



Citation of Appreciation

Chancellor Albert N. Whiting of North Carolina Central University presents a citation of appreciation to Isaac Tharrington for his role in preventing damage and injury when an accidental fire broke out February 12 in R.L. McDougald Gymnasium at NCCU. Tharrington, who works as a janitor in the building, discovered the fire when he came to work, called the fire department, and guided firefighters through heavy smoke to the site of the fire in the building's coaches' lounge. His assistance, fire department officials said, may have prevented injury to fireman and almost certainly reduced the cost of the damage, which included destruction of the lounge furniture, fire damage to the walls and ceiling of the room and smoke damage in the outside hallways of the building's basement floor.

J.C. Smith U. Choir on Tour

CHARLOTTE—This is spring break at Johnson C. Smith University, and as usual, the University Choir is facing a busy tour schedule. All week, the group has been performing at various schools and churches in New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. "The choir's schedule is always busy this time of year," Christopher W. Kemp, choir director said last week.

University and choir officials try to coordinate most of the travel activities with the spring recess so that students will not have to miss classroom work. However, because of the numerous performance requests, not all performances can be limited to the recess period. For instances, in February, the choir sang at Ridgeway and Camden,

South Carolina. On March 5 and 6, the group performed with the Charlotte Symphony. On March 23, the choir performed in Greenville, South Carolina and on April 16 and 17, the group will perform with folk singer Odetta at Performance Place in Charlotte. A spring concert will be held on the campus on May 4. This is in addition to the numerous performances at various campus

More Than 100 Attend Black Family Symposium

By Mary H. Johnson
BURLINGTON—The 40th Annual North Carolina Regional conference of the National Hampton Alumni Association was the forum for a Black Family Symposium in Burlington recently. Ms. Charlotte Purvis, human development specialist with the Agricultural Extension Program at A&T State University, delivered the main address.

More than 100 persons attended the conference called to address what many blacks in professional circles believe is a growing assault on the black family as an institution.

According to Ms. Purvis, black families have suffered at the hands of what she called "peeping Toms" who have reported on black family life without sufficient knowledge, objectivity and accuracy. The result, Ms. Purvis said, is a lot of misconceptions about the black family. Most of these misconceptions center around the belief that black families are in convocations and special programs.

"The students enjoy the traveling and performances," Kemp said. "It is fun and educational."

The tour for this week included: Holy Trinity Baptist Church, Amityville, New York; First AME Church, Hempstead, New York; Wyandanch Middle School, Wyandanch, New York; St. Augustine's Presbyterian Church, Paterson, New Jersey; Historic St. Thomas' Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

serious trouble, and are in danger of dying, she said. Such observations, according to Ms. Purvis, have come from "peeping Toms" disguised as scholars, social workers, government officials, church members, educators and researchers. What they have in common, according to Ms. Purvis, is the tendency to blame the victim—in this case, the black family—for problems whose roots lie in other sources.

Ms. Purvis said many people, including some blacks, have been led into believing current prophecies of doom for the black family. Instead of listening to such prophecies, blacks should be

guided by their own mirrors of what they observe in black family life, Ms. Purvis said. They should not be afraid to admit to problems and weaknesses in the family because, Ms. Purvis said, there is sufficient strength in black families to help them overcome their weaknesses.

Ms. Purvis said the key to strengthening black families is to help each member develop a good self-concept. A poor self-concept is a "deadly weapon" that reflects itself in behavior unacceptable to society, our families and ourselves, Ms. Purvis said.

It is up to the black scholar and professional to be watchful of misrepresentations of the

black family, to expose them, and to substitute for them the proper perspective of black families, Ms. Purvis said.

Ms. Purvis was recently named to the Governor's

Task Force on North Carolina Families. The Task Force will present recommendations from North Carolina at the President's 1980 White House Conference of Families.

Sales Training Workshop Planned

Sales training workshops are being sponsored by the Piedmont Minority Purchasing Council, the Durham Business and Professional Chain, Minority Business Development Agency and North Carolina Central University. Classes will begin on March 31 at North Carolina Central University. The program will consist of twelve workshops that will review many aspects of selling from identifying the market to closing the sale. The sales training program entitled "Because Of Who You Are" will focus on the particular areas, techniques, and concerns as they relate to those businessmen and women. Discussions will be held concerning sales techniques with experienced top flight sales executives from IBM, Burroughs Wellcome Company, Amoco Oil, and Liggett and Myers.

Demos Appoint Credentials Committee

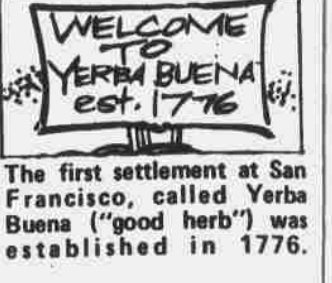
The appointment of a Credentials Committee to hear all challenges to the credentials of delegates to the 1980 Durham County Democratic Convention was announced Monday by Ms. Barbara Smith, Durham County Democratic Chairman. The Committee will be chaired by Thomas J. Andrews, a UNC law professor, and will include Ms. Judith Adcock, an insurance executive; Charles E. Daye, a UNC law professor; James T. Hedrick, a Durham attorney, and Ms. Carolyn Johnson, a Utilities Commission staff attorney. All are active in

