

Vice President George Bush, second from left, met recently with members of The National Conference of Black Mayors to discuss their concerns about the nation's cities. "Unemployment is still the number one problem," said Mayor Johnny Ford of Tuskegee and NCBM president. "We are working with the Reagan administration to find ways to elevate this situation, especially with our youths." Also present at the White House meeting, left to right, were Mayor Marion Barry of Washington, D.C. and NCBM second vice president; Webster Guilory, president of the National Association of Black County Officials; Clarence Mitchell III, president of the National Black Caucus of State Legislators; and Sam Tucker, director of NCBM Washington office.

## He's the 'singing plumber'

brief acquaintance with Marian Anderson, he has studied with some of the world's best musicians. Noted French musician La Forge, John Works and Dr. Clifford Blair were his teachers.

Andrews has also performed with one of the night club circuit's greatest showmen, Cab Calloway. In the winter f 1958, Andrews toured with Calloway and the Cotton Bub Review in Miami, Fla.

His connection with the music world today is as ninister of music at First Baptist Church.

"They say minister of music, but I'm not a minister," Anderson says. "I just direct the choirs and head the

Besides being labeled as the "Singing Plumber," Andrews, a former Fisk Jubilee Singer, is also known by a few of his friends as "bow tie."

"Yeah," he says. "I'm a bit old-fashioned and stayed, and I still wear the ties you have to tie. As a matter of fact, I don't even own a straight tie."

It doesn't seem to bother Andrews that he didn't get he fame that he probably would have gotten had he been born in a different time. He had his plumbing business to fall back on, he says.

He was aware of all the obstacles of pursuing a music career and says that's why he studied plumbing at Tuskegee Institute instead of music.

"You and I and everybody else have a purpose in here and if you don't fulfill it, you fail," Andrews says.

"I didn't make it to the Met, but I enjoy doing what I'm doing. Plumbing, that's all I know besides music."

-- Daniel Andrews

"Through my music, if I touch, inspire or motivate somebody, then I've accomplished something.

"I don't claim to have it all together," he says, "but if we could all go back to the doctrine of Booker T. Washington and learn to work with your hands and educate yourself, you can go places instead of focusing on how many people Reynolds and Hanes will hire.'

#### Diabetes is major health problem, across the state and the nation

There are a few things people should know about diabetes -- from a statistical point of view. In the past 10 years, the prevalence of diabetes has increased 50 percent. It is estimated that 270,000 North Carolinians have the disease and 108,000 of them do not know they have it they are undiagnosed. Diabetes is reported 50 percent more frequently in females than in males. The rate of the disease is 20 percent higher in non-whites than in the white population.

Obviously, then, if statistics are to be taken as a true indicator -- as certainly they should be -- diabetes is a mafor health problem in our state and nation. Dr. Donald Moore, a Coats family physician, pointed out that diabetes is the second most common ailment among his patients (high blood pressure is first). And he makes no ones about the fact that it can cause demage to blood ressels, heart, kidneys, eyes and brain. He said these are generally known as target organs, but diabetes and its complications can affect just about every part of the numan body.

What causes diabetes? There is a slender, tapered organ about six to eight inches long that lies behind the stomach, called the pancreas. It produces a hormone called insulin which is necessary to the use of sugar by the body. Some people inherit a tendency toward diabetes -that is, cells of the pancreas responsible for producing insulin "give" out as they get older, usually after 40. This is known as adult on-set diabetes. On the other hand, some children are born with the disease or are diagnosed early main cause is thought to be some sort of immunity pro- themselves and others.

Military

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sistence Specialist

Cynthia L. Harmon, daughter of Albert L. and

Connie R. Harmon of

Ogburn Avenue, has

graduated from Basic Sub-

sistence Specialist School. The 18-week course was

conducted at the Coast

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ving, menu planning and related kitchen health and

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Sugar is needed by the body to make energy. All parts of the body need it, especially muscles. When sugar, starchy foods or other foods with sugar in them are eaten, the body ingests it and forms a simple sugar called glucose. This glucose goes to the blood stream and eventually to all parts of the body. Physicians are not quite sure what happens in adult on-set diabetes. Moore stated that insulin seems to be there, but it appears to get into the blood stream slower than normal after sugar or starch is eaten. He did stress, however, that people with diabetic relatives and those who are overweight have a greater chance of getting it.

On the other hand, diabetic children may develop the disease in a few weeks. They are almost always totally dependent on insulin. Juvenile diabetes, as a rule, affects people under 30. But by far the majority have the adult type or the non-insulin dependent form. Moore said sometimes medication, including insulin, is needed to get adult diabetes under control, but it can often be phased out when the victim gets his weight down, follows a strict diet and takes regular exercise. Like juvenile diabetes, though, it can never be cured; but it can be controlled so the person can lead a near-normal life.

Moore said when diabetes becomes severe a person will most likely experience extreme thirst, increased urination, tiredness, weight loss, blurred vision, pain in the legs, itching and a tendency toward skin infections. He said it is important that everybody get to know some facts in life. Heredity can play a part in this type, too, but the about diabetes so they can recognize symptoms in

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#### Rutter appointed

The Southeastern Center (SECCA) announces the appointment of Virginia S. Rutter as special assistant to the director for the Awards in the Visual Arts (AVA) Program effective Jan. 13.

Mrs. Rutter replaces Victoria J. Meadows, who resigned to move to Washington, D.C

A native of Wilmington, Del., Mrs. Rutter graduated with a degree in decorative arts from Mount Vernon College in Washington, D.C., in 1972.

Most recently, Mrs. Rutter was mid-west regional manager for Random House books based in Chicago. Prior to that she had been a sales representative for Random House, and the gallery branch manager for Carspecken-Scott Gallery in Wilmington, Del.

Mrs. Rutter's responsibilities in her new position will include assisting the director of SECCA and AVA, Ted Potter, in planning, implementing and evaluating the total AVA program. She will serve as the public information and communications officer of AVA and act as advance coordinator for all AVA events.

The Awards in the Visual Arts in an innovative program which awards a total of \$150,000 annually in fellowships to 10 artists (\$15,000 each) across the country. The program is funded by the Equitable Life Assurance Society of United States, the Rockfeller Foundation and the National Endowment for the Arts. AVA, administered bу Southeastern Center for Contemporary Art in Winston-Salem, singles out important emerging American artists, those with worthy achievements that deserve national recognition and support.





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