

THE BETTER WE KNOW US ...

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GASTONIA — "My beliefs concerning a minister's service to a given community is that he should be concerned about the total well being of the whole person -- BODY, MIND, and SOUL -- and should preach a gospel of relevance to guide the hearer in how to live productively while on earth as well as to live eternally in the here-after. To be relevant in one's preaching does not mean compromising, or sacrificing basic religious principles thus lowering moral standards, but it does mean adapting to change in a changing society. New methods in church operation, and new approaches to problem solving in keeping with the times can be effectively explored for we can't expect to use tools of horse-and-buggy age to remedy ills in a space age."

The above quotation comes from a man of letters, a man of conviction and a modern day man of the cloth -- THE REV. T. M. WALKER.

Such quotes as "The alert minister realizes that youth who have been exposed to a reasonable environment and good home training are not usually rebellious; but they do demand from the older generation fairness and an opportunity to be heard when they speak

and to be trusted when they request it...."

And, "I believe ministers should, aside from serving their immediate parish, get involved with the issues today. Lead in the pulpit, and lead within the community where leadership is needed...." demonstrate very vividly Rev. Walker's philosophy concerning a minister's usefulness in today's world.

Rev. Walker majored in the Fine Arts at A&T University, Greensboro, but took five years of summer studies in the School of Religion of Shaw University. Within three years he earned the Bachelor of Theology degree at Bible Training Institute of Goldsboro, N.C. While in Virginia, Rev. Walker did further study in Sociology at Norfolk Division Virginia State College. He has taken advantage of many study insitutes and religious seminars pertaining to the work of the ministry.

In January, 1971, Rev. Walker became pastor of Friendship Baptist Church, Gastonia, N.C. Prior to this, he had pastored the following churches: First Baptist Church, North Wilkesboro, N.C.; First Baptist Church of Hertford, N.C.; Mount Olive Baptist

Church of Virginia Beach, Va.; and Olive Branch Baptist Church of Elizabeth City, N.C.

To further substantiate his philosophy of the ministry as quoted in the beginning paragraphs, Rev. Walker has served as president of the Key City Credit Union of North Wilkesboro; board member and Church chairman, and twice president of the NAACP in no less than three counties; Vice President of the Baptist Conference of Norfolk, Portsmouth and vicinity; Vice President of the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance of Elizabeth City, N.C.; the chairman of First Congressional District for voter registration; the Secretary-Treasurer of the Roanoke Missionary Baptist Association in Eastern North Carolina; Head Start Co-Ordinator for three counties; Director of Economic Resource Center; Professional Counselor in New Careers of the Economic Improvement Council, Treasurer and board member of the organization just mentioned.

Now after reading the preceding paragraph, one would think that this man would be delighted to take a "break", but not so! In addition to his pastoring Friendship Baptist

Church, the Rev. T. M. Walker is presently the Director of Christian Education of Gastin County Missionary Baptist Association; President of Gaston County NAACP; Instructor of Religious classes of Gaston County Co-Operative Institute; Vice President of United Ministers Fellowship; a member of the Greater Gastonia Ministerial Association, and a member of Gaston County Council on Aging. And further, this remarkable man finds the time to write a weekly column, "Riddles In Rhymes" for this newspaper.

A family man, indeed so, he and Mrs. Walker are the proud parents of two sons: Melvin J. and Jerry Lee.

When writing of a man such as Rev. Walker, it is very difficult to know where to end. So let's let Rev. Walker make the closing remarks. "...let us as a race set the example of noble living, and be selective in our value judgments, realizing that human life is precious, honesty pays rich rewards, willingness to work gives dignity, and responsible citizenship calls for fulfillment of duty to home, church, school and community."

The Rev. T.M. Walker -- a man to know; because the better we know him, THE BETTER WE KNOW US!



REV. T.M. WALKER

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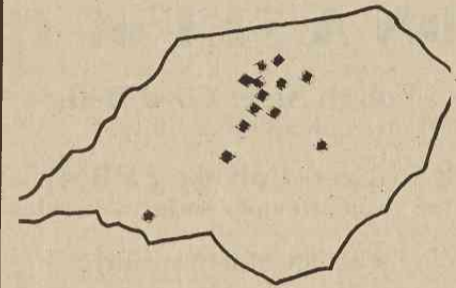
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Notes & Reminders

GREENSBORO — There will be an informal organizational dinner-meeting for the Terry Sanford for President Campaign this Thursday, August 14, at 7 p.m. at Nuckles Restaurant.

