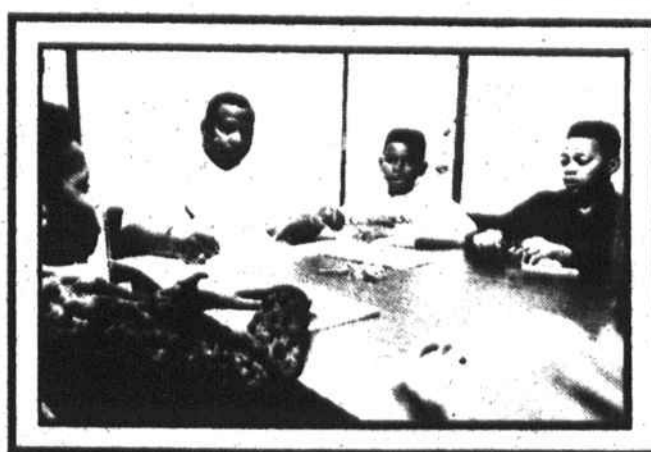


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## Agency calls for Gray's resignation

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A national body of the United Church of Christ has called for the resignation of President Bush's counsel, C. Boyden Gray. A native of Winston-Salem, Gray is the son of Gordon Gray, who at one time owned the *Winston-Salem Journal*, WXII TV12, and WSIS radio. Boyden Gray is the former chairman of the board of Summit Cable, which is still owned by the Gray family.

The call for Gray's resignation came last week in a resolution passed by the 17-member directorate of the

United Church of Christ's Office for Church in Society, meeting at the denomination's central offices in Cleveland.

The resolution cited Gray's attempt "to mount a new attack on affirmative action" even as Bush prepared for his Nov. 21 signing of the Civil Rights Act of 1991.

The resolution referred to a presidential directive, drafted by Gray and made public last week, that would have ended the use of preferences for minorities and women in federal hiring. When the directive brought criticism from members of Congress and civil rights

leaders on Nov. 21, Bush rescinded the directive that day.

"While we celebrate the signing of the Civil Rights Act of 1991," the resolution said, "we are deeply disturbed that the signing ceremony almost became the occasion for a new presidential directive negating the cornerstone of affirmative action enforcement."

The resolution also blamed Gray "for leading the charge to label the Civil Rights Act of 1991 a 'quota bill,' for 'doing everything in his power to block any compromise on that bill over the past two years' and

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"If it's worth doing, it's worth doing right"



Mrs. Frances Coble

### For the record

If you spend a few moments with Mrs. Frances Coble, you are bound to get the feeling that you've met somebody special. You've met somebody that knows how to do things right — the first time.

A whole lot of people in this community



### ON THE AVANT-GARDE

By TANG NIVRI

already know her — especially Winston-Salem State University alumni — where she served as registrar for 36 years. She was the woman who stood at the gate. If it wasn't done right then she'd send you back and make you do it again.

At a recent reunion of the class of 1955, a former student remarked, "She would see you in and she would see you out."

Yes sir, folks who know Mrs. Frances Coble know that this lady has a natural knack for doing things right. If you are going to work with Mrs. Coble, you may as well get ready to do it right.

"My parents always taught me to do things right or leave them alone. Dr. F.L. Atkins wanted things done right, too. That was his philosophy. You do it right or you don't do it at all. All of the people I've ever worked for were like that," she chuckled.

Young Frances was born in Ohio at the age of three, moved to Denver, Colorado. The young lady must have been pretty smart because when it came time to go to college, she wanted to major in three things: Physical Education, Business Education, and Music.

So, what did she do? Well, she majored in Business, minored in physical education and studied piano and organ for four years at Colorado State College, now the University of Northern Colorado.

It was sort of natural for Frances to want to major in business education. After all, she had the perfect role model, her father. He was a Pullman Porter and he believed that black folks should own things — especially their own business. So he used his own money (with the help of a few other things), to start his own real estate business. As a little girl, Frances worked for her father and learned very early the importance of keeping good, accurate records. She also learned that being in business was not exactly what she wanted to do.

"I remember how I used to hate to go collect the rent. I would always cry when sometimes people wouldn't come to the door or when they'd say they didn't have the money."

