

# Blacks Have Made Substantial Gains In Industry

Blacks have made substantial gains in the steel industry under the Federal consent decree which mandates more minorities be hired.

Blue collar jobs were up 30 percent and black managers increased by 37 percent.

Despite these gains steel mills are operating below 60 percent capacity and many minorities are being laid off, according to the National Labor Service.

Representatives of black churches from many denominations are gathering in Washington September 17-19 for a national conference. Their objective is to develop an agenda for black political action in the fall elections.

Johnson C. Smith University's friends-and staff want to tell the Charlotte community about the school's programs and projects.

WPEG Radio (98 FM) will air a discussion of the New Freshman Orientation Program, hosted by Linda Florence on the JCSU Showcase September 21 at 7:30 p.m. Jim Bishop is the coordinator.

"Survival of the Black Colleges" will be presented on WRET-TV, Channel 36, on September 21 on "New Dimensions" at 10:30 a.m.

Featured guests will be Dr. William Greene and Curt Peters, campaign chairman of the JCSU-UNCF Drive.

This show will be rebroadcast on September 22 at 12:30 a.m., Channel 36.

More than 300 housing tenants from across the state gathered at the Shiloh Christian Church in Smithfield recently, for the quarterly meeting of the North Carolina Tenants Organization.

Activities included a "Speak Out" program in which NCTO members openly discussed individual and collective housing problems.

Tenants also attended workshops and a keynote address by

Dennis Ray, Executive Director of Legal Services of North Carolina.

Charlotte Transit System bus ridership continues to soar. August, 1980 riders increased by 46 percent over August, 1979.

Sales of monthly TRAC passes were up 202 percent over last year.

If all of August's bus passengers drove cars instead, they would have consumed 279,628 gallons of gasoline. Bus riders also prevented 117 tons of carbon monoxide and 15 tons of hydrocarbons from spewing into Charlotte's air.

Over 800 public health professionals statewide are expected to attend the 69th annual meeting of the North Carolina Public Health Association.

The group is planning to congregate in Charlotte on September 23-26 at the Sheraton Inn.

"National Health Security: Chal-

lenges and Opportunity" is the theme of the gathering which will focus on how to promote and protect public and personal health.

Dr. Basil G. Delta, director of the Mecklenburg County Health Department and staff will host an open house at the Health Department on September 24.

West Mecklenburg has a new assistant principal. He's Sam Caldwell, a former principal at Wilson Junior High and language arts-social studies teacher in the Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools.

Bells will ring for the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce fall leadership school September 25 through October 30. To apply, call Marguerite Rigdon, 377-6911.

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Candy Davis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Davis of 1725 Woodvalley Drive, has enlisted in the U.S. Air Force.

Airman Davis, a 1978 graduate of West Charlotte High School, joined

under the Air Force's Delayed Enlistment Program, which allows her to accumulate time in the Air Force Reserve until she enters active duty on February 11, 1981.

Sergeant Stephen White, Air Force Recruiter in Charlotte, said Airman Davis successfully completed a series of tests which qualified her for administrative training.

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