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## Truesdale To Receive M.D. Degree

Gerald L. Truesdale, a fourth year student at The Pritzker School of Medicine of the University of Chicago will be awarded the Doctor of Medicine degree from that institution on June 13,

1975. Born in High Point, N.C., Truesdale attended high school at William Penn High School where he graduated in 1967. In that same year he entered Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia where he majored in chemistry.

While at Morehouse he participated for two summers in the Harvard Health Careers Program in Cambridge, Mass.

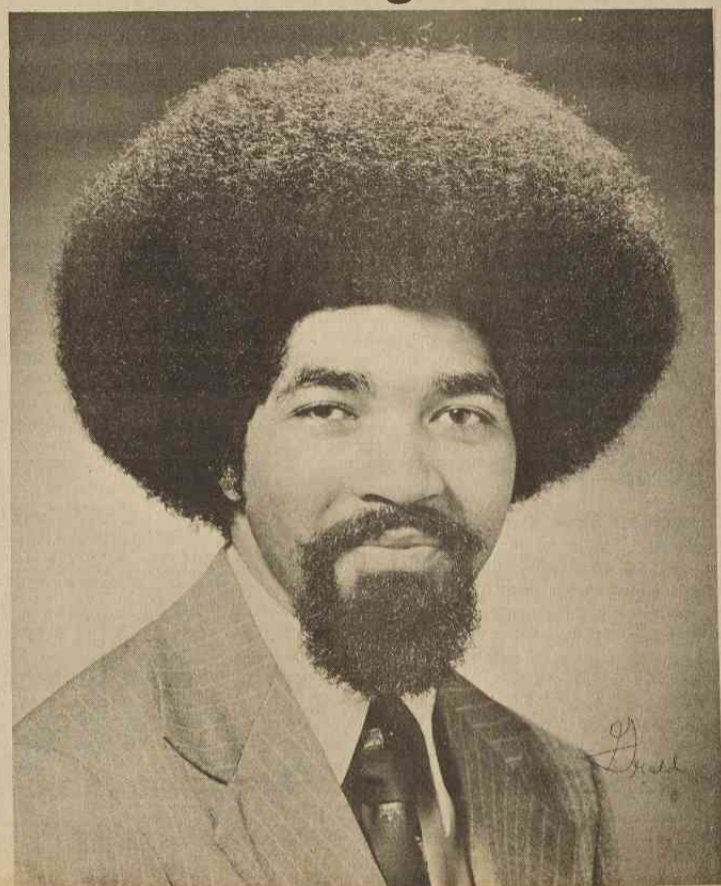
In 1971, Truesdale graduated from Morehouse with Honors, Honors in Chemistry and Phi Beta Kappa; entered the Pritzker School of Medicine in October 1971. While in Chicago he has become interested in the field of surgery and has chosen for a career, general and

plastic surgery.

He will begin his Residency in Surgery on July 1, 1975 at the Emory University School of Medicine-Grady Hospital, in Atlanta, Georgia.

Presently he is actively involved in Project-75 in Chicago, an organization whose goal is to increase the number of minority students in medicine.

Truesdale is the son of Mr. and Mrs. G.L. Truesdale of 614 Amos Street in High Point, N.C.



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## Reidsville Men Presented Certificates

REIDSVILLE - Six local men were presented certificates for distinguished and outstanding service of 25 years or more to Omega Psi Phi Fraternity at the sixth district annual meeting held April 25 - 27, at the Royal Villa in Raleigh.

The men, members of the Sigma Chi Chapter of the fraternity, were C.E. Fowlkes; H.K. Griggs, Sr.; Dr. K.W. Jones; E.M. Townes, Jr.; C.C. Watkins, and T.L. Williamson.

H.K. Griggs, Sr., was also one of the recipients of the special achievement awards presented to two retired Omega men for 40 years or more of dedicated service in education, civic, fraternal, and religious work in their states. The other recipient was T.J. Crawford of Orangeburg,

S.C., a former Director of Admissions and Records at South Carolina State College.

Approximately 400 delegates attended from 39 chapters in North and South Carolina. The three day session featured the Annual Talent Hunt; a

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## Educates Flock

GREENSBORO - In any day and time, inflation or not, it's not an easy task to raise nine children. It's an even more difficult task to put them through college.

A&T State University has been the salvation of the Arthur Councils. Six of their children have already graduated from A&T, the latest being Thomas, who received his degree in

industrial arts Sunday at the University's 84th Commencement.

