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DURHAM -- Husband, Father Businessman, Church Leader, Civic Leader, Politician, etc. all of these help to describe the involvements and commitments of this week's introductee.

Mr. Asa T. Spaulding, former president of North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company, the world's largest Black owned and operated business, is truely "a man for all seasons."

Referred to by THE MASONIC JOURNAL, Mr. Spaulding was proclaimed A Great American, Honorable, Internationally Acclaimed Business Executive, Aminent Administrator, Illustrious Statesmand and A Loyal Devoted Mason.

He is further described as. "A Noted Humanitarian and ranks among history's men of extraordinary attainments

A Native of Columbus County, Mr. Spaulding was formerly educated at the National Training School (Now North Carolina Central University). He did further study at Howard University, Washington, D.C.; School of Commerce, Accounts and Finance, New York University - B.S. in Accounting, (Magna Cum Laude). Additionally, he studied at the University of Michigan (M.A. in Mathematics and Actuaril Science; and hold many Honorary Degrees from the following schools: Shaw University, North Carolina Central University, Morgan State College, University of North Carolina, and Duke University.

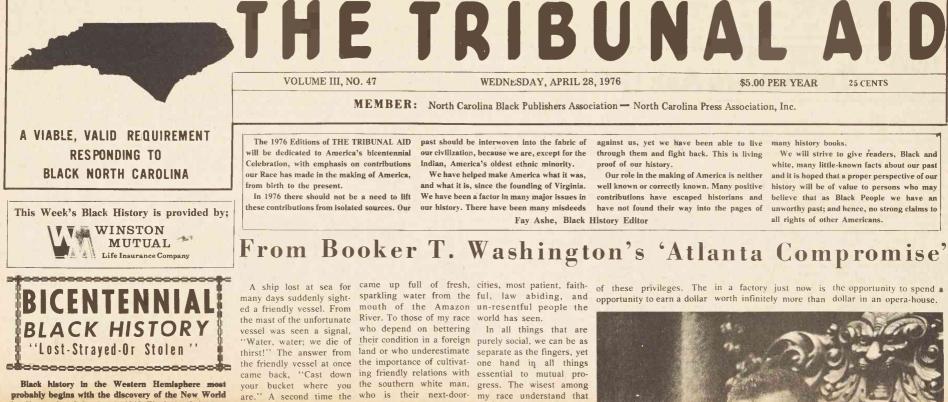
He has held and served well in numerous highly significant leadership roles throughout his home city, county state, nation and abroad. His influence ha

een and continues to be a stimulating force among persons of various ranks He served first actuary of the National Negro Insurance Association: president for two terms of same National Negro Insurance Organization: Honorary Admiral in the North Carolina Navy; received citation from U.S.A. President "for his unselfish devotion in helping to stabilize our economy"; featured in an article in the German newspaper, Rhein-Zeitung; recipient of the Frederick Douglass Achievement Award: featured in TIME magazine; elected trustee, American free from Hunger foundation; he and Mrs. Spaulding guests at dinners at White House on three different occasions - and of three Presidents; member of the U.S. Delegation to the Inaugural Ceremonies of President William V.S. Tubman of

Liberia: member of the United Delegation to the UNESCO General Conference in New Delhi, India, by appointment of President Eisenhower and confirmation by the U.S. Senate.

;vice-chairman, North Carolina Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Human Rights: recipient of "City of Philadelphia Tribute," conferred by Philadelphia Tribute," conferred by Mayor James H.J. Tate; elected to the University of North Carolina School of Society; elected to Board of Directors, W.T. Grant Company, New York; recipient of American Academy Golden Achievement Award, as the representa-tive of the "many who excek"1 recipient of the National Urban League's Equal Opportunity Day Award; elected to the Board of Directors, Durham Chamber of Continued on Page 4





probably begins with the discovery of the New World by Christopher Columbus in 1942. Blacks are known to have participated meaningfully in a number of later explorations made by Europeans in various parts of the United States and Spanish America. Facts such as these at once fashion a new dimension for Black history within the mainstream of American history. Inasmuch as one of the primary purposes of this feature is to record some historical achievements of the Black, it becomes most important to offer the reader chronological accounts through which he can conveniently familiarize himself with the broad sweep of American Black history. The years covered here are 1492-1954.

1809 Hardin Count, Ken- from New Orleans. tucky **Birth of Abraham Lincoln** 

1810 Washington, D.C.

President Madison tells Congress that some Americans are still violating the laws of humanity and their freedmen to serve in the own country by carrying on trade in enslaved Africans. Madison encourages Con-gress to devise "further evil.'

1810 Salem Massachusetts Birth of anti-slavery leader Charles Lenox Re-Massachusetts Anti-Slave-Anti-Slavery Convention in London. During the Civil

revolt is led by Charles Deslandes.

> 1812 Louisiana Admission of Louisiana to the Union as a slave state. State law enables state militia.

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1813 New York City gress to devise "further Birth of James McCune means of suppressing the Smith, a black physician and writer who is educated in New York's African Free

School, studies at the University of Glasgow in mond who, in 1838, is opens a pharmacy in New

The captain of the who have, without strikes are'' distressed vessel, at last and labor wars, tilled your heeding the injunction, cast fields, cleared your forest, his bucket, and it builded your railroads and Historical Landmarks

**Of Black America** 

down your bucket where would repeat what I say to

fourth signal for water was your bucket where you

answered, "Cast down are". Cast it down among

your bucket where you eight millions of Negroes

from the distressed vessel, where you are ...

