

THE BETTER WE KNOW US ...

by Angela Griffin

LEXINGTON --Impressive, dedicated, humble and devout. These adjectives can most assuredly be used to describe Rev. F.D. Betts, pastor of Files Chapel Baptist Church.

At the time of Rev. Bett's acceptance of the pastorage of Files Chapel Baptist Church, in the early 50's, there were only 28 members. Today, the membership is close to 300. These 300 members, with Rev. F.D. Betts as their leader and the heart of their church, are an active and vital part of community life in Lexington.

A few of their activities are lending a helping hand to the local Headstart Program which is a branch of the

Community Action Program; sponsoring several social activities for the youth in the community; assisting senior citizens and showing through their christian acts that Files Chapel Baptist Church is not only located in Lexington, it is also interested in all peoples of Lexington, whether they be members of their church or not.

This remarkable man, Rev. Betts not only pastors Files Chapel Baptist Church but also pastors Fairfield Baptist Church in Mocksville. He meets with Fairfield Baptist Church on the first and third Sundays of each month in the afternoons. And, again, it is not surprising that the

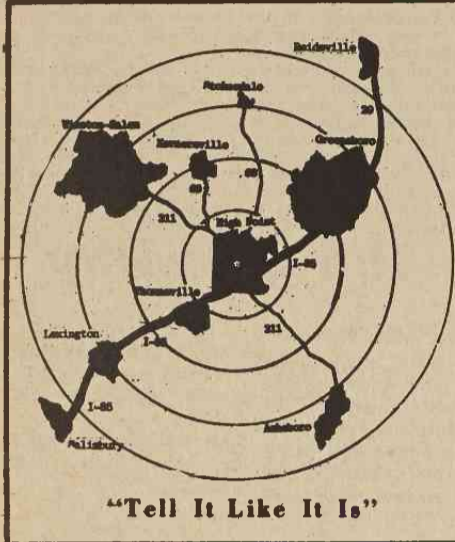
membership of Fairfield Baptist Church has doubled under Rev. Bett's leadership.

The great growth of Fairfield Baptist Church has come about through the church's involvement with youth. Fairfield has both Boy and Girl Scout organizations in their church. Fairfield Baptist Church also boasts of having a community-involved group called "Youth for Christ". This group consist of youth from the ages of 9 thru 17. They perform such altruistic acts as providing transportation for senior citizens, buying flowers for the hospitalized and they have three telephone lines that are open

24-hours a day for anyone to call who has a problem of any kind.

When asked about afternoon services rather than the conventional morning services, Rev. Betts stated, "Attendance is very good for evening services in the Piedmont."

Rev. Betts has been in the ministry for 57 years, but he feels that his work is still not complete. He wants more for his people than they are getting. He aspires to be more helpful in aiding his two church communities to move ahead. And, even though he sees what has been done under his leadership, he feels that the total fulfillment of his dreams and hopes are in the future.



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'NO POOL, NO BOOZE'

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THOMASVILLE --"No pool, no booze!" is the chant heard throughout Thomasville because the city refuses to make repairs to the pool located at Carver Center.

The Carver Center was built 30 years ago in honor of the veterans returning home. This center stands in the heart of the Black community of Thomasville. It consists of a basketball court, picnic shelters,

recreation hall, and swimming pool. In the 30 years that the center has been there, it was stated the City of Thomasville has neglected to keep up repairs on it. Two-thirds of the Blacks live in this community and

they would like their children to have as safe a recreational park as the whites. They pay their tax dollars and would like to see some of their tax money spent in their neighborhood.

go to another pool further from their homes. They feel that their rights are not being upheld and that this is a way the city council has to save tax dollars.

The pool is only one issue for which these young Blacks are marching. Prior to the march, several young blacks went to city hall to apply for jobs. The ad stated a "first come first serviced" basis. Many Blacks arrived around 6:30 a.m. and the office opened at 9:00. During this 2 1/2 hour interval, the halls became crowded and unruly. At 9 o'clock, when the doors opened, the applications were handed out in an unorderly

manner, stated one of the applicants. For those who arrived at 6:30, seemed to have made no difference; and many of these Blacks did not receive jobs.

The Blacks of Thomasville understand that an injunction has held up money for repairs to the pool. However, when the city receives the money, they want to make sure that their tax dollars are spent in a needed area of their community.

Rev. Banks states, "Until the rights of the Black community are upheld, they will continue their non-violent marches and boycotts until they are heard."

Elected As Chairperson

SALISBURY - Mrs. Doris P. Jones, director of career counseling and placement and cooperative education at Livingstone College, Salisbury, N.C., has been elected chairman of the program board of colleges and universities affiliated with College Placement Services Title III Programs.

Money comes from Title III of the Higher Education Act of 1965 to aid student services programs. The agency that works with the program is College Placement Services, Inc., a corporation supported by

public contributions and foundation grants. Mrs. Jones served as associate director of CPS last year while on leave from Livingstone. The program includes three regions, with Mrs. Jones elected earlier to serve as director of Region III which includes Delaware, Maryland, Michigan, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Virginia.

Allegedly, the city states that the pool must be closed down for safety reasons. No one from the city council has been down to check out the situation but allegedly they are considering doing so.

The youth of Thomasville feel that consideration from the city council is not enough. They said that consideration will not repair the pool. It only means that they will have to

From Rags To Riches

by Carol S. McKesson

On June 4, 1975, local area residents joined nearly 2,000 people in the International Ballroom of the Conrad Hilton Hotel in Chicago, Ill., to witness two black millionaires pay tribute to the man responsible for their success. These two black economic giants, John H. Johnson of Johnson Publishing Company, publishers of the "Ebony" and "Jet" magazines, and George E. Johnson, President of Johnson Products, makers of Afro-Sheen and Ultra-Sheen, joined to commemorate the 70th birthday of the pioneer of black economic development, S.B. Fuller, President of Fuller Products Company, Chicago.

