

NOW NO SCHOOL-- WHAT NEXT

By now most North Carolinians are aware of the attempt by A&T State University to have a veterinarian school located on its campus. Also, by now, most North Carolinians are aware of the decision of the Board of Governors not to locate the school of veterinary medicine at A&T but rather to locate it at North Carolina State University at Raleigh.

There has been much concern in the community about the decision of the Board of Governors as to the "why" and the "how" they came to their conclusion. Again, this same subject has cropped up but this time from a different "responsible" party.

Very recently, Sen. Ralph Scott of Alamance County, the co-chairman of the General Assembly Joint Appropriations Committee, suggested in public news

articles that A&T should be closed and its engineering and agriculture departments shifted to North Carolina State in Raleigh and the other departments to UNC-G. This kind of irresponsible statement by a legislator can only be considered as damaging to the total system of the educational process as well as to the anticipated goodwill and the mutually beneficial relationships of the races. Further, it is this kind of thinking that curtails the advancement of a community or a state in regards to minorities, especially Blacks. In my opinion, such a ludicrous suggestion would appear to have only been made by one who is racially motivated - a racist.

To even consider Sen. Scott's suggestion would be contrary to what the state has agreed to do in its desegregation

plan for higher education in the state. I make reference to a letter dated November 10, 1973, from HEW, to Gov. James E. Holshouser, Jr. to remind the state that:

"The North Carolina plan and its implementation may not place a greater burden on black as compared to white students, faculty and staff in any aspect of the desegregation process. Such burdens include the denial to students of course offerings, access to facilities, financial aid, or other benefits, and the denial to faculty and staff of equal salaries, benefits and seniority rights. The closing or downgrading of any of the predominantly black institutions in connection with desegregation would create a presumption that a greater burden is being placed upon the black

students and faculty in the state."

Therefore, to suggest closing A&T or any other black college would be in violation of the state's agreement with HEW.

Again, it is the intention of THE TRIBUNAL AID to make all persons aware of the kinds of games that have been played on the Black community and which are still being attempted.

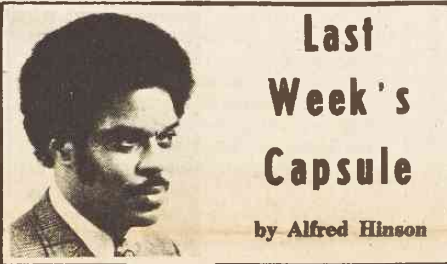
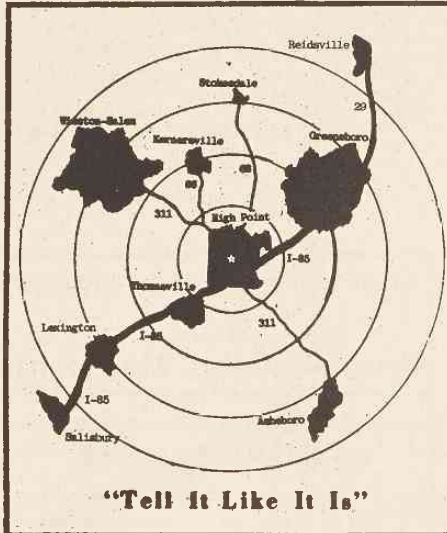
A number of Black leaders throughout the state of North Carolina have reacted to the statement made by Sen. Scott and all hold similar positions to that of THE TRIBUNAL AID in regard to this present situation.

Pay your own political dues by voting. When persons of Sen. Scott's character are placed in responsible positions, rest assured their efforts will be to reduce,

delay, curtail, or completely eliminate any progress that Blacks might possibly make.

Hopefully, our voting readers in Alamance county will take another look at who has been elected (Sen. Scott) and consider at the next election whether or not this kind of person needs to be in the North Carolina Senate. Certainly there are many things that can be done, i.e., letters can be written and statements can be made -- and should be. This geographical area is supposed to be "advanced" as related to Black progress. When you look at other areas and then look back at ours, can you believe it!

Any reaction to, this and other circumstances is welcomed by THE TRIBUNAL AID newspaper.



Last Week's Capsule

by Alfred Hinson

NATIONAL

Treasury Secretary William E. Simon said that a recovery from the nation's recession is likely to begin later this year. A positive economic growth should be realized in the fourth quarter, Simon stated. Simons' predictions were based on such indicators as a decline in interest rates, more money in the housing market and an observable decline in consumer prices.

Taxpayers can expect to receive their rebate checks by the second week of May according to Internal Revenue Service sources. The first of an estimated 78 million will be mailed on May 9. Those individuals who filed their tax forms first will receive their rebates first.

Individuals are eligible for rebates up to \$200. Those who paid no taxes for 1974 will receive no rebate.