Durham County Democratic party affairs. The Credentials Committee will meet on Wednesday evening, April 2, at 7:30 p.m. in the law offices of Newson, Graham, Hedrick, Murray, Bryson and Kennon, 400 Wachovia Building, Main and Corcoran Streets, to hear any challenges and pass on those credentials to which there is no challenge. A credentials challenge may be made by any interested person and must consist of a written statement setting forth the challenger's interest, the nature of the challenge, the grounds for

it and the relief sought. A copy of each challenge must be received by the committee, and sent to each person whose credentials are challenged, no later than midnight, Monday, March 31, 1980. Notice to the committee may be sent to: Durham County Democratic Convention Credentials Committee; Thomas J. Andrews, Chairman; 1314 Shepherd Street; Durham, 27707. No other challenge will be in order.

In a related development, Ms. Smith reported that, as of Monday, March 24, fifteen of the county's forty-four

precincts had not yet submitted a list of county convention delegates or of nominees to the district and state conventions to be held later this spring. Those not reporting as of Monday were precincts 5, 9, 10, 14, 16, 20, 21, 23, 27, 28, 29, 41, 42, and 44.



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Reveals 73% Increase in Minority Stations

WASHINGTON—The number of minority-owned broadcast stations increased by 37 since 1979, according to a NAB survey. Currently, minorities own 138 stations as compared to 101 in March of 1979.

According to Dwight M. Ellis, vice president for Minority and Special Services, black-owned stations accounted for the impressive gain in minority ownership. Black owners gained 36 radio stations and three television stations within that period," says Ellis. Two VHF's were approved during the latter months of 1979 and another's ownership was shifted to a minority group during the early months of 1980.

Presently, 91 minorities own 138 broadcast sta-

Dr. Speigner

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Task Force will be to oversee a one-year study of southern urban conditions. Preliminary research has already begun, and the project completion date is expected to be February 28, 1981. The Task Force will serve as an advisory body to the SGPB staff throughout the term of the project, and members will be requested to provide information based upon their experience on urban issues in the southeastern region of the United States.

The Honorable James W. Blackwood, mayor of Union, South Carolina, and chairman of the Southern Growth Policies Board Local Government Advisory Council, will be the Task Force chairman. Pat Dusenbury, SGPB associate director of Urban Affairs, is the project director for the study of southern cities.

Dr. Speigner holds the Ph.D. degree in Conservation, Geography, and Environmental Quality from the University of Michigan. For many years, he has studied the transitional patterns in southeastern urban cities and observed urbanization trends in the southern states as an educator.

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RESOLUTION SETTING PUBLIC HEARINGS TO AMEND THE 1977-78, 1978-79 AND 1979-80 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

WHEREAS, on October 15, 1979, the Durham City Council approved a program amendment to the 1979-80 Community Development Program; and

WHEREAS, on December 31, 1979, said program amendment was submitted to the Department of Housing and Urban Development for review; and

WHEREAS, after reviewing said program amendment, the Department of Housing and Urban Development has directed the City to revise the amendment; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the direction issued by the Department of Housing and Urban Development, a revised program amendment has been prepared and submitted to the Durham City Council for review; and

WHEREAS, two public hearings to obtain citizen input on program amendments are required by the Durham Community Development Citizen Participation Plan in conformance with Section 570.303(m) of the Community Development Block regulations; and

WHEREAS, both public hearings must be held prior to submission of amendments to A-95 Clearinghouse review agencies and the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF DURHAM:

- That public hearings be scheduled and advertised for March 17, 1980 and April 8, 1980 for the purpose of obtaining citizen input on program amendments to the 1977-78, 1978-79 and 1979-80 Community Development Programs; and
- That the City Clerk be directed to publish this Notice in the non-legal section of the *Durham Morning Herald*, the *Durham Sun*, and the *Carolina Times*, ten (10) days prior to each of the two public hearings as required by Section 570.303(j)(3)(i) of the Community Development Block Grant regulations; and
- That the nature of said amendments is to reprogram Nine Hundred Fifty-Five Thousand, Six Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$955,650) from the 1979-80 Community Development Crest Street Neighborhood Strategy Area ("NSA") project budget in the manner proposed below:
 - that One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) be designated for interim assistance to the Crest Street NSA;
 - that One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) be designated for the purchase of land currently of undesignated location, upon which assisted low and moderate income family housing will be constructed;
 - that Two Hundred Fifty-Nine Thousand Sixty-Six Dollars (\$259,066) be allocated to the Parrish Street urban beautification project as included in the 1977-78 Community Development Program and Urban Renewal Closeout Agreement for NC R-26;
 - that Four Hundred Twenty-One Thousand, Eighty-Six Dollars and Sixty-Nine Cents (\$421,086.89) be appropriated to the 1978-79 Community Development housing rehabilitation account; and
 - that Seventy-Five Thousand, Four Hundred Ninety-Seven Dollars and Thirty-One Cents (\$75,497.31) be budgeted from the 1979-80 Community Development Block Grant Entitlement for prior year target area housing rehabilitation.

BY ORDER OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DURHAM THIS 6th DAY OF MARCH, 1980.

Margaret W. Rollins, CMC
City Clerk

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