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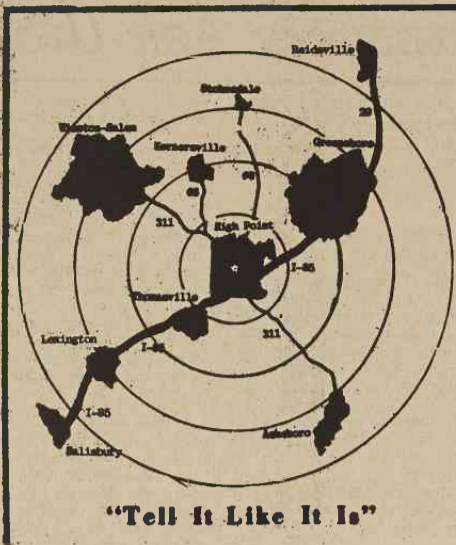
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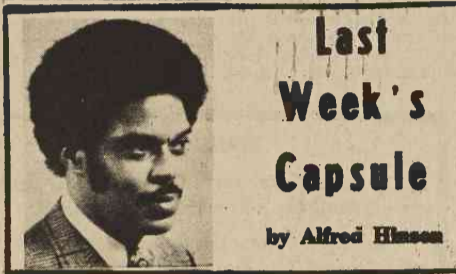
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## Last Week's Capsule

by Alfred Hinson

### NATIONAL

According to the Harris Poll, Ronald Reagan could destroy President Ford's chances of winning the 1976 presidential election should he, Reagan, leave the Republican party and run on a conservative ticket. The polls now show President Ford and Senator Edmund Muskie tied for the position as the peoples choice. Should Ronald Reagan run for the presidential election, the poll shows Senator Muskie as winning with a 39 percent plurality.

Though Reagan has not announced that he would run for the presidency, it is known that he has been spending some time with Alabama Governor George Wallace. This contact with Wallace causes many to believe that a Reagan-Wallace or a Wallace-Reagan third party ticket is a probability.

According to Federal Energy Administrator Frank G. Zarb, the United States is likely to face severe shortage in electric power within five years unless the nation speeds up the building of power plants. The rapidity with which the economy recovers will somewhat determine when the shortage will become a reality.

### STATE

When Congress passed the Special Unemployment Assistance Act, many public school teachers were optimistic that they would be eligible for unemployment compensation during their summer vacations. According to interpretation by Employment Security Commission attorneys, state law bars persons who are under written or implied continuing contracts to draw benefits. Those school workers and teachers who are not under continuing contracts will be eligible for unemployment benefits providing they meet other requirements of state law.

To be eligible for unemployment compensation under North Carolina law, one must be unemployed, able and available for work, and actively seeking work.

### Greensboro

Guilford County Mental Health Director Don Fontana on last Thursday fired Dr. Harry L. Johnson, medical consultant for the county's psychiatric services unit at L. Richardson Hospital in Greensboro. He had previously accepted the resignation of Dr. Roy S. Clemmons, with both leaving the services of Guilford County on April 30.

The firing of the two psychiatrists is a result of Fontana's refusal to accept a proposal from them which they claimed would save the county money. The proposed to have physicians to work under negotiated contractual arrangements with the county instead of being treated as employees. Dr. Clemmons, working full time, earns \$40,000 per year while Dr. Johnson earns \$18,000 per year as a part-time medical consultant.

Fontana said that the proposals made by the two psychiatrists, working on a private contractual arrangement, would cause their salaries to be considerably higher than they presently are. Further, Fontana said that the quality of services at the hospital will not be jeopardized by the termination of employment of Dr. Johnson and Dr. Clemmons.

The Guilford County Social Services Board gave unanimous approval to the \$26.2 million budget for fiscal year 1975-76. The departmental budget is \$750,000 more than that of fiscal year 1974-75.

Included in the new budget is provisions for hiring 38 new social workers of which 10 will be hired by July 1, 1975. The remainder 28 budgeted positions will be filled as the need arises or services will be contracted out to meet the expressed needs.

### HIGH POINT

Dr. James E. Surratt assistant superintendent of High Point city schools will resign his position on June 30, and become superintendent of the Goldsboro city school system. He has been employed by the local school system for five years and earned his doctors degree while employed in the local system.

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## Record 1,080 A&T Students To Graduate

**GREENSBORO** - Vernon Jordan, executive director of the National Urban League, will address the 83rd annual baccalaureate-commencement exercises of A&T State University Sunday, May 4 at 11 a.m. in the Greensboro Coliseum.

## Bennett Alumnae Commencement Plans Set For May 9 - 11

**GREENSBORO** - Bennett College will hold its annual Alumnae-Commencement Week, May 9-11 in Greensboro, North Carolina. Although most of the activities will take place on the woman's campus, the headquarters will be the Royal Villa Inn.

The weekend will include class reunions, business sessions, socials, and commencement-baccalaureate activities.

The alumnae activities will be highlighted by a special alumnae leadership conference on Friday, May 9 in Pfeiffer Science Hall. National alumnae Association officers, chapter officers, and regional officers will receive firsthand information on the institution's academic thrusts, development programs, and projected alumnae recruitment-fundraising programs. Special speakers will include President Isaac H. Miller, State of Institutional Affairs Programs; Mr. Marvin H. Watkins, Development Programs; Mr. Harold Bragg, Student Affairs Projections; Dr. Chelsea Tipton, Academic Development; Mrs. Mary Eady, the Admissions Program; Mrs. Marion Tasco, the Alumnae Program. A special presentation on "The College Endowment Funding Plan" Mr. Earl Raven, associate director of Moton Management Improvement Program. The regional officials will meet in the afternoon to structure the year's regional organization programs.

