrs. Geraldine Murph, and Rev. W.W. Easley, Jr.

registering and voting when they become of age. Soprano Mrs. Vivian Walker paraphrased for Bishop Murph Ida Bell Firestone's "If I Could Tell You". Dr. Eugene Eaves sang "Ave Maria" in Latin.

Mrs. Brenda Lovely, a member of the St. Joseph's Inspirational Singers, was called back for an encore as she electrified the capacity audience. Dr. J.W. Hill, J.C. Scarborough, III, Mrs. Josephine Strayhorn, J.J. Henderson, Attorney Eric Michaux, Rep. Ken-

neth Spaulding, Mrs. Josephine Clement, Rev. W.W. Easley and Mrs. Willie George were among the Durhamites to praise and welcome the bishop and his wife, Mrs. Geraldine S. Murph.

Mrs. George, representing St. Joseph's Senior Missionary Society, presented a bouquet of red roses to Mrs. Murph, as well as compliments, one woman to another, for her being a sounding board for the bishop's plans, for keeping him physically fit, and for being the object of his frustrations when he couldn't take them out on

the proper source. Mrs. Murph responded, thanking the women and adding, "behind every man there is a better woman."

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500 Join President In Celebration of 25th ANNIVERSARY OF SCHOOL DESEGREGATION

WASHINGTON (NNPA) — Some 400 blacks and about 100 whites took over the White House last Thursday in celebration with President Carter of the 25th Anniversary of the 1954 landmark school desegregation decision by the U.S. Supreme Court.

Almost every major black leader from across the country from Wilson Riles, superintendent of California schools, to Dr. W. Montague Cobb, national president of the NAACP, crowded into the White House for the observance and the reception which followed.

"Too many doors are still locked," said Presi-

dent Carter. "We will not be pushed back, we will not be turned away, we will fight to see that equal opportunity prevails, he declared.

Then spelling out the problem, Carter said: Blacks are still deprived of equal opportunity when they cannot get a first rate education, or find a job commensurate with their skills and talents, and so long as their is housing discrimination. "Our fair housing program must be amended to give Pat Harris cease and desist power," he said, and applause filled the massive White House reception room.

President Carter opened his remarks with a touching tribute to 90-year-old A. Phillip Randolph who died Tuesday, calling him a tireless fighter and a man of unimpeachable integrity.

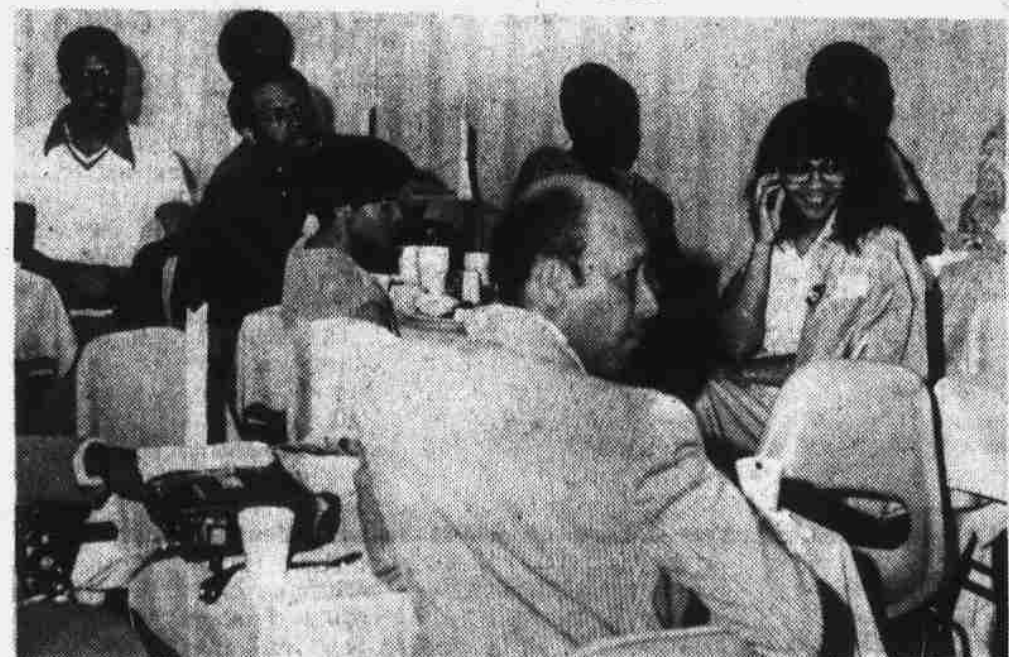
In reviewing the long history of the black struggle, Carter went back to 1619, when blacks first arrived in America, a year ahead of the Mayflower. Then he pointed to the upstairs room where Lin-

coln signed the Emancipation Proclamation, and he bowed his head as he mentioned the sad "separate but equal" Plessy v. Ferguson decision of 1896.

