

THE BETTER WE KNOW US ...

by Angela Griffin

Reverend Prince Graves accepted the pastorate of St. James Baptist Church in 1953, since then the church has grown in strength and congregation.

St. James has a great variety of projects to aid the disadvantaged. These projects are: an apartment complex, St. James Homes; a day care center for the children of working mothers; a program to provide emergency furniture and food supplies to the needy; a second hand clothing store in a low-income neighborhood; a social services department with a full-time caseworker, and the use of a secretary to help people in finding jobs, solving personal or family problems, also to assist in distributing food stamps.

Rev. Graves has very good reasons in launching these various programs. He fights poverty because he knows what it is.

One of the latest programs added was a

Head-Start Program for children between ages 4 to 6. This program was set up to familiarize the children with various musical activities, field trips, and the forth coming school year. Head-Start has three qualified teachers and three assistant teachers.

Transportation and one-meal daily is provided for the children during their nine month school term.

Graves believes that you have to feed a hungry man before his soul can be reached. Rev. Graves and St. James are working together to provide the needs of many individuals.

The Church has also taken on a social services department which enables the individual needs to be met directly.

While working in the social services program many problems have come to light because the people were not aware of what was available to them. Several people were turned away and mistreated

by agencies, because they did not know how to deal with them. But now St. James can step in and fill out the forms, and cut red tape for them.

They also, help provide transportation so that local children can participate in extracurricular school activities, free public programs, and events that they could not attend otherwise.

As a part of their social services project an office is open daily for distribution of food stamps. Office hours are Monday through Friday 9:00 until 5:00, Tuesday and Thursday 9:00 until 4:30. St. James furnishes transportation to the church and back to the church and back to the home for these people.

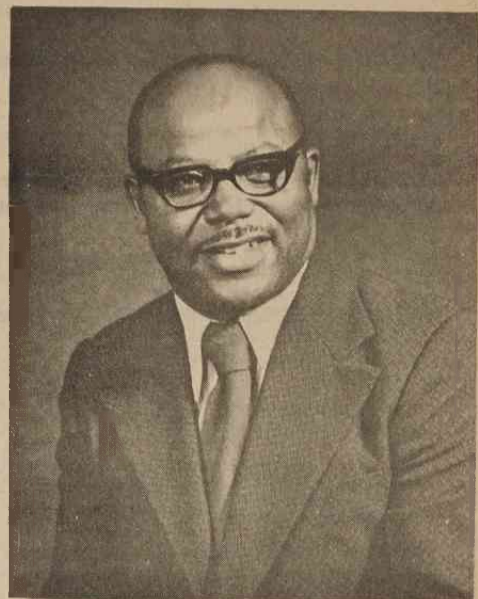
In addition to operating the housing of St. James Homes, the church occasionally steps in during rough times and makes payments on mortgages for individuals. The church is able to lease individual houses and sublease houses to families.

St. James has an outstanding congregation not only in number but also in action. Their purpose in life is to serve God, and their way of serving Him is through helping others.

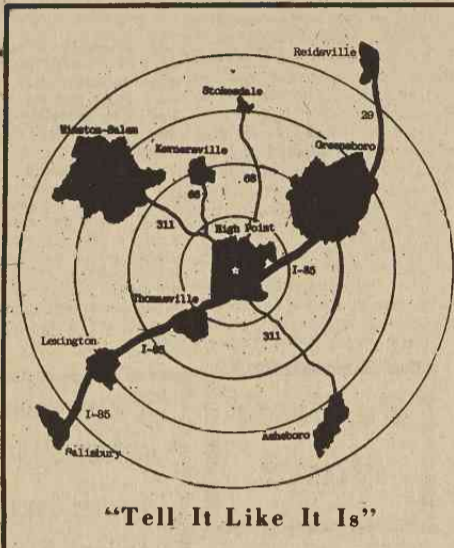
One does not have to be a member of St. James to receive assistance from any of their programs.

St. James serves any individual in the Greensboro Community who reaches out for help. The Lord has smiled on St. James and they are sharing that smile with others.

Rev. Graves states, "Any church in a poor community that can brag about burning a 20 year mortgage after 5 years and hasn't done anything in the community has burned the wrong thing." "They ought to have burned the church and raised chickens on the land, so at least somebody could have something to eat."



