

St. Aug.'s Alumni Reformers Will Stage Homecoming Dance

St. Augustine's College's new look National Reform Alumni Association announced this week, through that organization's president Peter G. Holden, Sr., that the annual mid-winter 'Homecoming Ball' will take place on Friday evening, February 18th.

The affair which draws alumni and friends from many of the Falcons far flung alumni chapter, will be staged in The Carolina Room of The Raleigh Memorial Auditorium with one of Carolina's swingingest bands' furnishing the music.

The national alumni's Social Services Committee with co-chairwomen, Mrs. Lois Rogers (of the college's Guidance Dept.) and Mrs. Margaret Ransdell (of the vice-president for financial affairs dept.), along with other members of this predominantly Raleigh based committee have been working over-time to make this one of North Carolina's top mid-winter social events.

Ever since Pete Holden, a former Raleighite, who now make his home in New York City, was elected to the presidency of St. Aug.'s national alumni that organization has grown by leaps and bounds. By that same token, many recent graduates are flocking to new reform movement. Thus as a result whenever Holden has to attend a campus event, a large contingent of New York, Connecticut, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Bal-

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timore and Washington alumni usually follows him. At time of this writing the New York Alumni are pursuing plans to charter a plane for the trek back to 'The Aug.' as the students refer to St. Augustine's.

Latest reports from the Raleigh based college say that St. Augustine's internationally famous President, Dr. Prezel, R. Robinson, is 'all smiles' at the way this year's homecoming activities are shaping up.

Other members of the National Social Services Committee are: Miss Barbara Mann secretary; Miss Anne Bradshaw Acting Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. India Smith Mrs. Eloise Hilliard Mrs. Millie Veasey, Mrs. Dorothea Handy, Francis Poole and James Furt.

Miss Pittman to wed Rocky Mount-Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Pittman, Jr. announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Risa Dinae Pittman, of Rocky Mount to Michael Wayne Dae of Raleigh, son of Mrs. Ernest Vinson and the late Mr. Calvin C. Dae. The bride-elect is attending North Carolina State University. Her fiancé is also attending North Carolina State University. The wedding is planned for July 22.



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Dance Of 2 Worlds To Hampton

HAMPTON, Va. - Dance of Two Worlds will open the new year for the Musical Arts Society of Hampton Institute on Thursday, Feb. 17 at 8:15 p. m. in Oden Hall, presenting Bhaskar an Shala, incorporating the best of Indian ritualistic dance, combined with A-lonzo Rivera, exotic Aztec interpretive dancer and Chief Thunderbird, American Indian, famous for his "Hoop Dance."

Bhaskar, an east Indian temple dancer, born in Madras, India, started his career as a boxer. He formed his first company in India in 1950 and shortly thereafter was brought to the United States where his rise to fame was rapid indeed. In his several Broadway appearances, Bhaskar has also

been hailed as a fine actor and choreographer. Television film and concert appearances in practically every country have enhanced his reputation as one of the most exciting dancers in the world today.

Besides giving a Command Performance for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Bhaskar has also been decorated by the late Prime Minister Nehru for his outstanding contribution to Indian Art.

Together with his partner, Shala, Bhaskar can presently be seen in the dance film "Dances of India" now being screened all over the United States.

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PULLING FOR DAD-Skipper Bowles' daughters pause to check the license plate their father will use on his campaign car as they prepare to leave on their own three-week Manteo-to-Murphy trip to promote Bowles' campaign for Governor. Holding the special license plate are 19-year-old Martha Bowles, who is in her first year at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, and Mrs. Holly Bowles Geil. Holly's husband, John Geil, planned the trip and will be monitoring its progress.

Douglass Home Becomes National Shrine - President Of NEA Present At Ceremonies

WASHINGTON, D. C. - On Feb. 12, the Frederick Douglass home here was formally dedicated, making it one of 283 national historical areas in the country. The dedication ceremony was conducted by the Department of Interior's National Park Service which administers the site, and by the Frederick Douglass Memorial and Historical Association.

Donald E. Morrison, president of the 1.1 million-member National Education Association, was among 5,000 leaders in the fields of education and civil rights who attended this historic ceremony. George B. Hartzog, Jr., director of the National Park Service, introduced District of Columbia Mayor Walter Washington and Interior Secretary Rogers C. B. Morton, who delivered the dedicatory address.

Commenting on his participation in this ceremony, Morrison said: "American educators today honor this man who, more than a hundred years ago, demanded equal education for the nation's poor including Orientals, American Indians, and Blacks. Even then he called for federal aid to education, urging Congress, following the end of the Civil War, to enact "great national systems of aid to education."

"We think of Frederick Douglass as an internationally famous 19th century statesman, educator, and equal rights leader. But, in fact, Douglass was at least a century ahead of his time, his demands for civil and human rights being as relevant today as they were in the 1800's. In 1840, he spoke in defense of Irish freedom, world peace, the end of capital punishment, and the political rights of women as well as black citizens," Morrison noted.

