inced for seats on the Raigh School Board, while an ad-

citional name was filed on the list of City Council hopefuls. Mrs. Elizabeth B. Cofield, dean of women and associate professor of Education at Shaw University, paid her filing feel mesday afternoon for the School Board race. Married to James E. Cofield, Sr., local bondsman and businessman, she is the mother of two sons, Juan, student at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill,



MRS. E. B. COFIELD,

and James, a student at Stanford University, California. Ronald C. Butler is a candidate for re-election to the school Board. Butler paid his

filing fee last Wednesday. The 35-year-old native of Tarboro, is registrar of North Carolina State University, a position he has held since 1966. Married to the former Miss Billie M. Butler, he is the father of two children, Rhonda and Andrea.

Dr. Jack Porter, a professor at State University here, has also filed for the Council.

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are the parents of three children, Mary and Anne, who attend Broughton, and Phillip, a student at Leroy Martin, Mrs. 'My life-long association with, interest in, abiding concern for the education of youth and the encouragement of citizens of Raleigh determined that I offer myself as a candidate for the Raleigh School Board, "The perilous problems that beset our world community, nation and local communities demand of all elizens their concern and energies that would promote the best education that we can afford for all our children. "The issues that face the nation's 'schools and the



rent concerns and those con-

R. C. BUTLER

service jobs in Raleigh, Because of my desire to serve my community, because of my deep interest in seeing Raleigh have a first-class school program, and because of my acquaintance with the issues now facing the School Board, I feel compelled to offer my services for another term of

'If re-elected, I pledge to continue: (1) to speak out on the issues as I see them; (2) to work with my fellow board members and the Raleigh School Administration as harmoniousing our School System; (8) to needs of the community; and (4) to work toward ways and neans by which the people of Raleigh may be thoroughly acquainted with the facts concerning school matters."

Dr. Forter had this to say: 'd have a self interest in vanting to serve, and that is to improve the quality of life in Raleigh for myself and everyody else. The bas conestions in this race are centered on whether the people of Raleigh can expect to have a satisfyng quality of life in the years head, whether everybody can achieve this in equality and fairness, and what will be need-

ed to achieve it." "I personally believe that change in existing patterns must occur to achieve it. If some basic alterations are not made now in Raleigh's organizational structure and in its slow, meandering movement, everybody's quality of life will de-

Dr. Porter, 43, began teaching communication arts at N.C. State university in 1956 andwas tapped in 1965 to direct WUNC-TV and to be Associate Director of Continuing Education, He believes that, "Performing

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COLLEGE'S BUSINESS GROUP HONORS MRS. WRIGHT - On March 27, the Department of Business at Saint Augustine's College and the Phi Beta Lambda Business Club honored Mrs. Mable E. Wright, instructor and founder of the Club. Left to right: James Paul Williams, a senior of Philadelphia, Pa., and president of Phi Beta Lambda, presents a trophy to Mrs. Wright in appreciation of her "undying love" for the department during her 20 years as an instructor. Looking on are Dr. S. P. Puri. chairman of the Business Department and Miss Mildred Harris, instructor.

#### Benson News

BY MRS. FLORENCE J. WYNN BENSON-The first union meeting of the Western Disciples of Christ convened at the St. James Disciple Church in Benson, March 28, 29 and 30. A very successful meeting was held. Inspirational sermons and talks were presented. The Rev. Willis L. Williams presided. Many guest speakers and preachers attended, also. Dinner was served on Satur-

FUNERALIZED Funeral services were held Sunday at St. James Disciple Church for Mr. Issac Washington Rich, 84. He was a native of Sampson County, but had made his home here for 75 years and was a deacon for 50 years.

AROUND TOWN

Mrs. Mary B. Qwinn and son of St. Louis, Mrs. Eva Carr of Hackensach, N. J.; Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Rich of Clinton; Mrs. Royal and son of Clinton; Miss Annie Mc-Eachin, brother Stanley and Fay of Richmond, Va. attended the funeral. The former pastor, Rev. Robert Williams, rendered the eulogy.

Mrs. Annie Mae Cofield is recuperating at the home of

her mother, Mrs. Lessie Draughorn. Mr. James McDonald of Balti-more Md., also attended the

FOR GOOD FRIDAY BY KATIE BELL, AGE 13

Our Lord Jesus, we rejoice in the fact that thou didst bear the cross on Calvary Hill for us. We see Thee lifted up on that Cross, and we feel the magnetic drawing toward thee and the Cross. Draw us, O Christ, away from the sinful unto Thyself. Help us to be faithful to thee until death removes us from the scenes of

Until then, help us, O'-Christ, to cherish they Cross and what it means to us. And then, at the last, may we hold Thy Cross before our closing eyes, until we open them in the glorious place thou hast prepared for us. Amem. FOR EASTER

O God, we thank Thee for the comforting assurance of the fact that we shall live with Thee. Thou hast promised to redeem us from death: "O death, where is thy string: O grave, where is thy victory?" "But now is Christ risen from the dead and become the first fruits of them that slept." May we have a place with thee in that great company of the redeemed. Amen.

#### rersonals

RECENTLY MARRIED Miss Annie May Brooks, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Brooks, 500 Freeman Street, this city, was recently married to Mr. Bernard Johnson of Greensboro.

