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Music from Spike Lee's "Mo' Better Blues" features an immensely talented quartet.

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Dethroned heavyweight champ Mike Tyson is highest paid athlete in the world.

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The Tuskegee Institute (now a university) opened in 1881 with one building and 30 students. It was founded by Booker T. Washington, author of "Up From Slavery." He believed that blacks would pro-

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Improving Performance Plan

N.C. Teachers, Students Enter New Era

North Carolina teachers and administrators will start the new school year putting plans into action. The plans were designed under the state's School Improvement and Accountability Act and the action should result in improved performance by North Carolina students.

Education officials believe North Carolina is entering a new era that will be marked by a statewide emphasis on student outcomes.

"The School Improvement and Accountability Act, Senate Bill 2, has

forced many school officials to take a hard look at the performance of their students," according to State Superintendent Bob Etheridge.

"In a six-month period last year, thousands of teachers, principals, parents and administrators prepared school and school system improvement plans that will lead the way to improved student performance. As the new school year begins and local officials start to put their plans into action, I believe parents will notice a tremendous difference in the excitement in schools and in the increased emphasis put on ensuring that students succeed."

For at least the past 10 years, teachers, principals, administrators and state education officials have agreed that more flexibility is needed in public education. Too often, decisions have been made from the state level when they should have been made by those teachers and principals who work with students. Senate Bill 2 provides local educators the opportunity to be creative in making education work for every child. But it also says that in exchange for this flexibility, there will be accountability.

All 134 local school systems are participating in Senate Bill 2 and have local improvement plans that have been approved by the state superintendent. These plans include waivers from state laws and regulations that local officials felt would prohibit them from meeting their goals. Also, all of the local systems opted to participate in the differentiated pay part of Senate Bill 2 that rewards teachers and other certified employees for achieving goals established in local schools.

According to Dr. Sammie Campbell Parrish, assistant state superintendent for program services and one of the key leaders of Senate Bill 2 implementation, the School Improvement Act is unlike the many other education initiatives that have been undertaken across the country because it will be easy to determine its success or failure.

"We have set student performance targets—and we have set a date by which we expect to attain them. The degree to which schools have improved will be unveiled in clear, understandable terms each year through an examination of annual milestones. The program's success will be judged as satisfactory or unsatisfactory at the end of three or five years by determining whether a local school system has reached its student

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Hard Sharp Object

Man Held On Attempted Rape

Victim Asleep In Bed

An Angier man was arrested late Friday and charged with first-degree breaking and entering and first-degree attempted rape.

Franklin K. Killian, 25, of 8202 Oakcliff Lane in Angier, was charged with breaking in through the front door of the victim's trailer at 2:30 a.m. and threatening to rape her, said Lt. John Jordan of the Wake County Sheriff's Department.

The 31-year-old victim, who had been asleep in her bedroom, told deputies the man held a sharp object to her body and demanded sex. She said she discouraged him and calmed him down before he left the trailer.

In other news: A Cary branch of First Union National Bank was robbed of an undisclosed amount of money Friday morning. Cary police Capt. W.J. Hunter said officers were called to the bank in the Waverly Place Shopping Center at 11:18 a.m. after a man passed a note to a teller demanding the bank's money. The suspect was carrying no weapons.

Described as a black man about six feet tall, the suspect left the bank on foot. The man was last seen running to the south end of the shopping center. He was wearing a yellow raincoat and a multicolored fishing cap.

Also, a Raleigh restaurant was robbed Wednesday night, apparently by the same man who robbed a convenience store Tuesday night, another restaurant Monday night and a convenience store in July, police said.

The man robbed the manager of an undisclosed amount of money taken from the restaurant safe, then left through the rear door.

Police said the robber apparently entered the rear door of the Hardee's

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NEW GYMNASIUM — Dignitaries break ground for the new gymnasium at Roberts Park, 1300 E. Martin St. From left are Mayor Pro Tem Ralph Campbell Jr.; City Council member Anne Franklin; Celeste Turner, the daughter of city council member Frank Turner; Mayor Avery C. Upchurch; Parks and Recreation Director Jack Duncan

and neighborhood activist William Rainbow. Standing behind the Mayor is Turner, who also lives in the neighborhood. At the age of 4, Miss Turner helped cut the ribbon for the opening of the Roberts Park Community Center. (Photo by Jade D. Jurek)

N.C. Preparing Emergency Plan For Energy Supply Disruption

In the wake of Iraq's invasion of Kuwait, the United States is not alone in its concern over the future oil pricing and availability. And if events in the Middle East result in a shortage, North Carolina has an emergency plan that ranges from voluntary conservation to mandatory measures, including four-day workweeks.

Although the United States has never had a larger reserve of crude oil stocks on hand than it currently does, stocks of refined, available fuel have seldom been lower.

Under the plan, Gov. James G. Martin would declare an energy crisis if either actual or an impending

acute shortage threatened the health, welfare or safety of North Carolina.

While the future of OPEC petroleum supplies is questionable, the United States is in a better position to handle a disruption in fuel supplies now than in the 1970s. Energy Emergency Preparedness was not as prominent in the 1970s, leaving the United States vulnerable to the whims of OPEC. Since that time states have been developing and updating detailed plans to manage energy supply disruptions that may

result from political acts, natural disasters or other causes.