Although most of the Council children are now living and working in the larger cities across the country, they grew up on the Council's 100 acre farm in Greensville, N.C. Mr. and Mrs. Council bought the

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## Re cycling For The Economy minded

GREENSBORO - In a time when housewives and even single women, are more conscious of saving money, students in Bennett College's Marriage and Family Relations class are learning how to save

money. The class ended the year by creating useful household items through the method of recycling.

Under the guidance of instructor Queen Hester Bell, the students designed and constructed quilts,

sheets, pillow cases, clothes bags, rugs, and afghans from outdated, torn, or outgrown garments. Some of the more industrial students made

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# A CASE OF JUDICIAL ABUSE

BY CARL T. ROWAN

WASHINGTON -- The man who succeeded John J. Sirica as Chief Judge of the U.S. District Court here has just pulled off a judicial power play that even his fellow judges say is as arrogant as anything attempted by those involved in the Watergate scandals.

On the basis of no legal process whatever, Judge George L. Hart, Jr., has "ordered" the Justice Department not to assign to any courthouse duties as the chief deputy U.S. marshal who incurred the judge's anger during a tempestuous cellblock takeover last July by two heavily-armed prisoners.

Whereas a Justice Department spokesman said privately Monday that Hart's action was "illegal" and "an abuse of power," I learned the next day that Atty. Gen. Edward H. Levi apparently had agreed to yield to Hart's demand.

One source said that the Justice Department would transfer James F. Palmer to a lower court even though the department recently signed an agreement giving Palmer his job back with written assurances that he would not again be transferred.

Palmer was thrust into an emotional storm last July when two prisoners, Frank Gorham and Robert Jones, seized several hostages and

held the courthouse for four tense days. I have Justice Department records showing that Judge Hart felt that if Gorham could be lured to a spot where he could be shot, the cellblock drama would end. Palmer, who in the early days was the negotiator who tried to prevent the prisoners from killing the hostages, was unwilling to lure one prisoner to a phone where he could be shot. Palmer says he feared that the other prisoner would then begin shooting the hostages. The U.S. Attorney, Earl Silbert, and other law enforcement officers also opposed violence.

I have another Justice Department document quoting Judge Hart as saying that "throughout Palmer's handling of the matter he exhibited more concern for Gorham and Jones than he did for the hostages."

Justice Department affidavits contain sworn statements by other senior law enforcement officials who dispute this contention by Hart.

Yet, three days after the cellblock takeover ended peacefully, with all the hostages safe, Palmer was removed from his post as chief deputy marshal. His pay and responsibilities were reduced. The director of the U.S. Marshals

Service, Wayne Colburn, asked the FBI to investigate Palmer. Judge Hart says he had nothing to do with any of this.

Palmer went to court and also filed a discrimination complaint within the Justice Department. He is black, as are prisoners Gorham and Jones. Hart and Colburn are white. These racial factors were cited by some persons present in the cellblock as the reason for the hard feelings over Hart's desire to shoot Gorham and Palmer's unwillingness to be the lure.

The FBI probe showed the allegations against Palmer to be silly smears and on April 10 Colburn gave Palmer a letter clearing him.

On the same date Justice Department officials signed a document effectuating "the return of James F. Palmer to the position of Chief Deputy United States Marshal for the District of Columbia Marshals Office as aforesaid. It is further agreed and understood as such, Mr. Palmer will be housed in the quarters customarily assigned to the Chief Deputy Marshal within the Marshal's complex of offices in the United States Courthouse...It is further agreed and understood that Mr. Palmer will serve as the ranking Chief

Deputy Marshal with all of the rights and duties appertaining thereto." Palmer thought that after 10 months of costly litigation he had won his job back.

But one day later Judge Hart wrote Atty. Gen. Levi, trying to block Palmer's reinstatement. When this and another letter failed to block Palmer, Hart wrote the following to Colburn on April 29:

"I requested" that Mr. Palmer be assigned no duties in this courthouse and that he not be permitted to enter this courthouse in any official capacity. Notwithstanding my request, you have reinstated Mr. Palmer in offices provided in this courthouse for the convenience of the Marshals Service. I, therefore, find it necessary to Order that you not assign any duties to Mr. Palmer in this courthouse and that he not be permitted to enter this courthouse in any official capacity."

In a taped interview on Tuesday, I asked Hart what legal authority he has "for telling the executive branch whom it may assign to executive branch positions in this building." He replied:

"I am responsible as Chief Judge for the security of the judges, the court-

rooms and the prisoners...I have the right, if I have no confidence in a man's ability to handle those things, to keep him out of the courthouse." He added that he thinks he has "the authority, if I wish, to put the whole Marshals Office out of the building."