During the course of the event, the two Johnsons (not related) revealed how Mr. Fuller's teachings of self-determination, hard work and abiding faith inspired them to their present levels of achievement. Uneducated, this

giant of a man, S.B. Fuller, set an example for them to follow by building a business with a capital investment of only \$25.00. In a few years, the company he started in 1935 reached the \$10 million mark. His ever-present belief that the black man had to control his economic destiny gave others the will and courage to overcome seemingly insurmountable obstacles just as he had done.

Speaker after speaker attributed their successes in life directly to Mr. Fuller. Jesse L. Jackson, National President of Operation Push, told how Mr. Fuller coached him on the real needs of black people. Richard McGuire said that under Mr. Fuller's advice, he gave up his career as a chemical engineer; and today, he owns the largest black furniture company in the world which does over a million dollars, annually.

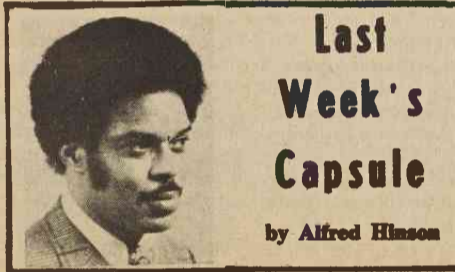
Rose Morgan talked of the guidance and wisdom Mr. Fuller had given her over the years. Today, she

owns the Rose Morgan House of Beauty and Rodelia Corporation in New York. Earl Graves, the publisher of **Black Enterprise**, observed that of the current 100 top black businesses in the country, the honoree was directly responsible for 16 of them and indirectly responsible for numerous others.

Daryl F. Grisham of Parker House Sausage Company called Mr. Fuller a "great motivator" and "super-salesman" who had and used the ability to take unskilled people and transform them into "super producers".

The dynamic Joe L. Dudley, President of Dudley's Beauty and Barber Supply Company, Greensboro, N.C., testified as to how Mr. Fuller had changed his life. He stopped him (Dudley) from moving to a farm to raise hogs. Instead, Mr. Fuller convinced him to "raise" people from the darkness of poverty to the enlightenment of prosperity. Today, his (Mr. Dudley's) business thrives under Mr. Fuller's constant leadership and

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Last Week's Capsule

by Alfred Hinson

NATIONAL

The last of the rebate checks were mailed Friday and should be in the hands of the recipients this week. If you do not receive your check, you are asked to call the Internal Revenue Service using the toll free number listed in your telephone directory.

It seemed that Gov. George C. Wallace was the talk of the town at the 67th annual National Governors Conference in New Orleans last week. Attendants at the conference talked about his health, his record, and the kinds of problems he could cause for the Democratic Party. As a result of his presence, governors were said to have held private meetings to develop strategy for stopping him. Robert S. Strauss, Democratic national chairman, let it be known that "There was no stop Wallace movement in this party."

When asked how Wallace could be stopped, Gov. Marvin Mandel of Maryland said "you refuse to push his wheelchair."

STATE

North Carolina National Bank official Sid Warner recently stated that Leo Jenkins, Chancellor of East Carolina University in Greenville, threatened to withdraw university funds from the bank because a former NCNB executive criticized expansion of the ESU medical school. The person who criticized the proposed expansion of the medical school, according to Jenkins, is Addison Reese of Charlotte, formerly chairman of the board and chief executive officer of NCNB.

Warner wrote in a memo that he listened patiently to Jenkins ramblings and not so veiled threats. This seems to be a very clear example of "how money talks."

W.E. Banks, pastor of First Baptist Church in Thomasville, has organized residents of that city to protest the closing of a swimming pool at Carver Park in the black community. Banks is being supported in this effort by Golden Frinks of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

At one of the demonstrations last week, Frinks said "we're gonna raise hell in Thomasville unless Carver pool is opened in 17 days." He also told demonstrators to boycott local merchants and vote against ABC stores. Both Frinks and Banks have passed on to the demonstrators the chant "no pool, no booze."

According to Frinks, Dr. Ralph David Abernathy and other SCLC personnel will visit Thomasville soon to give additional support to the black community for their cause.

Local government officials have stated that the use of Carver pool by blacks does not justify the cost of its maintenance. This may or may not be true. Nevertheless, it is far better for reasonable adults to solve their problems as intelligent beings and work for the common interests of the citizenry rather than to promote their own selfish interests. This is applicable to both government officials and demonstrators.

It is likely that a passing score on the National Teachers Examination (NTE) will no longer be a

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Assistant Film Director

HIGH POINT - James Hardin is the active young man you'll find as Assistant Film Director at Channel 8. Mr. Hardin has been with

WGHP-TV since 1970, and his job involves editing commercials, ordering and booking movie features, and arranging work schedules for the projectionists and feature film editors. Mr. Hardin's work schedule is very busy, but his leisure hours are also filled with numerous activities. A Little League baseball coach, he was named "Coach of the Year" in 1974 for the High Point Little League. He is also a member of the Korean Tae Kwon Do Club of High Point, featuring self defense techniques, and enjoys playing golf and tennis.

Mr. Hardin received a B.S. degree in History from A&T State University in Greensboro, and he spent three years as an elementary teacher in the High Point Public School System.

Mr. Hardin resides in High Point with his wife and two children and attends Mt. Vernon Baptist Church.



Reidsville's television winners, [L-R], Michael Simpson; Charlie Battle, TRIBUNAL AID Circulation Manager presenter, and Ashand Clark.

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