

CROSSWORD

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down. Clues include: 1. Egyptian deity, 5. Division of a hospital, 9. Beetle, 10. An Iroquoian, 11. North Vietnam's capital, 12. Sew loosely, 14. Consumed, 15. Thieves, 17. Exist, 18. Thin, as a dog, 19. Close to, 20. An obligation, 21. Confront, 23. Purliners of literary works, 26. Supports, 27. Skating area, 28. Jewish month, 29. Plant shoot, 30. Personal pronoun, 32. Place of King Arthur's court, 35. Body of water, 36. Harden (var.), 37. A size of type, 39. Bones (anat.), 40. Felt concern (never), 41. Never (poet.), 42. Three, at cards.

Capsule

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LOCAL

HIGH POINT

The High Point Board of Education voted 4 to 1 in favor of maintaining and renovating Ferndale, Griffin, and Northeast junior high schools. The motion was made by board member James Chestnut and the one dissenting vote was made by Dr. John Bridgers.

Plans for a new junior high school in the Shadybrook school area must now be shelved for the immediate future.

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Guilford County Director of Social Services Wayne Metz recently said that the cost for services and aid in 1975 could cost 50-75 per cent more than 1974. It is conceivable that the 1975 budget will have a total cost of \$33 million.

In 1974, Metz had to hire 79 permanent and 28 temporary employees with funds for these positions coming out of county funds not originally budgeted to social services. According to Metz, there will be other increases in the social services staff for 1975. He feels that these increases will continue until the economy stabilizes.

THE GATE CITY

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Accusation Denied

Ms. Tooté Asked To Resign,

WASHINGTON — After five days of accusations and denials, it was not clear on Wednesday from news reports whether Ms. Gloria E.A. Tooté, the highest ranking black woman in the Ford administration, had been fired from her position as assistant secretary for equal employment opportunity.



MS. GLORIA TOOTÉ

Ms. Tooté said Sunday that she had been asked by Housing and Urban Development Secretary Carla Hills to resign, but on that day Mrs. Hills said she had not asked for the resignation.

IT WAS startling news because Mrs. Hills was sworn in on her new post on Monday to succeed James T. Lynn who became director of Mr. President Ford's Office of Management and Budget. Ms. Tooté said Mrs. Hill asked for her resignation the next day. The status of Ms. Tooté's

position remained uncertain during the discussions on the case. When asked about the reports on Sunday, Ms. Tooté said, "I simply wish to position remained uncertain during the discussions on the case. When asked about the reports on Sunday, Ms. Tooté said that my resignation was

requested on Tuesday, March 11, by Carla A. Hills, secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development. I have no other comment except that as the only black woman assistant secretary in the federal government, I do regret leaving this void."

BUT MRS. HILLS said Sunday, "I did not ask for her resignation. I did not fire her."

Meanwhile, on Sunday when Ms. Tooté was told about Mrs. Hills' denial, she said she was ready to stand by her statement that she had been asked to resign.

Voting Rights Act Still Needed For Black Political Equality

WASHINGTON—Although blacks constitute 26 percent of the population in the seven states of the South that are covered by the federal Voting

RIGHTS Act, they still hold only three percent of the elective offices available in those states, the president of the Joint Center for Political Studies has testified.

Eddie N. Williams, head of the private public interest organization, told a congressional subcommittee considering extension of the Act that its protection has been vital to progress in

electing blacks to public offices in the South, where blacks were formerly prevented from even voting in many places. The Act will expire this August unless Congress votes to extend it.

Williams asserted that the thousands of blacks who have registered and voted since passage of the Act, many for the first time in their lives, led

directly to the increase in the number of blacks who have run for and won public offices throughout the South. Said Williams: "The right to vote to choose our representatives in government is one of our most fundamental rights. And while some legal barriers have been lowered, many still exist, and so do political and economic

barriers. In addition, Dawkins calls on Vice President Rockefeller to look into the conflict between the chairman and the members of the EEOC Commission.

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COLEMAN TAKES OATH—President Ford looks on as William T. Coleman of Philadelphia is sworn in as secretary of transportation at the White House. Administering the oath in Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall. Coleman's wife Lovida is holding the Bible. Coleman succeeds Claude Brinegar.

Nation's Reading Problem Addressed

GREENSBORO - The nation's reading problem may be the result of a gap between "reading progress and technological progress, between theory and practice," the chancellor of A&T State University told a state-wide reading conference which opened in Greensboro last week.

Dr. Lewis C. Dowdy, "statistics indicate that technological advances have exceeded advances made in classroom reading instruction, when really, the situation should be the other way around."

Dowdy's address opened the seventh annual conference on reading sponsored by the North Carolina

Reading Council of the International Reading Association.

The sessions were held at the Royal Villa motel.

Dowdy called for increased use of media technology for the improvement of reading instruction.

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