Mrs. Marie Macon, Coleman Street, announces the recent marriage of her brother, Mr. Joseph Alston, now living in Michigan, to Miss Josephine Ruffin of New York City. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Alston, also of Coleman Street.

GETHSEMANE SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH NEWS BY MRS. BESSIE SANDERS A Youth Week of Prayer was

conducted at the church during the week of March 15 through the 22. Many spiritual blessings were received. The youths were very emphatic as they told of their great love of God.

Speaker during the week included the pastor, O. V. Holmes, Mr. Lawrence Wray, Mr. Nixon, Mr. Fonta Macon, Mr. Isaiah Peltzer, Mr. Ronald Wray and Miss Pondora Ellison.

The Thirteen Sabbath Offering, which is being held quarterly, will take place at the Kinder Hospital, Kinder Bay, W. car nominees. Africa, this year.

community service in this way that I propose fulfills an important mission of the Univer- off slightly.



celebrate Silver Anniversary

## Mr., Mrs. J. O. Blount

Blount held their 25th wedding anniversary reception Sunda in The Elizabeth Room at Si Walter Hotel. The reception was

affair and guests from all facets of life attended. Invitations to the reception were sent to people as close as Rocky Mount and as far as Nigeria, Africa to politicans, bankers, lawyers, doctors, clergymen, shoeshin boys, cooks, dishwashers are other friends and associates such as Brigadier Gen. C. B. Shimer, whom Blount has know for quite a while.

Guests from Nigeria we Mr. and Mrs. Samson Oshunk enton, Others present were Mar and Mrs. George Hinton of Portsmouth, Va., Mr. and Mrs. Roy Gill of New York City, and Mr. and Mrs. J. O. White of Rocky Mount.

James Otis Blount resides 512 Chamberlain St. Presently he is employed at the Carolin Country Club. His is an an nouncer and disjockey for WLLE Radio Station for "The Home Companion Show," an has coined for listerners the memorable phrase, "sentimental gentleman of soul " Also, he is a real estate broker

Blount's wife, Matilda, is a housewife. They have three children, Barbara, Deborah, and James Otis Blount, Jr.

Many congratulations were sent. Mayor Trvis Tomlinson, WRAL TV President, Fred Fletcher, North Carolina State Chancellor John T. Caldwell, News and Observer President and Publisher Frank A. Daniels, former N. C. Governor Terry Sandford, ex-Governor Dan K. Moore were unable to attend due to other committments They sent their congratulations and apoligies which the Blounts

deeply appreciated. Blount also said he was looking forward to becoming better acquainted with Governor Bob

"I wished it had been possible to have invited other people 1 know throughout the area, com-

Economist predicts cut in inflation rate.

Nixon hails Notre Dame for tough policy. Katharine Hepburn leads Os-

TV station asks F.C.C. for

Boeing reports 1968 profit

#### CP&L's Annual Report Reflects Area Growth

served by Carolina Power & Light Company is reflected in the company's 1968 annual report, mailed last week to over 35,000 shareholders, more than half of whom live in the Caro-

Electric energy sales to its 532,500 customers were 16 percent above 1967, compared to an annual growth rate of 12 percent for the last ten years. In addition to normal growth of the area, the report says weather contributed to an unusual increase in use of electricity for heating and air conditioning.

Operating revenue from electricity sales in the company's service area rose 12 percent to \$164,976,000. An additional \$5 million of revenue was real-

to the CARVA Power Pool, a four-company group organized for joint planning of generating facilities. The 685,000 kiowatt unit at Roxboro, placed in service in May last year, is the first unit installed by CP&L under

the CARVA pooling agreement. Average annual use of electricity by the company's residential customers increased 8-36 kilowatt-hours to a total of 8290. The annual report indicates that CP&L customers used 37 percent more electricity in their homes and paid 21 percent less per kilowattnour for it than the average family nationally.

Sales to residential customers accounted for 36 percent of the company's revenues.

#### Alexander Barnes To Serve In United Church Movement

INDIANA POLIS, Ind. - Dr. George G. Beazley, president. Council on Church Unity (CO-CU), which is composed of none communions that have been holding consultations on the merger, announced here this week that Alexander Barnes, Durham, N. C., who is director of public relations for the A. M.E. Zion Church, was named by the executive committee to participate in a meeting here. April 18, that will consider a communication system that will aid in effecting the merger.

There are three Negro Methodist bodies in the consultation-African Methodist Episcopal, African Methodist Episcopal Zion and Christian Methodist Episcoapl. The three met in Atlanta, Ga., during a recent meeting of COCU and set up some guidelines by which they plan to merge and to also study conditions under which they will join the 9-member lanta, April 22.

It was at the Atlanta meeting that Barnes was authorized to issue a call to members of a commission, set up in Chicago, during the first part of the year, for a meeting that will determine the physical assets of the publishing houses of the three Negro bodies, in the hope that on or about June 1, the three will begin publishing an official organ that will narrow the image of union to the more than threemillion members involved,

The commission will also present plans for the production of a Hymnal to be used by the three bodies and the preperation and distribution of uniform Church School literature, Barnes announced that he will attend the meeting here and has also issued a call for a commission meeting in At-

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