

THE BETTER WE KNOW US ...

SALISBURY - Rev. Theodore Walker came to Salisbury in 1965 to accept the pastorate of First Baptist Church. His presence has been a blessing from God to the black and white communities of Salisbury. Rev. Walker and the members of his church are willing to aid any projects which will better the relationship between blacks and whites. Rev. Walker's congregation has been strengthened by blacks and whites working together to create an atmosphere of harmony.

First Calvary Baptist Church has set up a program called the BTU which aids the youth in identifying with programs that are established in the city. Under this program, a survey was conducted of the unchurched members in the community. After locating these people, many churches offer a welcoming hand to any person that would like to attend as a

visitor. No one is pressured into joining but is urged to attend any church regularly. Rev. Walker stressed that a growth in membership was not what they were after, but for more unchurched people to attend any church of their choice.

Rev. Walkr was installed as president of Rowan Cooperative Christian Ministry for 1975. The organization is made up of several black and white churches in the Salisbury community. Their purpose is to provide the means for the christian churches of Rowan County to engage in cooperative religious, educational and charitable service and worship. RCCM tries to inspire the servicing churches to meet the needs of people in the county.

Some of the ways which these needs are met are: a clothing center, tutoring, Dial Help, Yokefellow Prison Ministry, special events; and an extension of

RCCM can be seen in Friendship House, Face-to-Face, migrant work, Operation Santa Claus and other unnamed concerns.

The clothing center will serve 1,500 families representing 6,000 individuals and assures 50,000 articles of clothing.

Tutoring services are offered by volunteers in 4 county schools. Last year 2nd, 3rd and 4th graders requested help.

Dial Help, a 24-hour volunteer telephone emergency service, received over 5,000 calls in 1973. Dial Help has received 1,100 calls, thus far, this year concerning suicides alcoholism, family problems, pregnancy (abortions), drugs and the aged. Also, there is an extension of Dial Help called Face-to-Face, to handle emergency situations such as burned-out families, transportation to hospital and legal aid.

Yokefellow Prison Ministry has just

been organized and the response has grown from 50 men to 89 volunteers. They go into prison and work on a 1-to-1 basis. An extension of this is the Yokefellow Juvenile Ministry--Big Brother/Big Sister program.

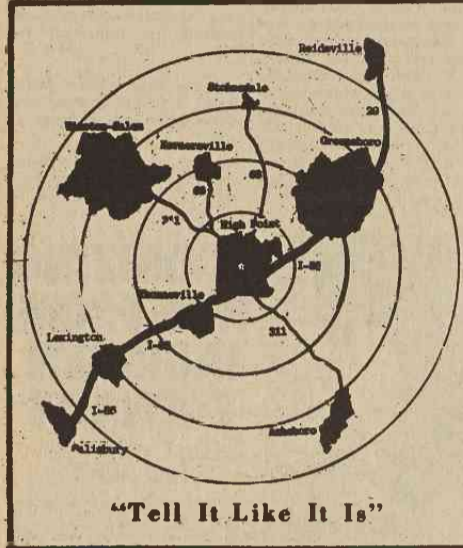
This is the first year for special events. The committee has produced 3 dramas which are now ready to go into the churches. These dramas will be performed for the Lutheran Youth Convocation the first of August and they already have several other local bookings.

Rev. Walker is a former resident of the High Point community and while living there, was instrumental in organizing the YMCA for the youth. He felt that all young people should have some place to go for recreation.

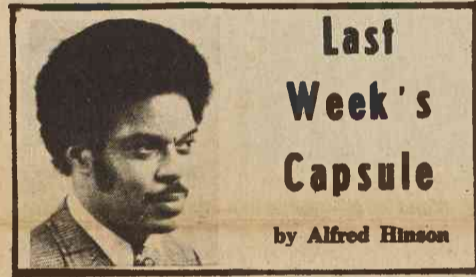
He is a hard working man who works for the betterment of both the black and white churches.



by Angela Griffin



"Tell It Like It Is"



Last Week's Capsule

by Alfred Hinson

NATIONAL

On last Wednesday, the House passed a bill that would extend the Voting Rights Act through 1985 and provide new protection for non-English speaking minorities. The present Voting Rights Act has been in effect for 10 years and the proposed extension with its modification would permanently ban literacy tests in voter registrations as well as require bilingual ballots and other assistance in areas with at least a 5 per cent non-English speaking minority.

Passage of the bill at the House level required three days of debate in which Republicans introduced a number of amendments and even a substitute bill which were voted down by margins of at least 2 to 1. These amendments would have seriously weakened the proposed legislation if they had been adopted, according to civil rights groups.

Presently, the Voting Rights Act covers the states of Louisiana, Mississippi, Georgia, Virginia, Alabama, South Carolina and 39 counties in North Carolina. The proposed legislation would cover parts of the states of Colorado, Florida, Texas, Alaska, New Mexico, Oklahoma, South Dakota and Utah in addition to those states covered under the old Voting Rights Act.

Passage of the former Voting Rights Act has helped increase the percentage of eligible blacks registered to vote from 29.3 per cent to 56.6 per cent. These same rights should be extended to every United States citizen regardless of his racial, ethnic, or religious background. Furthermore, we should not be so presumptuous as to believe that because one is illiterate or because one does not speak English, he is not concerned and/or interested in the American way of life-- the democratic process.

STATE

Guilford County commissioners were somewhat bewildered by the \$3,732,800 budget presented by Mental Health Director Don Fontana and by the \$9 million-plus budget presented by Social Services Director Wayne Metz.