STATE

University of North Carolina President William C. Friday has decided to make a test case out of HEW's request to suspend its decision to build a veterinary school at North Carolina State University. The decision to establish the school at North Carolina State University as opposed to A&T State University was made last fall by the UNC Board of Governors.

If the veterinary school is to be established at North Carolina State University, a program of similar stature and attractiveness must be awarded to North Carolina A&T, according to William H. Thomas, director Office for Civil Rights.

Gov. George Wallace, Governor of Alabama is expected to be the leading speaker against abolishing the North Carolina preferential primary when the Senate committee holds its public hearing this week. Wallace won the 1972 primary by defeating former N.C. Gov. Terry Sanford.

Fifteen persons have been invited to debate the issue, according to Senate State Government Committee Chairman Sen. McNeill Smith, D-Guilford. Among those invited to make presentations are former Georgia Gov. Jimmy Carter and North Carolina Governor James Holshouser.

The bill was sponsored by Rep. George Breece, D-Cumberland. As of last Wednesday, Breece did not know who would speak in favor of his bill. It is believed, however, that Breece was influenced by Terry Sanford to introduce the bill to abolish the preferential primary.

The North Carolina Senate on last Friday gave approval to a bill to raise the interest rate charged by small loan companies to 36 per cent a year on loans of \$300 or less. The new law raises the current interest rate from 2 1/2 percent a month (30 per cent a year) to 3 per cent a month (36 percent a year).

Senator McNeill Smith, D-Guilford, fought strongly

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Railroad Claims Agent Is Challenging Job

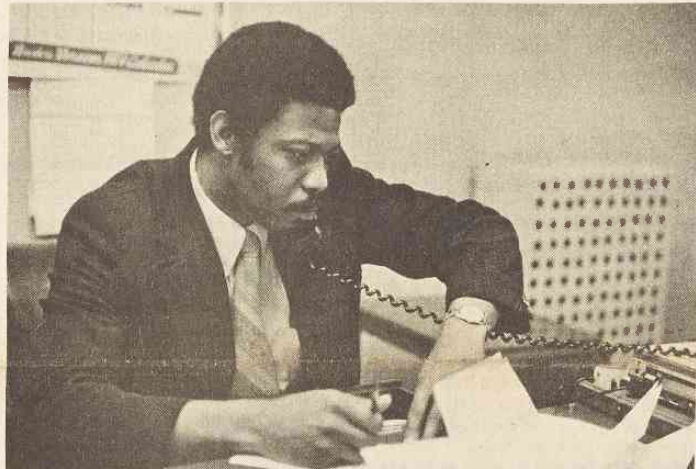
SALISBURY -- Frederick Reynolds is on call 24 hours a day. He works for Southern Railway in Salisbury, North Carolina as a claim agent and whenever there is an accident in his territory involving Southern, he must get to the scene as quickly as possible. His job is a demanding and important one that very often involves crisis situations when he must talk to the injured, and, in some cases, the next of kin.

Fred never thought he would still be working for Southern when he "dropped in" to take a test at Southern's Richmond, Virginia office in 1971. He had graduated from Virginia Union University with a bachelor's degree in business education in 1967. He married soon after graduation and spent three years

in the army.

When Fred came to work for Southern, his first job was working as a yard clerk. His duties included classifying trains according to cities as they came into the "yard" (depot) in Richmond. He actually "directed traffic" in the yard and checked train cars and numbers. He kept records of trains and called information in to the computer center in Atlanta. He was promoted to chief clerk after eight months. He then had to handle freight orders from customers and supervise the yard crew.

After tests in Richmond and Washington and two weeks training in Southern's Atlanta claims office, Fred was transferred to Salisbury, North Carolina, and assumed his duties as



claim agent in November, 1973. Commenting in a light vein on the seriousness of his work, Fred says he has acquired "only a few gray hairs so far and no ulcers yet."

He said he finds that whenever he investigates an accident, the first assumption by parties involved is usually that the railroad is at fault. "This is sometimes true, but not as often as most people allege," he stated matter-of-factly. His job is to try to find out exactly what happened by investigating both sides and then to

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Goal Almost Instant Success

by Sandra Hill, Tribunal Aid Correspondent

REIDSVILLE -- Barely a month after a young Reidsville man circulated the idea of getting his fellow citizens involved in the "cause for justice," specifically the case of Joann Little, the Reidsville Joann Little Defense Fund committee headed by Ernest Bernard Austin, has nearly reached its goal.

That goal was to raise \$1000 to help cover the

defense expenses of Ms. Little who has been charged with murder in the ice-pick stabbing of a Beaufort County jailer.

Ms. Little and her attorneys contend that the stabbing was in self-defense, and that Ms. Little killed Clarence Allgood while trying to fend off a sexual attack. The case has gained nation-wide attention, and the support of various civil rights organizations.

