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SUPER TUESDAY . . . is next week and Bro Jessie Jackson is shown in Greenville.

Hospital plans safety activities for kids on March 12th

Do your children know what to do if their clothes catch fire? Do they know what products are poisonous in your home? Do they always buckle up in the car? Have they ever listened to a heartbeat through a stethoscope?

If the answer to any of those questions is no, then parents may want to treat their children to "Health Fair for Kids" at The Plaza shopping mall on Saturday, March 12.

The Children's Hospital of Eastern North Carolina at Pitt County Memorial Hospital will sponsor five booths offering a variety of health- and safety-related activities for children from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Children will learn about fire prevention and "Stop, Drop and Roll"—an activity teaching them to roll on the ground if their clothes are burning. They'll learn about household items that are poisonous, and parents can learn first aid techniques in case of poisoning. Children will also learn about good nutrition and healthy snacks.

With assistance from the N.C. Highway Patrol, a special activity is planned for children to show them the importance of wearing seat belts. Children will be able to play with stethoscopes, try on hospital masks, caps and gloves, and become familiar with some of the equipment they would see in the doctor's office and hospital.

Children who have visited all five booths will receive a

certificate.

The "Health Fair for Kids" is part of the Children's Hospital's celebration of Children and Hospitals Week, March 1-12, said Anna Blair, registered nurse at the hospital. Blair says the event is being held to educate children in a variety of areas and to encourage them to take responsibility for their health.

A main focus of the event is seat belt safety and poison and fire prevention, Blair said,

because these are the most common causes of accidental injuries seen among children in the hospital. Blair adds that the staff has found that children are less anxious and fearful of a visit to the doctor or the hospital if they are familiar with some of the medical equipment they'll see there.

For more information about "Health Fair for Kids," contact Anna Blair or Cynthia Stephenson at Pitt Memorial at 551-4979.

North Carolina freshman wins entrepreneur contest

A 21-year old freshman at Pitt Community College in Greenville, who proposed a business that will design and sell architectural ornaments, won the college entrepreneur contest sponsored by a Dallas frozen-yogurt company.

Robert Mihaly, whose start-up idea was selected from a field of nearly 600 entrants, will receive \$10,000 in seed money and a consultation with Arthur Lipper, the editor of Venture magazine and one of the contest judges.

The contest was sponsored by

Bill and Julie Brice to celebrate the 10th anniversary of I Can't Believe It's Yogurt, the frozen-yogurt chain they started while students at Southern Methodist University in Dallas.

Mr. Mihaly, an artist whose sculpted glass tabletops are in the Smithsonian Institution's permanent collection, has designed and sold sand-blasted glass, stone and wood products in Greenville for two years. With his winnings, he plans to buy a used van so he can take his work directly to construction sites.

Filing re-opens Monday at noon for candidates for Pitt Co. BOC

Chief Judge U.S. District Courts, Eastern District W. Earl Britt signed and delivered at 1:00 p.m. today Consent Order in case of Pitt County Concerned Citizens for Justice et al v. Pitt County, N.C. et al.

Word of Justice Department preclearance was received Thursday and the signing of this Consent Decree by Judge Britt clears the way for re-opening the filing for seats on the Pitt County Board of Commissioners.

The Consent Decree provides that "as soon as possible after the entry of this decree, the Pitt County Board of Elections shall notify each person who has filed a notice of candidacy for the Pitt County Board of Commissioners in 1988 that no election shall be held using the current at-large method of election. The Board of Elections shall give each such person a choice of receiving a refund of the filing fee or leaving the fee on deposit with the Board of Elections to be used when filing is opened under the new method of election."

Notice will be mailed by the Board of Elections to each candidate having filed in 1988 for a seat on the Pitt County Board of Commissioners.

The approved method of electing Pitt County Commissioners provides for nine members; one

member to be elected from each of the six districts described in Chapter 193 of the 1987 Session Laws and used for the election of the Pitt County Board of Education. Only voters residing in a district shall vote in the primary and election for that district.

In addition, one member each shall be elected from three consolidated districts. Consolidated District A shall consist of regular districts 1 and 2. Consolidated District B shall consist of regular districts 3 and 6. Consolidated District C shall consist of regular districts 4 and 5. Only voters residing in a consolidated district shall vote in the primary and election for that district.

In 1988 one member each shall be elected from regular districts 1, 2 and 4. Each of those members shall serve a term expiring in 1990. Also in 1988 one member each shall be elected from consolidated districts A, B and C. Each of those three members shall serve a term expiring in 1992.

Following the 1988 election the three incumbent members whose terms do not expire until 1990 shall be assigned to the regular districts in which they currently reside, as follows:

Tom Johnson, District 3; Kenneth Dews, District 5; Charles McLawhorn, District 6. If any of those members dies or resigns

his office, the person named to replace him must reside in the same district.

In 1990 and every four years thereafter one member each shall be elected from the six regular districts.

In 1992 and every four years thereafter one member each shall be elected from the three consolidated districts.