Fontana was questioned about two hours about his budget with many of the questions aimed at the county's mental health in-patient program at L. Richardson Hospital. The program, though plagued with numerous personnel problems, is still recognized by many as one of the best in the country.

Personnel employed in the mental health in-patient facility have, in the past been accountable to Mental Health Director Don Fontana. According to County Manager John Witherspoon, a new contract is being negotiated with L. Richardson Hospital and if agreement is met, mental health in-patient employees will be accountable to the hospital administration if this is done, the county mental health program administrators will then deal with the hospital administrators. This action should eliminate the

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CONGRESSMAN YOUNG TO SPEAK

Piedmont Spring Banquet Planned By Demos

RALEIGH - The Piedmont Spring Banquet slated as a Democratic Party fund-raiser at Greensboro's Royal Villa Motel, Friday, June 20, not only marks the Party's first venture into the Piedmont with such an affair, but, also marks the first major Democratic Party function at which a Black leader has been booked as principal speaker.

State Party Headquarters has announced acceptance by Georgia Congressman Andrew Young of the invitation to deliver the major address. Now in his second term in the U.S. House of Representatives, Congressman Young was the first member of his race to serve in that body from Georgia since the reconstruction days of 1871.

Young is compiling a brilliant record in Congress where he serves as a member of the House Rules Committee, the Democratic



Study Group, the House Environmental Study Conference, and is Treasurer of the Congressional Black Caucus. As might be expected from his background as a former clergyman and leader in the early days of the civil rights movement, Congressman Young's interest embrace a broad range of topics ranging from ecology and the environment to civil liberties, human needs, education, economics, international affairs and peace.

Informed observers on the national scene see Congressman Young as a leader in the emerging Black leadership in Washington. From the record he has given consistent high quality representation to all of his constituents both Black and White.

The selection of a Black speaker with national identification as principal speaker for a major fund-raising event by Democratic Party leadership is seen as a strong

affirmation of the increasingly prominent role being played in North Carolina's Democratic Party affairs by Black voters. Party officers stress, however, that Congressman Young was selected because he was a distinguished leader of demonstrated performance of a polished speaker who happened to be Black, rather than because he was Black and possessed those attributes.

The announcement that Young had accepted the invitation to address the Piedmont Spring Banquet at Greensboro was greeted with enthusiasm by all

Party elements who are familiar with the Congressman's record and past performance.

Tickets for the \$25-plate affair are available from all Democratic County Chairmen across the State and from State Democratic Party Headquarters at the Hotel Sir Walter in Raleigh. Appropriately enough, theme for the affair is "Unity for Victory in '76". It is anticipated that the Piedmont Spring Banquet will offer an early sounding board and test of strength for candidates for statewide office in the pending campaign.

In Thomasville

by Ruth Farabee

THOMASVILLE - Miss Robin Sheree Colson, bride-elect of Kenneth Strong, was honored at a floating miscellaneous shower June 7, 1975.

Mrs. Mallie Hayes of 706 Elwood Drive, aunt of the bride-elect, was hostess-

the event. Approximately 25 guests were present. Special guests for the event were Mrs. Pauline Lyons, mother of the bride-to-be; Mrs. Minnie Strong, mother of the bridegroom-elect; and Mrs. Bernice Hayes of Atlantic City, N.J., sister-in-law of Mrs. Hayes. Refreshments were served.

Miss Colson and Mr. Strong will be married on June 14, 1975, at 2 p.m. at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Lyons of 213 Smith Street.

Miss

Nancy Jean Henderson of 211 Smith Street will leave June 23 for Alexandria, Virginia, where she will be teaching in the Public School system.

Miss Henderson is a recent honor graduate of Winston-Salem State University. She plans to teach several years before pursuing her masters degree.

TV Station Staff Member

HIGH POINT - WGHP-TV, Channel 8 is fortunate to have Ms. Paula Richardson as a new full-time staff member. Ms. Richardson is a 1975 graduate of A & T State University in Greensboro,

where she received a B.S. degree in Speech and Theatre Arts.

Ms. Richardson is hostess for **Women And...** Channel 8's program directed toward women in the Triad, airing every fourth

Sunday at 12:30 p.m. Ms. Richardson began her on-air job as part of an intern program at A & T State University. Her additional responsibilities include coordinating **Gallery**, a program designed for the youth of the Triad area. She will report news during **AM America** breaks seen weekdays from 7-9 a.m., and other on-air responsibilities.

Ms. Richardson also assists the Community Affairs Department in a coordinating position, wherein she is responsible for assisting in working with government, i.e. city-county government units, agencies, organizations, and private groups by getting necessary air time to promote them with public service announcements.

Participating in UNC-G's Theatre for Young People is one phase of Ms. Richardson's interest. She also belongs to the National Dramatic Honor Society, enjoys horseback riding, tennis, and of course her first love, the theatre.

Ms. Richardson resides in High Point.



SALISBURY, N.C. - AN ATTRACTIVE LIVINGSTON COED is 20-year-old Diane Joyce Royal, a sophomore social welfare major at Livingstone College, Salisbury, N.C.

Diane, a native of Clinton, N.C., is a 1972 graduate of Clinton High School. At Livingstone she holds membership on the college's yearbook staff and the pep club.

She appears on television in a commercial advertising a leading North Carolina bank. Diane stands 5'5", is a Pisces, and her vital statistics are 34-22-38. [L.C. Photo by Kelsey]

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