Rev. Prince Graves



"Tell It Like It Is"



Last Week's Capsule

by Alfred Hinson

NATIONAL

Seymour Wenner, an administrative law judge recently recommended that the cost of first class postal rates be reduced from 10 cents to 8½ cents. This recommendation was not anticipated by postal officials who were seeking a three cents increase in the cost of first class mail.

According to Wenner, who surprised postal officials with his recommendation, the U.S. Postal Service is seeking an increase in first class rates to offset the cost of business bulk mailers. He stated in his recommendation that the cost of bulk mailings should be increased—not first class mailings.

The final decision on whether to increase bulk mailings or to decrease first class mailings will be made by the board of governors of the U.S. Postal Service.

Must we continue to let the government use low-wage consumer earnings to support big business? Would it not be better to let big business to pay its own way and pass the savings on to the average consumer? It appears that Wenner does have the consumer at heart.

STATE

Ben Fountain, president of North Carolina's community college system said that accreditation of some schools may be threatened and admissions may have to be limited if the legislature proceeds to cut their funding. A recommendation was made to cut the budget by a Senate Appropriation subcommittee.

If the budget is cut, teachers would have to be laid off, classes will be larger, and quality education would be adversely effected.

It was recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee that \$104.2 million be appropriated for the 1975-76 fiscal year. In fiscal year 1974-75, the appropriation was \$119.1 million. If approved, the community college system will operate on \$14.9 million less in fiscal year 1975-76. Furthermore, the Senate appropriations subcommittee on education has recommended an additional \$7 million cutback in the budget.

If the educational system is short-changed, one can expect the output of its graduates to be less than desirable. Can the economy afford to make these sacrifices?

Incumbent school board member James Chestnut and Mrs. Jennie Herndon are the first to announce their intentions to be candidates for one of the four available school board seats to be filled in the November 4 general election. These four seats will carry a four year term for the top vote getter in each of the four political wards. If no one from one of the four wards chooses to run for a school board seat, the city

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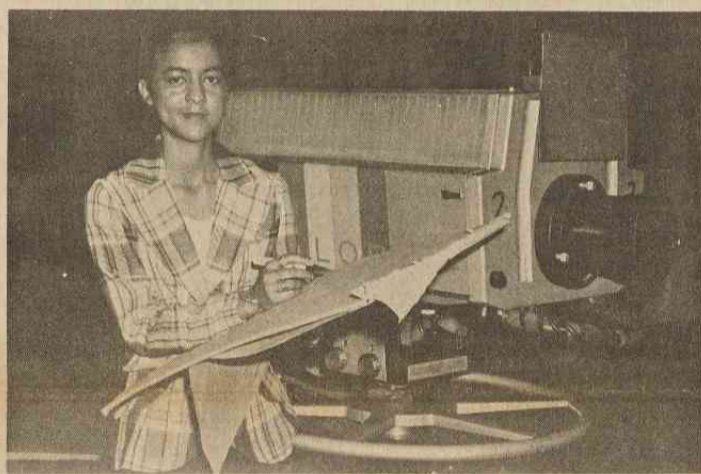
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Co-Producer Of Local Television Show

HIGH POINT - Theodoro (Thea) Gordon, new co-producer of "Southern Exposure", Channel 8's hour-long public service talk show airing 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM weekdays, worked her way up to the position she now has from a studio operator where she had served as a camera-person since coming to Channel 8 in June, 1973. As co-producer of "Southern Exposure," Ms. Gordon interviews and schedules guests for the program, talks with book publishers for possible authors as guests, and makes arrangements for taped interviews.



Since Ms. Gordon "likes to meet new people and find out how each one feel and things" she is very well suited to the position she holds.

Prior to joining Channel 8's staff, Ms. Gordon attended Hampton Institute in Hampton, Va., and graduated from the Univer-

sity of Georgia with a B.A. degree in Journalism.

During her leisure hours, Ms. Gordon likes to spend time reading poetry, listening to music and participating in all types of sports.

Ms. Gordon resides in High Point and attends St. Lukes Lutheran Church.