The Frederick Douglass home, also known as Cedar Hill, is located at 14th and W. Streets S. E. The 19-room house overlooking the Anacostia River and much of the City of Washington has been undergoing restoration since 1970, following the authorization of \$400,000 by Congress in 1969. Douglass purchased the home, an eight-acre site, in 1877, spending the later years of his life there until his death in 1895. In 1962 the home became part of the National Park system through an Act of Congress.

Secretary Morton, in making the announcement of the formal dedication of Douglass' home, has said "It is appropriate that all Americans now will be able to visit the home of a man who never hesitated to remind us that our future demands that we strive constantly to be a united people."

Morrison added: "We honor the man and his memory for his love for education as a tool for reaching this united and humane state. He struggled against enormous odds, learning to read and write in a time and place which denied our black citizens the right to learn. He tried to pass on this love of learning, hiding in the woods with the children whom he taught, his very life in danger had been caught. This kind of dedication to education cannot be forgotten, nor can our nation every repay him for his contributions to all of our citizens. It is gratifying that this month the people of America can at least pay tribute to his memory making his home a national historical area," Morrison concluded.

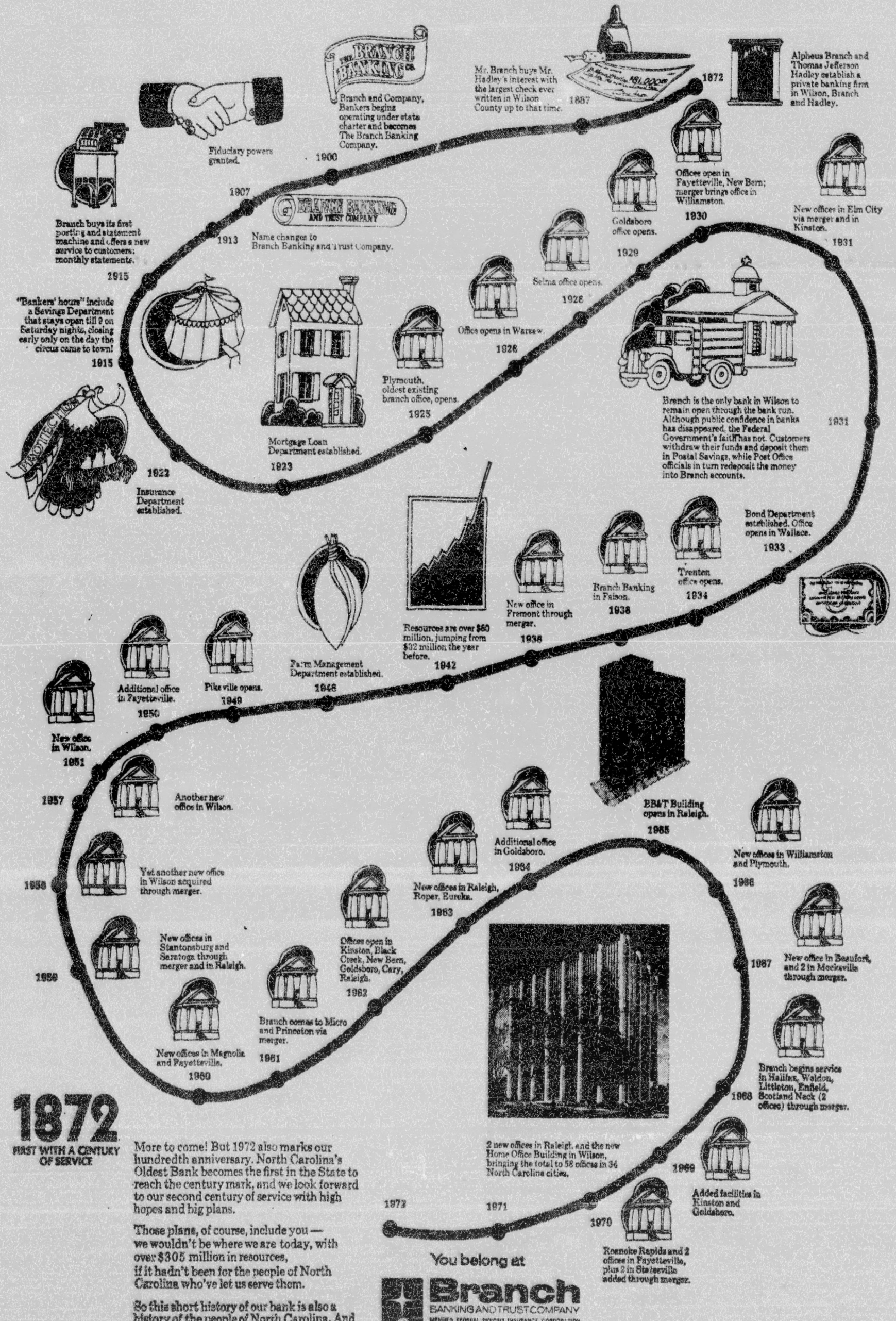
A. J. Turner Gets D. C. Appointment

A. J. Turner has been appointed to the District Advisory Council of this week in Washington by Thomas S. Kleppe, administrator of the U. S. Small Business Administration.

One of the functions of the SBA is to develop information about problems of the local businesses and to serve as a channel of information to improve the SBA program.

Turner serves as the treasurer for the Wake County Republican Party and also is director of T&T Associates.

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