## N. C. Human Resources

**RALEIGH** - An intensive rehabilitation program for Guilford County's epileptics has been created by the North Carolina Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services.

The program, to be held in cooperation with the North Carolina Epilepsy Association, will utilize medical, educational, counseling and placement resources to improve the epileptic's job potential, according to Walter B. Noble, development coordinator for the program.

Ms. Barbara Jones will be program counselor for the North Central Region which includes Forsyth,



Peter Mason, age 9, proudly displays his new 10-speed racer which he has just won in return for selling 20 subscriptions for THE TRIBUNAL AID newspaper. Congratulations Peter!

Peter is the son of Mr. and Mrs. P.E. Mason, of 1309 Cedrow Avenue, High Point.

the Greensboro Coliseum. Degrees will be awarded to a record 900 undergraduates and 180 graduate students during the ceremony.

The graduation exercises will climax a full weekend of alumni and student activities, including the annual alumni national meeting, the alumni awards dinner and a series of class reunions.

The concluding activity will be the chancellor's reception for graduates, alumni and friends in the Blue Room at the coliseum following the commencement exercises.

Jordan, 39, is a graduate of Howard University Law at 7 p.m. in the Memorial School. He began his fast



## For The Late Reggie Strickland

**THOMASVILLE** - On May 16, Thomasville Senior High School and Albemarle will battle in their annual high school baseball game. That night, at Finch Field, will be named the Reggie Strickland Memorial Night.

Reggie, the former Thomasville and A&T State University football star, died last year of a heart condition.

Plans are now being made to rename the Carver Park recreation building Reggie Strickland Center. Mrs. Minnie Payne, program director for the

recreation department revealed at the last monthly meeting.

Twelve Black men from the Thomasville community known as the Carver Park Advisory Board developed the plans and recommendations and presented them to the recreation department. The board meets frequently to discuss needs in recreation within the Black community with Carver Park the major subject. Suggestions are then passed on to the recreation department and commission.

Serving on the board are: Gregory Henderson, James Henderson, J.W. Mathis, James H. Henderson, W.G. Davis, Wardell Lee, Jerry Phillips Willie Baxter, Freddy Johnson, Lawrence Thomas, and Jessie Gathings.

Plans for the game were worked out by the board with the cooperation of the Thomasville City Schools and the recreation department.

Proceeds from the memorial night will go toward purchasing equipment and supplies for Carver Park.

## Principal E. M. Townes, Jr. Retires

**REIDSVILLE** - E.M. Townes Jr., principal of Moss Street Elementary School, recently announced his retirement, effective June 30 of this year.

In his 25 years as school principal and a total of

some 44 years of service to public school, Townes has seen a great number of changes.

He has seen the emphasis switched from the single classroom teacher to team teaching, the

fixed schedule classroom lose out to open classroom instruction in the primary grades.

Townes feels that these innovative teaching methods offer some advantages, but he maintains that "the

most important item for instruction is the classroom teacher."

"Teachers are better prepared than in the past, but the classroom schedule is so fragmented that they don't have enough time to emphasize skills," he commented.

He added, there are consultants in reading, in physical education; there are psychologists, speech therapists, learning disability specialists -- the classroom teacher has to share her time with all of these.

Townes strongly believes that if a child gets the basic skills, "it will be easy to add the others, but if he

misses the basic skills, the other skills won't carry him."

"As a follower of the old school, I feel that a good foundation in math, reading, and writing is essential," he noted.

The reduced emphasis on basic skills is only one of the changes that the veteran educator feels may have been carried too far. Recent years have also brought an awareness on the parts of both students and parents of student rights. "It is good that students have and acknowledge these rights, but neither parents nor teachers should use students rights as an excuse to let a

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## To Get Honorary Degrees

**GREENSBORO** - An assistant secretary of Housing and Urban development, a prominent civil rights leader, a nationally prominent women's leader and a corporate executive will be presented honorary degrees during the 83rd annual baccalaureate-commencement exercises at A&T State University Sunday, May 4.

The honorees will be H.R. Crawford, an assistant secretary of HUD; Vernon E. Jordan Jr., executive director of the National Urban League; Mrs. Elizabeth D. Koontz, former director of the Women's Bureau of the U.S. Department of Labor; and James E. Townsend Jr., manager of recruiting and college relations of Dow Chemical U.S.A.

The four persons will be cited during ceremonies at

the Greensboro Coliseum for 1,080 A&T graduates. The program will get underway at 11 a.m.

A Winston-Salem, N.C. native, Crawford directs all of HUD's programs and functions relative to the financial and operational management of housing.

Yergan was born in Raleigh, N.C., the grandson of a slave. He graduated in 1914 from Shaw University, where he played football and was a member of the debating

team, and did graduate studies at Springfield College.

He was a former executive director of the Council on African Affairs and a former president of the defunct National Negro Congress.

In 1915 he began an association with the Yount

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## Black Educator Dies

**RALEIGH** - Dr. Max Yergan, 82, a black leader and educator who also campaigned for black civil rights in Africa, died in Northern Westchester Hospital, Mount Kisco, N.Y.

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