To those of the white race

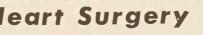
No more substantial testimony to the role of the Black in the growth and development of America can be found than the numerous historical landmarks in various regions of the country which are associated with Black Americana. Many of these--like the Alamo and Bunker Hill--are not conventionally known as sites involving chapters of Negro history.

San Francisco: rumors began to spread worth civilizing. Leidesdorff Street that he had buried a Scotland and eventually Alexander Leidesdorff, a now bears his name.

wealthy, and influential ry Society and, two years Colored Orphan Asylum. A native of the Danish West restauranteur (repeating later, attends the world contributor to many aboli- Indies. A merchant, Leifes- the success he had tionist periodicals and an dorff operated the first originally had in Nicaragua)

my race understand that signal, "Water, water; neighbor, I would say: the agitation of questions of send us water!" ran up "Cast down your bucket social equality is the extremest folly, and that progress in the enjoyment and was answered, "Cast ... where I permitted I of all privileges that will come to us must be the you are," A third and my own race: "Cast down result of severe and constant struggle rather than artificial forcing. It is important and right that all privileges of the law be ours, but is vastly more important that we be

submission. Mr. Washing- return? In these years, Washington's teachings;



T. but his propaganda has, a shadow of a without doubt, helped their speedier accomplishments...Ne-

ton preaches THRIFT, PATIENCE AND INDUS-TRIAL TRAINING for the masses, we must hold up his hands and strive with him...But so far as Mr. Washington apologizes for injustice, North or South, does not rightly value the privilege and duty of voting, belittles the emasculating effects of caste groes do not expect that distinctions, and opposes

POLITICAL occured: (1) The disfran- discrimination is barbardoctrine preached...has POWER, 2. INSISTENCE chisement of the Negro. (2) ism, and that black boys

## prepared for the exercises Dr. William E. B. DuBois Answers Booker T. Washington In the history of nearly all least for the present, three TA SPEECH) there have proper manhood, that color

other races and peoples the things, 1. been that manly self-re-spect is worth more than HIGHER EDUCATION OF OF A DISTINCT STATUS white boys... lands and houses, and that NEGRO YOUTH, and OF CIVIL INFERIORITY. So far as Mr. Washinga people who voluntarily concentrate all their ener- (3) THE STEADY WITHsurrender such respect, or gies on industrial educa- DRAWAL OF AID FROM

**Heart Surgery** 

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appointed an agent for the 232 years on the staff of the and Danish ancestory and a wealthy hotelowner and Black people give up, at WASHINGTON'S ATLAN-

War, Remond joins his colleague and fellow aboliin recruiting black volunteers for the 54th Massachusetts

Smith is regarded by Henry appointed U.S. vice-consul, tionish Frederick Douglass Highland Garnet as the and ultimately became a from the hillside, treasure- mental stage it is timely to most scholarly Negro of his civic and educational leader trove. The result was that, go back and review the first day

in San Francisco.

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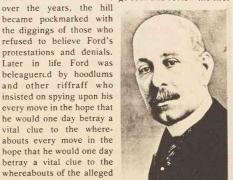
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**COLORADO** became pockmarked with Breckenridge: the diggings of those who

**Barney Ford Hill** refused to believe Ford's [just outside of city limits] protestations and denials. A fugitive slave who Later in life Ford was went to Colorado in 1860 in beleaguered by hoodlums search of gold, Barney Ford and other riffraff who had once operated a station insisted on spying upon his every move in the hope that in Chicago's Underground Railroad and been involved he would one day betray a with the famed revolution- vital clue to the whereary, John Brown. abouts every move in the Ford found gold, but was hope that he would one day cleared out of his claim by betray a vital clue to the outlaws. He managed to whereabouts of the alleged

get back to Denver, where treasure.



author whose work covered steamer to pass through the but, in spite of this, people With open heart surgery successful operations on the free right to vote, to the higher training and a wide range of topics. Golden Gate, was later persisted in believing his and heart transplants the human heart. It was enjoy civil rights, and to be ambition of our brighter wealth was really derived moving out of the experi- performed by DR. DANIEL educated, will come in a minds...we must unceas-HALE WILLIAMS, a Black moment; they do not expect ingly and firmly oppose surgeon and some assis- to see the bias and them

> tants at Provident Hospital prejudices of years disap in Chicago on July 10, 1893. pear at the blast of a James Cornish, a twenty- trumpet; but they are four-year-old Black ex- absolutely certain that the pressman had been way for a people to gain stabbed and the only way their reasonable rights is his life might be saved was not by voluntarily throwing through an operation to them away and insisting close the wound in his that they do not want them heart. that the way for people to

Assisting Dr. Williams in gain respect is not by the delicate operation were continually belitting and other surgeons attached to ridiculing themselves; that Creator with certain unthe hospital, which was on the contrary, Negroes alienable rights; that founded by Dr. Williams so must insist continually in among these are life, Black doctors and nurses season and out of season, that voting is necessary to happiness." Continued on Page 3

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By every civilized and peaceful method we must strive for the rights which the world accords to men, clinging waveringly to those great words which the sons of the Founding Fathers would faint forget: "We hold these truths to be self-evident: That all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their liberty, and the pursuit of

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