



Douglas Covington, chancellor of Winston-Salem State University was one of the first to open an account with Mechanics and Farmers Bank. Covington presented bank president Mel White with a check during the bank's grand opening.

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Mechanics and Farmers

Farmers was a dominant force in stimulating black entrepreneurship in the state.

"In every economic community we must keep the

money in that community for it to be prosperous to us," explained White. "In this community the money is earned here, but invested and spent out-

side the community. A bank represents the opportunity to recycle that money and turn back into the community and loans are a key way to do it."

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amount of monthly income the striker had when employed. No additional food stamps will be given to account for the loss of wages during the strike. Kerr added, "the number of individuals on strike receiving food stamps in the past has been a very small percent of the total North Carolina food stamp recipients."

Another new rule that will affect all food stamp applicants beginning October 1, will prohibit boarders from participating in the program. In the past, an individual could be eligi-

ble for food stamps even if meals were provided at the place of residence.

Kerr said that another money saving step by the federal administrator towards food stamp reform is prorating the first month's food stamp allotment. "If a household applies for food assistance the 15th of the month and is determined eligible, the allotment received will be approximately half of a full month's allotment. Current regulations enabled the household to receive a full month's allotment regardless of the date of ap-

plication."

"One other major change in federal policy effective October 1, concerns the family unit requirement. Parents under 60 years of age and children who live together must be considered one household for food stamp purposes. Now, they could be separate households in the same dwelling and each household receive more food stamps," he added.

All of the changes will affect those households applying for food stamps beginning October 1. Those households currently receiving food stamps will have their cases converted to the new regulations by certain deadlines. The provisions concerning the 130 percent gross income limit and the 18 percent income deduction must be implemented for all those households currently receiving food stamps by December 31, 1981. The current caseload must be reviewed to convert to the new family unit requirement and the new striker and boarder policy by September 30, 1982.

A notice will be placed in all October food stamp mailings informing all recipients that recent changes in federal rules may cause their food stamp benefits to be reduced or terminated.

Kerr said, "These are the first set of changes in the Food Stamp Program. Additional rules will be published next year by the U.S. Department of Agriculture concerning disqualification penalties for fraud and misrepresentation, accounting procedures, and others."

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Triad Girl Scout Council. In the past, she has been vice chairwoman of the Sixth Congressional District black leadership caucus and has served on the board of directors of Women's Aid Services in Greensboro. She also was a member of the Friends of Greensboro College Advisory Committee and the Carolina Theatre Commission.

She is serving as phonothon chairwoman of Bennett College's 1981

United Negro College Fund Campaign. Ms. Williams also has worked on the Mayor's Energy Conservation Commission, Guilford County Women's Coalition and Greensboro YWCA.

Among her other memberships, she belongs to the NAACP, the League of Women Voters, the Greensboro Altrusa Club, the American Civil Liberties Union, and the International Association of Business Communicators.

Housing Starts Down Drastic

Washington, D.C., September 17 -- "The dramatic downturn in August housing starts confirms what our builders have been reporting from across the nation. Housing activity is coming to a

major proportions. The nation's home builders are fighting for survival against mounting odds," said Herman J. Smith, president of the National Association of Home Builders.

The seasonally adjusted annual rate of 937,000 housing starts is the lowest monthly rate since February 1975, when the rate was 904,000.

standstill in the face of persisting high interest rates, and we are seeing the beginning of a housing crisis of



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