Austin said he became

interested in the case and in "doing something for Ms. Little" after talking with her attorneys Jerry Paul and Karen Galloway in Durham. From there he moved to educate and motivate the Reidsville public.

At a meeting of all interested citizens, Austin, who originally fathered the idea of establishing a Reidsville Joann Little Defense Fund, was elected to chair the committee. Other officers elected were co-chairman, Larry Wilson;

secretary, Cathy Robinson; assistant secretary, Yvonne Miller; and treasurer, Treva Johnson.

An active program committee under the direction of Thomas Gorrell, Leroy Singleton, Mrs. Catherine Cogdell, and Mrs. Bernard Austin was cited as a major factor in the success of the fund raising. The group has sponsored a spaghetti dinner, a calendar tea, record hops, and stew sales. "Free Joann Little" buttons are also being sold by the group.

Plans for a benefit dance featuring a guest band and for a Sunday rally featuring Ms. Yvonne Davis, treasurer of the Joann Little Defense Fund, Inc. of Durham, are being made.

The Sunday rally will climax the group's efforts for Ms. Little, Austin said.

However noting that the Joann Little case is not just a one of a kind, unusual occurrence, the group has set a greater goal to move toward after they have done

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King's Dream Kept Alive

by Gaye Payne, Chapel Hill Correspondent

RALEIGH -- Keeping the dream alive--the dream of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. -- was the theme of the memorial service held Sunday, April 6, at Carolina Biblical Gardens in Raleigh.

The service, commemorating the death of Dr. King, seven years ago, was highlighted by Dr. Christine King Farris, sister of the slain civil rights leader.

Dr. Farris, a professor at Spelman and Morehouse colleges in Atlanta, Ga., prefaced her speech by saying, "Today, I've come to talk about life, not death."

Along these lines, Dr. Farris told an audience of about five hundred persons the important thing is to keep alive the dream of her brother, Dr. King, Jr.

Dr. King, an apostle of militant non-violence lived with the dream for

"America, in general, and Blacks and minorities, in particular, that all are created equal," advised Dr. Farris.

"Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., preached love, compassion and brotherhood. He gave hope and strength to millions of oppressed people," she said to the predominately

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New Program For Sickle Cell

RALEIGH -- A treatment program for patients with sickle cell anemia and related genetic disorders (sickle cell anemia, sickle C hemoglobin, sickle thalassemia and sickle D hemoglobin) was announced by T.B. Haynes, program manager for the Division of Health Services.

Haynes said in addition to funds appropriated by the 1974 General Assembly for treatment of the sickle

cell syndrome, financial aid is also available from medicaid and medicare and the Crippled Children's

Program. He noted that treatment can be secured from any private physician, hospital or major health

center in North Carolina. The public health official

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Miss Gilmore To Serve As Page

REIDSVILLE -- Miss Phyllis Evonne Gilmore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Gilmore of 1203 Lawsonville Ave. has been appointed by the Honorable David Blackwell (D-Rockingham) to serve as a page in the 1975 session of the

General Assembly. This is one of the highest honors for young adults of the state. As a page she will run errands for the legislators, attend General Assembly meetings, and perform other duties she may be asked to do by a legislator.

The first black in Rockingham County to be appointed page, Phyllis is a

junior at Reidsville Senior High School. She is a member of Grooms Baptist Church where she is president of the young adult choir and the junior usher board. She is also a member and treasurer of the Abawala Sorority. Phyllis holds a part-time job as a cashier in the dietary department at Annie Penn Hospital.

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Pointer Club Holds Third Meeting

The POINTERS Club of New York is sponsoring its Third Annual Dinner-Dance, Friday, April 25, from 8:30 p.m. until 2:00 A.M. The dinner will be held at the Astoria Manor's "Empire Room" in Astoria, L.I., N.Y.

This year's guests of honor will be Dr. Samuel E. Burford and Dr. Aaron O.

Wells.

The club is made up of graduates from the former William Penn High School and friends of the "Pointers" who enjoy getting together once a year. Members are scattered throughout the United States.

Officers are: Thomas V.

Craven, President; Mamie C. Tate, Vice President; Alberta Ford, Recording Secretary; Lucille P. Newlin, Financial Secretary;

Blondell Bell, Treasure; Lawrence N. Boyd, Corresponding Secretary; and Garnett Stowe, Business Manager.

To Speak At WSSU

WINSTON-SALEM -- Alan Donnahoe, president of Media General, Inc., will speak to the annual meeting of the Winston-Salem and Forsyth County YWCA April 24. Donnahoe will speak on

"The Role of a Free Press in a Free Society" and will discuss the philosophy of newspaper operations in Winston-Salem and elsewhere. Media General, headquartered in Rich-

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