Any vacancy on the Board of Commissioners shall be filled by a person appointed by the remaining members. The person appointed must reside in the same regular or consolidated district as the person who vacated the office. In making such appointments, the Board shall attempt to select a person who is representative of the electorate in that district.

The board shall continue to elect its chairman annually from among the members.

Candidates may file Notices of Candidacy beginning at 12:00 Noon on Monday, February 29, and ending at 12:00 Noon on Monday, March 21, 1988.

Ballots will be prepared as soon as possible after the filing period ends and these ballots will be mailed in a second mailing to absentee ballot voters.

For further information on filing Notice of Candidacy for Pitt County Board of Commissioners, call the Elections Office, 830-4121.

Speech: The Black Educational Imperative

By Dr. Chester F. Preyar

In America, one of the most widely accepted indicators of one's achievement or intellect for achievement is one's speech. For those of us Blacks who gree up speaking "ghettonese" or nonstandard English, there is the tendency on the part of the larger society to judge us as lacking in intelligence or formal learning. One need only review the daily routines required in simply getting through the day. In interactions with friends, strangers, business persons or governmental representatives, we continually experience the dynamics of judgments made relating to our intellectual ability. More frequently than not, proper speech is accepted as an indicator of intelligence.

Some years ago during a visit to Kingston, Jamaica, my own awareness of perceptions about speech was crystallized when a waiter at a restaurant, who had served my family of four, presented the check for the meal. During the course of being served, my wife and I had commented on his beautiful use of the "King's English". He was articulate; his enunciation impeccable, and by out standards, his diction was exception. We judged him to be intellectually able. However, in reviewing the check we found that we were being over-charged as stated through the British currency exchange of Pound, Shilling and Pence. After a period of discussion with the waiter and head waiter, we established that the check was

about ten dollars (U.S.) over the stated menu cost. Afterwards, the head waiter explained that our waiter with the impeccable English had very limited basic skills in reading and computation. Functionally, he was marginally literate, although by our initial interactions, we judged him to be intellectually able and at least formally schooled.

During the 1960's, a number of respected educational leaders presented arguments in support of "Black English", and its legitimacy in the classroom. Residuals of arguments made during the period yet remain with a number of educators, parents, students and community leaders.

All too frequently Black school-aged youth are not acquainted with the real life necessity for acquiring essential skills in the proper use of English. Within the student peer groups, a pervasive attitude requires that Black youth talk "Black". One is not to talk "White" lest one "Act White". As parents, educators and community leaders, we have the burden and responsibility to ensure that all Black youth are equipped with the one skill that, according to William Raspberry, goes farther. The ability to speak and write the language properly reduces, and in many cases, removes a number of societal barriers to

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DR. CHESTER F. PREYAR AND BEATRICE MAYE

Farney Moore's Collected Pearls of Precious Price

"It must be borne in mind that the tragedy of life is not having reached a goal; the tragedy of life is having no goal to reach. It is not a calamity having a dream unfulfilled, but it is a calamity not to dream. It is no tragedy not to have captured your ideal, but it is tragic to have no ideal to capture. It is not a disgrace to having failed to reach the stars; it is a disgrace to have no stars to reach."

Benjamin Elijah Mays

Lift ev'ry voice and sing Till earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of liberty.
Let our rejoicing rise, High as the list'ning skies;
Let it resound loud as the rolling

sea!
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
Sing a song full of hope that the present has brought us.
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
Let us march on till victory is won.

Stoney the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod
Felt in the days when Hope, unborn, has died.
Yet with a steady beat, Have not our weary feet come to the place for which our fathers sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered;
We have come treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered.

Out from the gloomy past, Till now we stand at last
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
Thou who hast brought us thus far on the way,
Thou who hast, by Thy might, led us into the light,
Keep us forever in the path, we pray,
Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee
Shadowed beneath Thy hand,
May we forever stand
True to our God, True to our native land.

J. Rosamond Johnson and James Weldon Johnson



DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY . . . African Americans History Community Recognition gave special recognition to Pitt and Greenville Black elected officials. Pitt County School Board and vice chairman of the Board Donovan Phillips, Chief Executive of the City of Greenville Mayor Ed Carter, City Councilwoman Midred Council, City Councilman Rufus Huggins, Pitt County School Board members, pastor of Sycamore Hill Church Howard Parker, and school board member Walt More Head, remember super Tuesday, March 8, 1988.



BILL DANSEY AND FAMILY

Parking authority initiates honorary citizen permit

In an effort to promote Downtown and goodwill with out-of-town visitors, the Greenville Parking Authority has adopted a Proclamation of Honorary Citizenship to be used for free parking in Downtown public parking zones.

The Certificates of Proclamation will be distributed by local organizations that are frequented

by out-of-town guests. The proclamation can be placed on the dashboard of the car and allows the guest free parking for up to 72 hours from the time it is issued.

Chairman John Shannonhouse stated the idea was unanimously approved after being presented by a committee member who had received a similar permit while visiting out-of-state.

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What you need to know about Bill Dansey . . .

