

Mitchell Blames GSA In Lawsuit



(Pictured left to right) Antionette Wherry, director of the displaced homemakers program of the Winston-Salem Urban League, and Norris Wayne Davis, executive director of North Carolina Comprehensive Employment and Training Act programs.

Urban League Gets CETA Grant

RALEIGH--A \$30,000 contract between the Winston-Salem Urban League and the Office of the North Carolina Employment and Training Council was signed today in Raleigh by officials of both agencies through the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA) under the Governor's Special Grant, which the office administers.

The contract, which runs through September 30, will fund a program for 25 displaced homemakers in Forsyth County. This program is designed to meet four main areas of needs, which are skills assessment and training; practical skills such as how to conduct oneself at an interview; job placement; and follow-through with retirement awareness.

The project's goals for displaced homemakers are

to provide them with meaningful employment opportunities that will lead to economic self-sufficiency and upward mobility, to increase their vocational awareness and aspirations, to enhance their self-concept, to improve their employability skills, to reduce or to eliminate artificial barriers to their employment and to assist in their transition from the home to the world of work.

The governors special grant allocates four percent of Title II CETA funds to conduct coordination and special services within the state.

Programs under the special grant also furnish supplemental vocational education assistance in areas served by prime sponsors, promote the Governor's Youth Employment and Training Program and provide support to the state

Employment and Training Council.

The signing was held in the ground floor hearing room of the Department of Natural Resources and Community Development in the Archdale Building.

WASHINGTON--Rep. Parren J. Mitchell (D-7th-Md.) has filed a lawsuit in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia alleging that the General Services Administration (GSA) made illegal contract awards in 1979 in the amount of at least \$300 million.

In his petition to the court, the 10-year veteran Maryland lawmaker said that he has asked the Court to require the GSA to comply with and enforce the provisions of Public Law 95-907 in making contract awards. Public Law 95-907 requires major contractors with the federal government to include in their bids details for subcontracting with minority firms.

In particular, Mr. Mitchell, chairman of the Small Business Committee's Task Force on Minority Enterprise has asked the Court to order the GSA to: comply with P.L. 95-907 in making its own contract awards; develop procurement rules

and guidelines for all federal agencies that require government-wide compliance and enforcement of the provisions of P.L. 95-907; and, remedy immediately all contracts that are outstanding since July 1979 and bring them into compliance with the requirements of P.L. 95-907.

Mitchell, a member of the Joint Economic Committee and chairman of the

U.S. House of Representatives Banking Committee's Subcommittee on Monetary and Fiscal Policy noted, "Today's action is only one of a number of remedies that we will employ to counter the foot-dragging within the federal agencies in complying with the law. I look forward to others joining with me in bringing the performance of our federal agencies into compliance with the law."

Splash Party Held At The Jones'

Clifton and Maria Jones of Tobaccoville, treated friends to a "splash" party, Saturday, July 19 at the home. The weather was especially nice, 100 degrees, and there just wasn't any other way to keep "KOOL" without taking a dip.

Thirty-five friends enjoyed fruits, melons, sandwiches and plenty of cold, cold drinks to beat the heat. Swimming and dancing were the main events. Pool-

side games of backgammon and chess also filled the evening with fun and laughter.

The young Tobaccoville socialites just returned from a trip to Maryland and D.C. areas to attend the marriage of cousin Toni Chestnut to Kenneth Leonard. Kenneth is the brother of boxing champ "Sugar Ray" Leonard. Their parents are Clifton and Gloria Jones of Tobaccoville.

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Governor Jim Hunt has praised the Department of Correction's record in affirmative action under Secretary Amos E. Reed.

"The Department of Correction's outstanding record in affirmative action shows the great progress we are making in state government in this direction," Governor Hunt said. "The Department of Correction has worked hard during this administration to provide good job opportunities and job promotions to qualified minority workers and women. We need to continue these strong efforts, and make our state government affirmative action program the very best it can be."

Four years ago 32 percent -- 1,505 employees -- of the Department of Correction's employees were minorities or women. In June, 1980, 2,426 individuals from the minority or female ranks

were employed, representing more than 38 percent of the total workforce.

The largest single increase has been in jobs for black, male applicants, said Hunt. In 1976, 700 black men were employed. Today, nearly twice as many, 1,301, are employed. Employment of black women rose from 140 in 1976 to 246 in 1980. Together the male and female black employees comprise more than 24 percent of the Department of Correction.

Job promotions for minority and female staff have shown a similar, continuous rise, added the governor. In supervisory levels of custody, the figure for correctional sergeants, lieutenants and assistant superintendents has almost doubled, from 77 in 1976 to 131 in 1980. There are also more black staff personnel in decision making positions.

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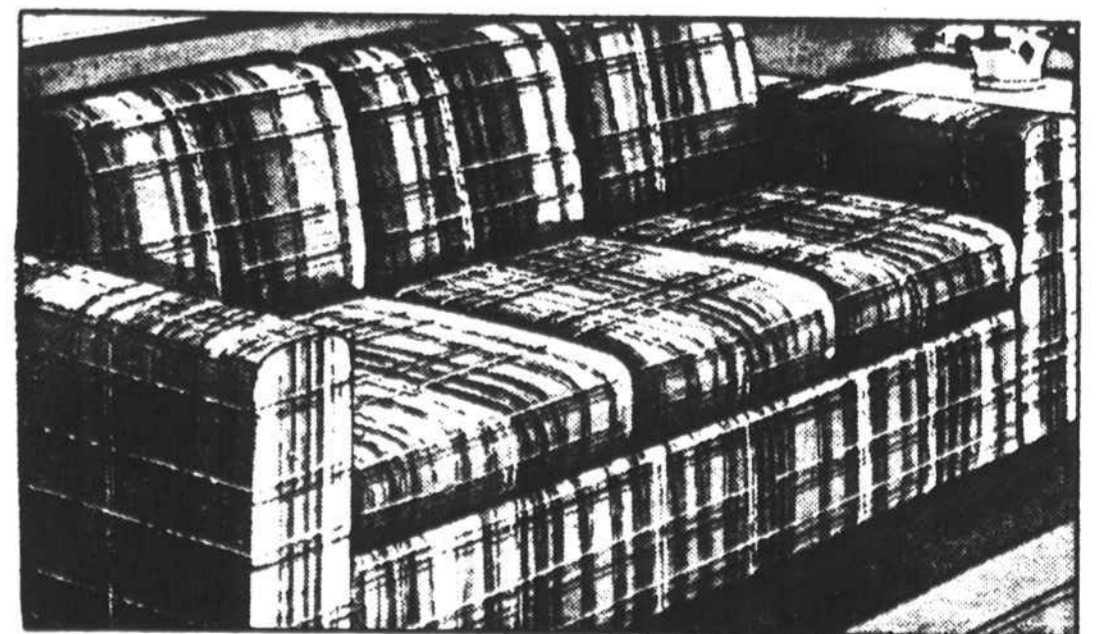
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