The Energy Division, North Carolina Department of Economic and Community Development, has been planning an energy emergency situation for the past several months. The dress rehearsal for an energy supply disruption is scheduled for Aug. 21-22 in downtown Raleigh and will be conducted with assistance from the Strom Thurmond Institute

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Raleigh's Oldest Retail Business

Briggs Hardware Marks 125th Year

Briggs Hardware is readying for a "Big Celebration" according to Marcus L. Scruggs, executive vice president of the company. The grand event in honor of Raleigh's oldest remaining retail business will begin at 8 a.m. and run until 5 p.m. Wednesday, August 15th. Free coke, popcorn, and chances to win prizes including a free trip for two to Bald Head Island will be given away.

Personalities will be on hand including WPTF's Maury O'Dell and J. C. Knowles, who are slated to broadcast live from the historic Briggs Hardware site from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Also during this time, Ms. Agnes Briggs, president of Briggs Hardware and wife of former Raleigh Mayor James E. Briggs, will cut a three-dimensional cake sculpture of the store. Raleigh's current mayor, Avery Upchurch, is also expected to drop by as well as Lieutenant Governor James Gardner.

Marcus Scruggs told us, "When the founder of this store, T. H. Briggs, first took his two sons in, his goal was to have the business continue for 100 years." Briggs Hardware to date has done 25 years better, and according to Mr. Scruggs, "I have taken my two

children into the business, and we hope that it will last 100 more years." Many of the ledgers and documents

from the many years of Briggs Hardware doing business in the Raleigh community will be on display during

the anniversary celebration. It was delightful for us to preview some of (See BRIGGS, P. 2)

Groups Seek Ties With Burundi For An Economic Venture

INSIDE AFRICA

BY MAXINE ALEXANDER

Members of Southeast Raleigh and the West Greenville Community Development Corp. met recently with Julien Kavakure, ambassador of Burundi, and his councilor, Athanse Budigi, to discuss the development of mutually beneficial economic ventures between their respective communities.

"The time is right for African-Americans to invest in Africa. Our futures are as intertwined as our pasts," Pauline Frazier, executive director of SRCDC, stated.

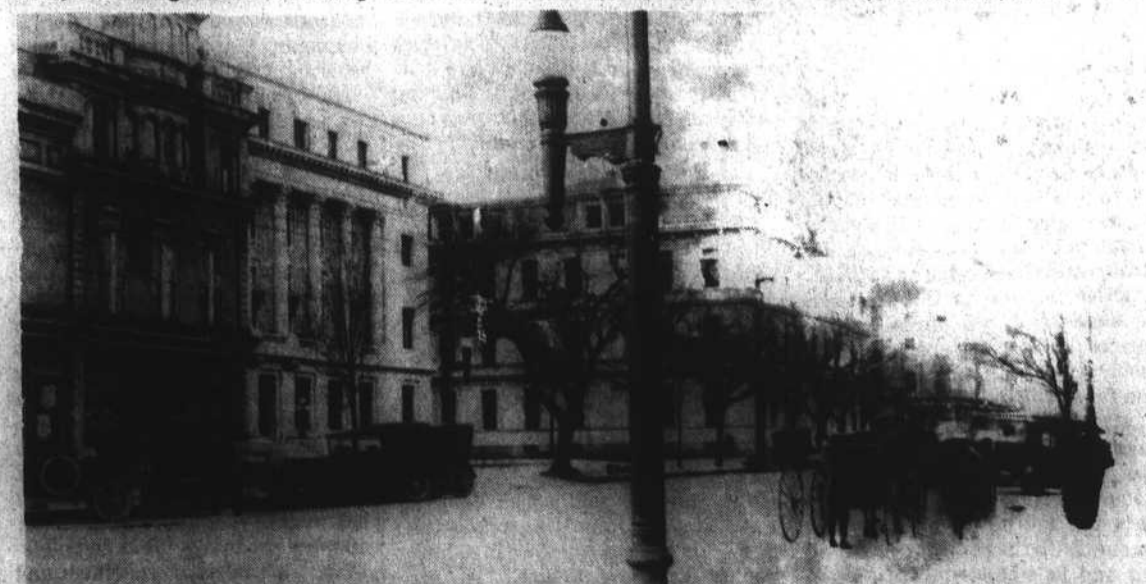
The Republic of Burundi is a small but heavily populated country, about the size of Maryland, in east-central Africa. It is bordered by Rwanda on the north, Tanzania on the east and north, Lake Tanganyika on the southwest, and Zaire on the northwest.

The Republic of Burundi has em-

barked on a five-year development plan which includes providing housing for its five million citizens, expanding its transportation system, increasing educational, training and employment opportunities, and decreasing its dependence on imports.

Because it is a hilly country, and land-locked, it is difficult for Burundi to profit from exportation of its goods due to prohibitive transportation costs. Its major exports are coffee, tea, cotton and hides. The government is attempting to expand its export capacity and to reduce its dependency on coffee, an export crop introduced during the colonial era, which makes up more than 80 percent of its export revenue. Plans are to increase export of cotton fabric produced in a government-owned factory,

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HISTORIC SCENE—A luminous arc street light on Fayetteville Street along with horse-drawn carriages and the automobile are captured in this vintage photo of 1917. This week, Briggs Hardware, located on Fayetteville Street

Mark celebrates 125 years doing business, and is Raleigh's oldest remaining retail business. (Photo courtesy Carolina Power & Light Co.)