Jim Turner, a Greensboro attorney and a key Sanford organizer, said that the purpose of the dinner was to involve any persons interested in the Sanford Campaign and to discuss the formation of a local campaign organization.

Bill Henderson, Financial Manager of the Sanford Campaign, will speak briefly to the group. He will explain the organizational structure of the Sanford Campaign and will also discuss how Terry Sanford stands in relation to other candidates.

Sanford, former Governor of North Carolina, is now on leave of absence as President of Duke University. He plans to enter a good number of the various primaries around the country and has geared his campaign to the idea that the South has better candidates to offer the nation than George Wallace.

HIGH POINT — A new, highly specialized branch library is scheduled to open in early September in the Southside Multi-Service Center on Taylor Street.

The new branch library, with an initial collection of 7,000 volumes, will concentrate on the library needs of the neighborhood, which is cited as one of the city's most highly disadvantaged areas.

Children's services will be stressed mainly at first. In addition to books, the library will house a variety of audio-visual materials from the central library's collection, and specialized materials normally found in kindergartens. The library will be well-situated to cooperate with other agencies in the center to serve all residents of the neighborhood, from children to senior citizens.

HIGH POINT — (LIBRARY HIGHLIGHTS) The Washington Street Branch summer reading program, coordinated with city departments to give children the chance to learn about their city, has scheduled August 14, beginning at 1:30 p.m., the Parks Division of the Parks and Recreation Department. Features will be equipment: 9-gang grass mower, grounds master, and a tree spade; and films, "I'm No Fool Having Fun" and "The Day the Bicycles Disappeared."

Rain date for the above is the next day, at the same time.

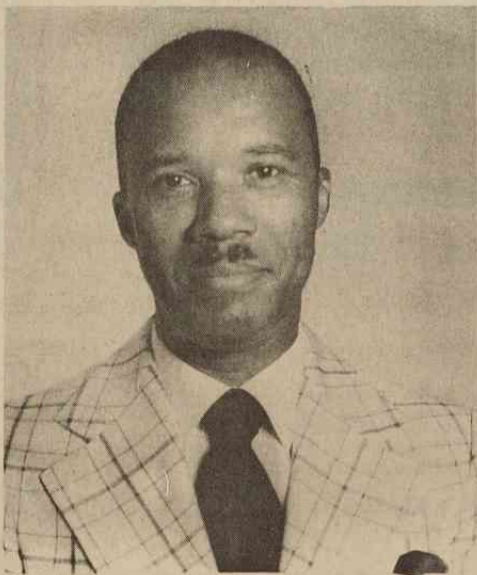
HIGH POINT — YWCA (Fourth Street) Adult Day Care begins at 8 a.m., Monday through Friday.

From Jet Engines To Locomotives

CHATTANOOGA, (Tenn.) — It's a long way from Yadkinville, North Carolina, to the Southern Railway diesel shop at Chattanooga, Tennessee. And Frank Cowan has come all the way but his route involved jet engines -- real ones -- instead of toy trains. He works as general foreman at the diesel shop where Southern services and overhauls many of its locomotives. His basic experience with engines dates back to his air force tour of four years as an aircraft mechanic.

"I liked the work I did on the big jet engines," he said, "and I welcomed the chance