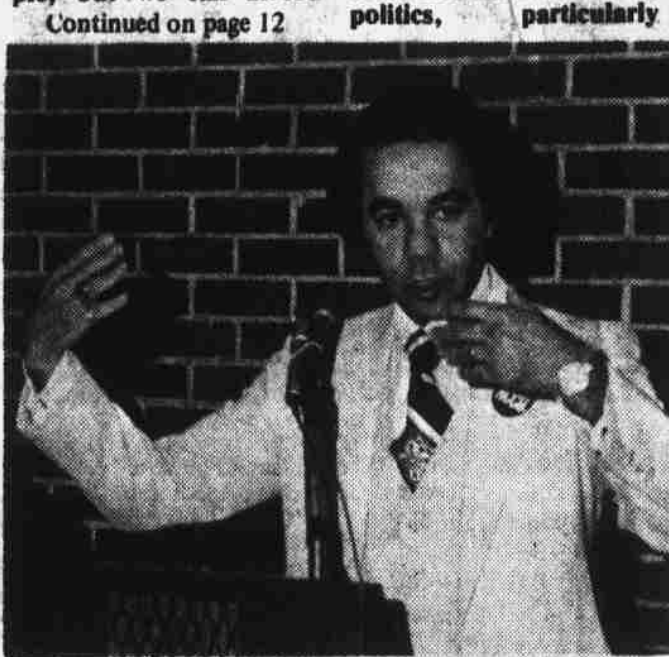
Carter called the 1954 decision the greatest hope, but still unfulfilled and incomplete.

The President took the occasion to announce the appointment of Nathaniel Jones, chief counsel of the NAACP as a Circuit Court of Appeals Judge in the 5th Circuit; and the appointment of Dr. Marcus Alexis, chairman of the department of economics at Northwestern University, as a member of the Interstate Commerce Commission. He is the first black ever in the 92-year history of the Commission.

Other speakers on the program were Louis E. Martin, special assistant to the President; Dr. Mary F. Berry, Assistant Secretary of HEW for Education; Joseph A. Califano, Secretary of HEW; and Ambassador Andrew Young.



ALUMNI AT NCCU ALUMNI LUNCHEON



Representative Kenneth Spaulding

Many Don't Realize Closing Black Colleges Possible: Rep. Spaulding

"Many people just don't realize how possible closing down black colleges is," Durham County Representative to the North Carolina Legislature Kenneth Spaulding told North Carolina Central Univer-

sity Alumni members last weekend. Spaulding addressed the alumni's annual luncheon making a report on the status of effort to save predominantly black universities.

Liberal and conservatives in the North

Carolina Legislature want to phase out and merge some predominantly blacks schools with white campuses, Spaulding said. Many legislators say the state cannot afford to maintain its educational institutions in the manner

which it has been accustomed.

The lawyer sought evidence of attacks upon the black schools and read a union which would create a study commission to determine whether some of the state's sixteen universities should be phased out or merged.

He explained that a proposal to equally fund all of the state's universities, proposed by Spaulding and the two other black legislators, was a move to counter the study commission proposal.

While saying that he won't knock the \$40 million proposed for hardware items, renovations and buildings over two years for the five black campuses, Spaulding said he wasn't satisfied with the \$40 million. Several black chancellors, alumni, and student leaders have indicated the \$40 million is inadequate.

Several black politicians have been critical of Spaulding's legislative strategy, including students and A.J. Howard Clement III who was defeated by Spaulding in

the democratic party primary elections last spring.

Clement said recently that Spaulding's position was "totally unrealistic in this proposition 13 mentality that is sweeping the country." Clement favors studying the effectiveness

of all of the state's colleges.

"We need to take some action rather than reaction," the former legislator said. "We need to call for the study of whether the sixteen school are necessary."

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Black Manufacturers' Conference to Focus on Economy And Impact on Unemployment

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Unemployment and the Economy will be the highlight of the Ninth Annual Convention of the National Association of Black Manufacturers scheduled in Washington, D.C. on May 29th through June 1st, 1979 at the Shoreham Americana Hotel.

The theme, "Minority Industry...Impact on Unemployment and the Economy," is intended to provide the audience an opportunity to concen-

trate on the major issues affecting minorities across the nation. An impressive list of speakers and panelist will be available to discuss what the federal government and the private sector can do as a means of decreasing the high unemployment and the huge national deficit.

Highlights of the NABM Conference will be: a Celebrity Golf Tournament; a Reception Honoring Washington Mayor Marion Barry; an Exhibit Hall displaying

over 100 minority manufacturing firms; and special guest speakers from the White House, the Small Business Administration, the Office of Minority Business Enterprise, the Treasury Department and executives from the fortune 500 corporations.

Exhibit information may be obtained from Sidney Daniels, (202) 785-5133. NABM is a non-profit organization dedicated to the development of minority business.

Suit Against First Union Bank Claims Default Charges Improperly Assessed

HENDERSON — The North Central Legal Assistance Program (NCLAP) announced in Henderson that a class action law suit has been filed against First Union National Bank for violations of the N.C. Retail Installment Sales Act, according to NCLAP Managing Attorney Michael B. Sonsna.

The suit, entitled *Morris Steed v. First Union National Bank*, specifically alleges that First Union National Bank, "has violated and is violating that portion of the act which prohibits the im-

position of more than one default charge for a single installment payment default."

The suit seeks damages and the return of the excess default charges for Plaintiff Steed and for all other persons in the state who were similarly assessed excessive default charges by First Union National Bank within the last four years.

The complaint alleges that although Steed only defaulted in making the payment due in August 1977, and made his payments thereafter, he

was nevertheless assessed default charges every month from September 1977 to June 1978, when he was able to pay the missed installment. Because of the procedure used by the Bank to apply payments received, Morris Steed, according to the complaint, was charged default fees for a number of months in which he made his payments on time.

The suit alleges that this procedure is violative of N.C. General Statutes §25A-29 which in part provides, "If a default has

been once imposed with respect to a particular default in payment, no default charge shall be imposed to a particular default in payment, no default charge shall be imposed with respect to any future payment which would not have been in default except for the previous default."

Steed's complaint alleges that, having imposed charges for the August 1977 default, First Union National Bank could not continue to assess further default charges for subse-

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