After graduating from college in 1930, Frances headed south to North Carolina where she worked for Dr. Charlotte Hawkins Brown of the Palmer Memorial Institute in Sedalia, Palmer was a finishing school for blacks.

Of Dr. Brown, she remembers how people would say, "If you could work for Dr. Brown, then you could work for anybody." It was there that she met Hoyt Coble whom she later married in 1936.

After serving as secretary for three years to Dr. Brown, Frances was asked to serve as secretary to the registrar and the dean at what was then Winston-Salem Teachers College. In 1934, former dean F.L. Atkins became president and in 1936, young Frances became registrar.

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James Walthour chaired the American Legion's Thanksgiving basket committee, which included Martha Jones, Paul Ferguson, Earl Miller, Carrie Richardson, Favella Whisonant, Clarence Simington, William Wright, Southern Prysock, Melvin Beatty, Lester Witherspoon, Junius Walker, and Lawson B. Nichols.

### Continue our blessings

## American Legion lends a hand

By SHERIDAN HILL  
Chronicle Staff Writer

November breezes rippled the stars and stripes flying over American Legion Post #220 on Liberty Street as veterans carried overflowing Thanksgiving boxes to their cars. Once all the boxes were carefully loaded, cars pulled out of the gravel parking lot and headed for

fifty homes across Winston-Salem to assure a wholesome Thanksgiving meal. Each box was filled with the makings of a sumptuous dinner: chicken, dressing, rice, collard greens, candied yams, white potatoes, peaches and dinner rolls. A stock of staples was also included: eggs, margarine, flour, corn meal and grits.

"I really do appreciate it very much," said Mary Hinson, who received her box Tuesday. "I'm 84 years

old. I've got a heart condition, and arthritis, but with all the aches and pains, I'm just glad I'm here."

On Thanksgiving, it's good to listen to people like Ms. Hinson and Mary Frazier, 70. People who take time to count their blessings. Ms. Frazier has been receiving American Legion Thanksgiving boxes for 13

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## Clayton kicks off historical campaign

Would be state's first black since reconstruction period

Chronicle Wire Report

When Eva M. Clayton of Warren county steps up to the microphone to announce her candidacy for the newly-created First Congressional District on December 3, she will set into motion events that could make history. She could become the first minority since Reconstruction to represent North Carolina in the United States Congress. Ironically, the state's first black in Congress was also from Warren County. John Hyman served from 1875-1877.

In a whirlwind tour that sweeps the First District from Elizabeth City to Durham and culminates in Henderson, Clayton will set the pace for what promises to be a hotly-contested race. The Clayton campaign will

meet citizens of Durham on the County Courthouse steps at 5 p.m., then take off for a gala celebration at the civic center on the campus of Vance-Granville Community College, from 7 to 9 p.m.

Eva Clayton's campaign will not be politics as usual. "The First District is one of great diversity and strengths," she says. "In addition to being blessed with great universities and colleges, small businesses, manufacturing giants and the finest family farms, we also face great challenges in our high rates of unemployment, substandard housing crime."

Clayton adds, "I plan to build a broad-based coalition of citizens who can make a difference, and I can do that by being a representa-



Eva M. Clayton

tive who is accessible, and who offers straight answers to tough questions."

Clayton, a 57-year-old Warren County Commissioner and president of her own small business, points to her leadership through almost three decades of public service as the primary reason she believes she can serve residents of the District well in Washington, D.C. Her experience covers the gamut of local, regional, state and national enterprises.

## Committee wrestles with school discipline

How to involve black men?

By SHERIDAN HILL  
Chronicle Staff Writer

Last week when a sub-group of the Discipline Alternatives Committee met, much of their time was spent raising questions. Now that the school board has banned corporal punishment, this group is charged with recommending an alternative discipline program for children with severe discipline problems. They must decide how to handle children who would have been paddled.

### Principals say hands off

One issue in question is the idea of a system-wide approach to discipline. At a recent meeting, many members openly complained that every school uses a different discipline approach, and different approaches are used within the same school. But last week's meeting began with the news that principals do not want the central administration to give them a directive on disci-

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