

# City Man Appointed To Council

A local man has been appointed by Governor James Holshouser to the Council on Sickle Cell Syndrome.

Nathaniel Leo Rumph of 3650 Spaulding Drive was named along with two other new members: Ms. Ivestia H. (Peggy) Beckwith of Charlotte, and Leo Bradshaw of Greensboro.

Rumph is program director for the sickle cell disease screening program at Forsyth Memorial Hospital. He attended the Fort Valley State College in Georgia, Northwest Institute of Medical Technology, and Forsyth Technical Institute. He serves on the Board of Directors of the Forsyth Mental Health Association, and the Board of Directors of the Council on Drug Abuse, and is a member of the St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. Rumph and his wife, Cordella, have three children.

Bradshaw is executive director and organizer of the Triad Sickle Cell Anemia Foundation. He attended A&T State University, and is currently enrolled in Shaw University's University Without Walls program. He is a member of the Board of Directors of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Charlotte, organizer and treasurer of the North Carolina Catholics for Renewal, and member of the Board of Directors of Birthright. He belongs to St. Mary's Catholic Church in Greensboro. Bradshaw and his wife have ten children.

Ms. Beckwith has been executive director of the Association for Sickle Cell disease for Charlotte-Mecklenburg, Inc., since 1972. She attended Bennett College in Greensboro, Brooklyn College, City College of New York, and Miles College in Alabama. She also completed a training course for sickle cell counseling at Central Piedmont Community College and a post-graduate course on sickle cell disease at Howard University.

Ms. Beckwith formerly worked as a research assistant with the Charlotte Model Neighborhood Commission and as assistant in university relations and secretary to the director of public relations at Johnson C. Smith University. She is a member of the Board of Directors of the National Association for Sickle Cell Disease and the First United Presbyterian Church. She assisted in the production and appeared on a Charlotte television special entitled "Sickle Cell -- A Closer Look."

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## State Democrats Approve Affirmative Action Plan

The State Democratic Executive Committee approved recently its Party's new "affirmative action plan." The plan is supposed to assure participation by all Democrats in the affairs of the Party, though without "mandatory quotas". The plan has been submitted to the Compliance Review Commission of the national Democratic headquarters for approval.

Special attention in the plan is directed to senior citizens, blacks and other "traditionally under-represented people" through various publicity, educational programs and voter registration efforts to assure that these groups have an opportunity to participate and be represented in the delegate selection processes for the 1976 party nominating convention.

Elements of the new "affirmative action plan" include:

A State Affirmative Action Committee established and responsible for the implementation of all requirements in the plan; statewide educational seminars and a "speakers' bureau" is to be established;

the State Party is to organize a voter registration drive and a get-out-the-vote campaign in cooperation with the leadership of the "traditionally under-represented groups".

Any 15 persons registered as Democrats may challenge the adopted plan by filing a written "Notice of Intent to Challenge" with the Chair-

man of the Compliance Review Commission, Robert F. Wagner, 1625 Massachu-

setts Ave., N.W.\* Washington, D.C. 20036 and with the State Party Chairman, James

R. Sugg, North Carolina Democratic Headquarters, Hotel Sir Walter, Raleigh, N.C. 27602 within ten (10) days after March 20, 1975 -- the beginning date of the challenge period.

The deadline for the submission of a written "Notice of Intent to Challenge" is March 30, 1975.

## Navy Recruits Enlist In Special Program

Elester John Smith, Jr. son of Mr. and Mrs. Elester J. Smith, Sr. of 2201 Douglas St. and Mark Brian Peoples son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmore Peoples of 2230 N. East Street, have enlisted in the U.S. Navy under the Navy's new 290-day program.

This program authorizes the Navy to enlist qualified young men and give them up to 290 days delay in reporting for active duty. By enlisting under this program, Smith and Peoples have gained several

advantages over other enlistments in that the delay time prior to reporting for active duty counts toward completion of military obligation, builds up longevity for pay purposes and affords up to six months seniority prior to entering recruit training. No attendance at drills or meetings is required during the waiting period. Upon completion of a specific period of inactive duty they will be transferred to a U.S. Naval Training Center for Recruit Training.

## Workers May Get More Aid

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Tar Heel State. "We realize that those persons put into emergency jobs represent only a small percentage of the unemployed work force, but I feel the State is showing a willingness and indeed, a capability, of meeting the current unemployment crisis," said the Governor.

"I think we have shown that in just a few short weeks we have rallied to put thousands of unemployed people to work with federal emergency provided by congress," said Holshouser, "Now that we have the know-how to deal with the unemployment crisis, we stand ready for Congress to release additional emergency funds to put other unemployed North Carolinians to work."

Under the current congressional authorization, funds for all the emergency jobs will run out by August 1.

*The people's government, made for the people, made by the people, answerable to the people.*  
—Daniel Webster  
Senate Speech, 1830