Interfaith Committee Supports Soul City

SOUL CITY - The interfaith committee of Soul City, an organization of National and State church officials, residents of Vance and Warren counties and

residents of Soul City, have taken a public stand in support of the new town, following recent press attacks and unfavorable publicity. At its meeting of May 22, the interfaith committee went on record as "standing solidly beside and with Soul City and Floyd McKissick", noting that, "no person, agency, or institution which has verified any of the serious charges made by the *Raleigh News and Observer*", and that, "In our close observation and study, the development of Soul City is on schedule according to federal guidelines and development plans, and private and government audits have continually affirmed the finances and progress of the project."



The interfaith committee further resolved to request that the current general accounting office audit of Soul City requested by Senator Jesse Helms and Congressman L.H. Fountain be "made available to anyone who wishes a copy immediately upon completion". (The audit has been designated a private audit available only to Senator Helms and Congressman Fountain.)

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Greatest Weakness Is Underprivileged

SALISBURY --Attorney Christopher F. Edley told Livingstone College's 140 graduates last week that he sees crises everywhere and that blacks are clutching the "short end of the stick" in America.

Edley, speaking on the subject "Apathy: A Prelude to Crises," said, "I don't see any single crisis today but rather I see crises everywhere. Too many people without work, too many people hungry, too many people unable to get proper medical care, and too many people ostracized from the economic, political and social mainstreams of America."

"The unemployment crisis, like all crises that grip this nation," said Edley, "finds blacks clutching

desperately to the short end of the stick. While overall employment is just under nine per cent, for all blacks the jobless rate is almost 15 per cent. In Harlem, two out of five are out of work. In the ghettos of Detroit, half of the potential labor force is unemployed.

"Black mortality rates are so bad that the average black man cannot expect to live to collect his social security. Other health indicators are so bad that the U.S. Surgeon General ought to issue a warning that being black can be dangerous to your health," he said.

"Welfare is still viewed by whites as a dole for lazy blacks. Last year New York City spent \$329 million on housing welfare recipients.

All of this money went to landlords, rental agents, moving companies and renovators," he said. "Not a dime went to the welfare recipients. Food stamps and crop subsidies have benefitted the producers as much or more than the hungry. Who is indeed really receiving the dole?" asked Edley.

"America can somehow afford to spend \$160 billion on Indochina and billions more on a nuclear arsenal, which can blow this planet up 10 times over," he said. "Yet America's greatest weakness is the millions of educational and economic underprivileged. Individual insecurity is internal inse-

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Miss Black North Carolina Pageant To Be Held In Raleigh

RALEIGH --It was announced by Pageants Unlimited, Inc., producing organization for the Miss Black Teenage World Pageant that the 1975 World Finals for Miss Black Teenage World will be held in Raleigh during the month of August.

Contestants from across the country, plus several foreign countries, will be competing for the title presently held by 17-year-old Chancey Douglas of Goldsboro, N.C.

Miss Douglas is a Goldsboro East High School junior and plans to attend Hampton Institute in Hampton, Virginia with the scholarship she received by winning the 1974 pageant.

Patricia Wilson, a Hampton Institute junior, and Phyllis Hamlett, a Norfolk State College junior, will co-direct the Pageant production again this year.

The Pageant theme this year will be "Pride in Our

Heritage" with the Pageant's production routines designed to highlight certain positive aspects of Afro-American heritage.

During the summer months, State Pageants are being conducted to determine state representatives. In those states where no MBTW Pageant is held, contestants-at-large will participate.

An active itinerary has been planned for the contestants, their parents and chaperons. Prizes, trophies, and college scholarships will be awarded winners and all Pageant participants. A Post-Pageant tour of Freeport in the Bahamas is scheduled for four nights and five days.

Persons interested in obtaining information regarding the Miss Black Teenage World Pageant or tour information should write: PUI, P.O. Box 1139, Danville, Va. 24541.



SALISBURY, N.C.--HONORARY DEGREES -- Three honorary Doctor of Divinity degrees were presented by Hood Theological Seminary of Livingstone College last week. College President F. George Shipman, left, shakes hands with the Rev. Arthur L. Wilson. Other degree recipients included, from left, the Rev. Robert Lamar Lee and the Rev. Cecil Bishop.

'Lazy Finally Arrives' May 27, 1p.m. 8lbs. 2oz. Kimberly Jo Willis

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