Named Assistant Manager



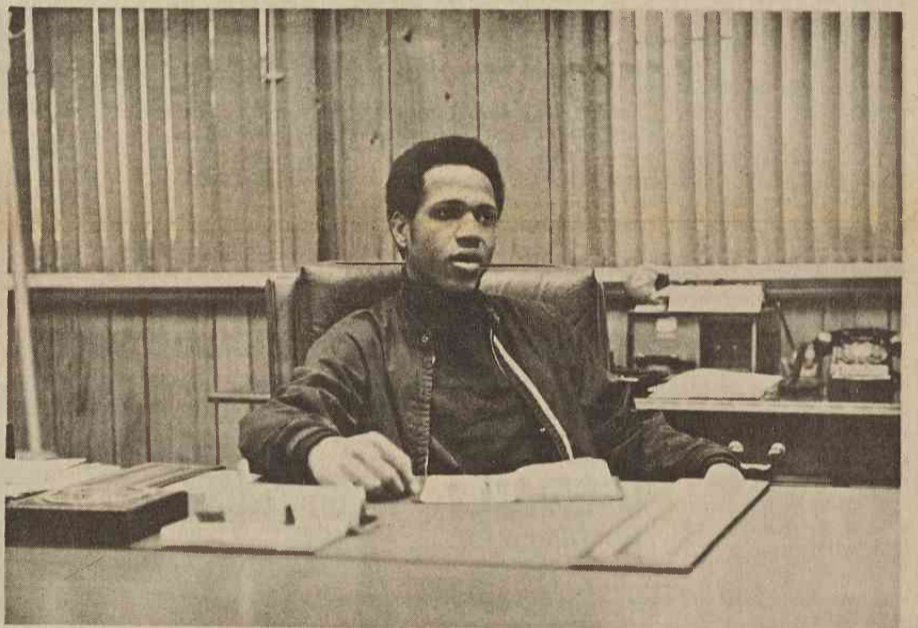
HIGH POINT — Charles A. Ramsey joins the Southern Furniture Market Center as Assistant Manager of the Top of the Mart.

Ramsey, a native of Charlotte, N.C., has been in food service for a number of years in North and South Carolina.

Ramsey began his career in food service as Maitre'd of the Breakers Hotel, Myrtle Beach, S.C. In 1955 he became af-

friliated with Greensboro Country Club, as Maitre'd. He was named Assistant Manager of Greensboro City Club in 1973. Recently, he managed the Continental Room at Forsyth Country Club, Winston-Salem, N.C.

He is married to the former Gloria Jean Brown. They have a family of three, Melanie Louise 15, Robin Ann 12, and Charles II, 2½.



in the Chattanooga shop -- seven locomotives per shift. Frank presently works on the 11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. shift

and rotates for weekend duty once every four or five weeks. "Locomotives are brought in for preventive maintenance

once a month," Frank explained. This monthly check-up involves a complete check of the engine. Samples are taken of oil and water and sent to the lab where certain problems can be de-

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"State Title XX Plans Analyzed"

August 15, 1975 is an important date regarding the State's plan for social services to be delivered under the new Title XX program of the Social Security Act, for this is the last date on which public comment will be allowed on the plan. Most people have heard of Title XX as a program that will give money to a wide variety of social programs, but they are not aware of how to discover what exactly is in the plan, nor do they have a basis to make educated criticism of the proposals.

A good place to start analyzing the Title XX plan is to look at what the federal government allows states to do with the money and compare that to what North Carolina is actually planning to do. Basically, North Carolina is being more restrictive in using this money than is proposed in the national legislation. Eligibility for services is one major point of difference.

Services offered in North Carolina fall into four major groups. Group One or Self Support Services include the following: educational support, employment and training, legal services, social development and group services and transportation. Under Self Sufficiency of Group Two services, counties are required to provide adoption, family planning, foster care for children and health support services plus interstate/intercounty services to enable individuals to remain in their own homes. Additional services that could be provided in this category include delinquency prevention, foster care for adults, home management and maintenance services, housing and home improvement services, problem pregnancy services and services to segments of the population with special needs such as handicapped persons. Providing day care services for children is required under Group Three services which are designed to prevent neglect, abuse and exploitation

of children and adults and to strengthen families. Other possible Group Three services are personal and family counseling, preparation and delivery of meals, homemakers and aides and day care for adults.

Group Four services are geared at preventing inappropriate institutionalization. In this section, counties are required to provide protective services to adults and children. Information and referral services are one other option.

Eligibility is based on the adjusted medium income for a family of four in North Carolina. The chart below contrasts the differences in eligibility allowed by the federal government and that set in the North Carolina plan. This shows that less people in North Carolina will be able to take advantage of Title XX services than the federal government proposes.

PER CENT OF STATE MEDIUM INCOME FOR ELIGIBILITY

Grp 1	115%	65%
Grp 2	115%	80%
Grp 3	115%	100%
Grp 4	*NL	*NL

*NL = No Limit

Fees will not be charged for Group Four services either under federal regulations or in the North Carolina plan.

For all other groups of services, the federal regulations call for no fee to be charged to persons earning less than 80% of the state's medium income and be charged on a sliding scale up to persons earning 115% of the medium

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