Judge Hart says he is blocking Palmer's return to his job, without any due process, because "I lost all confidence in his ability and in his judgment and in his discretion when it comes to matters of courthouse safety."

Others involved in the cellblock drama praise Palmer's role. Court records show that one hostage told Judge John H. Pratt that he [the hostage] felt comfortable when Palmer was there. A sworn Justice Department affidavit quotes Donald W. Moore, Jr., an assistant director of the FBI who also was in the courthouse during the takeover, as saying: "It was obvious to me that Mr. Palmer had established a rapport with Gorham and Jones. I thought Mr. Palmer did a good job during the period he was maintaining telephone contact with the prisoners and I told him so."

"I have my own opinion," said Hart, who

added, "I'm not going to change my mind."

Apparently the Justice Department changed its mind, for Colburn told Palmer Tuesday that he will be transferred Thursday.

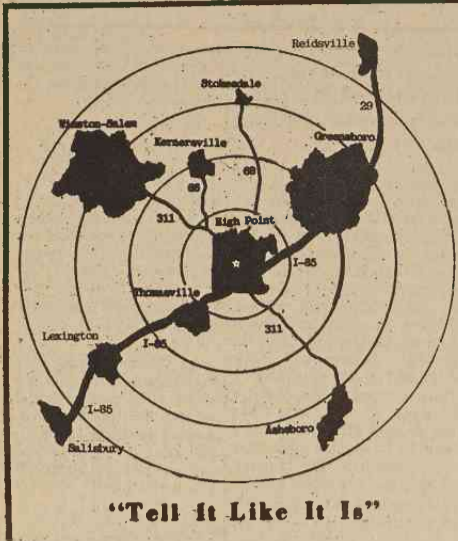
Justice Department spokesman Robert Havel said that Palmer's offices were being transferred to the Pension Building, but that Palmer would retain his title of Chief Deputy Marshal. Asked if Palmer would be permitted to enter the courthouse to carry out his duties, Havel said: "I don't know."

Havel said Colburn alone made this decision and that neither Levi nor the Deputy Attorney General was involved.

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Last Week's Capsule

by Alfred Hinson

### NATIONAL

A spokesman for the Internal Revenue Service stated that the government mailed 13.7 million of the 78 million rebate checks last week. The checks mailed last week were sent to those individuals who filed early returns. The maximum amount to be received by anyone is \$200.

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The Social Security Administration is experiencing its most difficult test in its 40 year history. Unless additional funds are provided, it is felt that the disability payment program will go broke by 1980.

According to government officials, several alternatives exist for improving the status of the disability payments program. One alternative is for the general treasury to provide funds to support the system and the other calls for an increase in payroll taxes.

### STATE

Last week the North Carolina Utilities Commission ordered natural gas distributors to not take any new customers. The Commission was prompted to take this action after being informed by TRANSCO that the state may suffer a 60 per cent curtailment in natural gas next winter. The 40 per cent reduction in natural gas experienced by North Carolinians last year caused some factories and schools to close down or reduce their operations temporarily.

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The North Carolina Department of Human Resources, through its Project Reach program has raised by 2.7 per cent statewide the number of persons eligible to receive food stamps. Instead of ranking 46th in the nation, North Carolina now ranks 32nd in the effectiveness of its food stamp delivery program.

According to Human Resources Secretary David Flaherty more than 200,000 persons have been added to the roll of food stamps recipients since Project Reach began in February. The North Carolina Department of Human Resources now plans to implement Project Reach II next fall.

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On a national level, the Social Security Administration is about to go broke. On the state level, the North Carolina General Assembly is experiencing financial problems too.

Clyde Hall, legislative services officer who directs the General Assembly operation recently informed N.C. House and Senate officials that the present budget will be exhausted an short of funds if General Assembly sessions extend beyond June 20. The present budget of \$5 million a year but already been supplemented with \$250,000 which Hall refers to as cushion money. Nevertheless, House speaker Jimmy Green and Lt. Gov. Jim Hunt have both announced the plan to adjourn by June 20.

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It is likely that residents of Thomasville, N.C. will soon be given another chance to determine whether ABC stores will become a reality for the city. The last ABC referendum was defeated by less than 200 votes and varying views have been expressed by citizens about the proposed up-coming referendum.

The proposed bill was reported favorably by a committee and must now receive similar backing from House and Senate officials before Thomasville City Council can schedule a referendum.

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