A well-known, self-made businessman, Bill Dansey, moved to North Carolina after completing military service as a Sergeant in the U.S. Army in 1958. Working his way through college, entering in 1959 and finishing college in 3½ years, he graduated from East Carolina University School of Business with a degree in Accounting.

During the years of high school and college, he worked in a variety of jobs, from running a beater in a paper mill, working in a sheetmetal shop as a night watchman, a carpenter's helper, a service station manager, a grocery store bag boy and a checkout clerk, as well as measuring crop allotments for the ASCS.

While he was a senior in college, he built his first construction project, a duplex in Greenville, which he still owns. Several years after finishing college, he started his own construction company, which evolved into the highly successful, present day WEDCO ENTERPRISES, INC. WEDCO has been involved in the development and management of multi-family housing, land development, and construction of single family housing in Greenville, Rocky Mount, Raleigh, Kinston and Wilson. Bill also owned a fully working farm with a 60 acre tobacco allotment.

Although busy developing his business, Bill Dansey also found time to involve himself in community affairs. Through this involvement for the past 30 years he has developed a keen understanding of the problems we face in eastern North Carolina.

GOVERNMENT: Bill Dansey has served as a member of the Greenville City Council and knows the problems faced by the city governments. While on the council, he was instrumental in obtaining a Federal grant to clean-up the Meadowbrook area in Greenville and establish it as a public housing area. He also was instrumental in getting Greenville's West End Recreational Facility leased and funded.

Bill has served on the White House staff as a political consultant and advance staffer for three different Presidents.

League of Women Voters sponsors panel discussion

On March 15th The League of Women Voters of Greenville-Pitt County will sponsor a panel discussion addressing meeting basic human needs in Pitt County. Participating in the panel will be representatives from the Pitt County Department of Social Services, the Greenville Community Shelter and the Pitt County Board of Commissioners as well as Walter B. Jones, Jr.

Those individuals concerned about food and/or shelter needs in our community are urged to attend. The panel will begin at 8 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church at 14th and Elm Streets in Greenville.

For further information please call 756-3021.

The event is free and open to the public.

CIVIC ACTIVITIES: Active in community affairs, Bill has served as President of the Tarheel Little League, and President and Chairman of the Pitt County United Way. Interested in helping disadvantaged youth, he helped found the Gladiator Boxing Club in Greenville a number of years ago while he was a member of the Greenville Recreation Commission. He was recipient of the 1972 Distinguished Service Award from the Greenville Jaycees for outstanding civic contributions. Also, he has been a recipient of the North Carolina Jaycees Freedom Guard Award for outstanding achievements in the area of community, religious and governmental activities.

EDUCATION: Shortly after graduating from college, Bill taught accounting courses at Pitt Community College. He is also a member of the East Carolina University Board of Trustees. As former teacher, university trustee and the father of a teenage son and daughter, Bill understands, more than many, the problems we are experiencing in our educational system.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Bill did not inherit his business, but developed it from the ground up through his own efforts. He knows the importance of getting a dollar's value with the use of sound business practices when spending our tax dollars.

Having worked in a variety of positions such as a carpenter's helper and service station manager, he knows and understands the problems of the average worker. Having worked with the ASCS and managing a tobacco farm, he also knows and understands the problems of our farmers.

Bill Dansey knows the importance of developing more business and employment opportunities in eastern North Carolina. From his own experience, he knows the value of education and the need to find solutions to our social and economic problems, which will bring more job opportunities to eastern North Carolina.

As an all around businessman, Bill Dansey can get to the heart of any problem and help eastern North Carolina build a strong foundation for the future.

Americans are listening

Nutritionists have been preaching about a diet that is lower in fats, and Americans seem to be hearing.

A leaner diet has margarine, butter and oil hitting the skids, says MRCA Information services. Use of margarine in 1986 was 19 percent lower than in 1981, while oil slipped 16 percent and butter fell 7 percent.

Older people are eating the most fats. In fact, they are consuming 23 percent more than the average person, according to the survey.

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About 8 million people aged 65 and older live alone, according to the National Center for Health Statistics. This figure represents about 31 percent of the people in that age group.

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LADY OF THE YEAR . . . Sister Ann Brown who is the president of Pitt County A & T Alumni was voted Lady of the Year at the 30th anniversary last week at the award presentation held at Rose High School. Mr. Ward and Mrs. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Barnes, Mr. Mebane and many others received awards.

Utilities Commission approves computer upgrading

Greenville Utilities Commission held its regular monthly meeting Tuesday, February 9, and the following action was taken:

*Commissioners approved an additional \$13,000 to upgrade the new computer system scheduled to be delivered in March from Digital Systems, Inc. in Columbia, S.C.

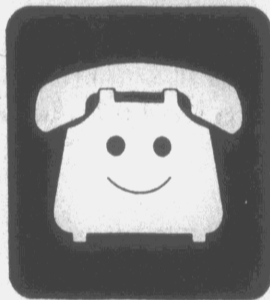
*The budget process for Fiscal Year 1988-89 is officially under way, and John Ferren distributed the budget schedule to Commissioners and Department Heads. After the 4-month process is completed, the budget will be presented to the Board of Commissioners on June 14 for adoption.

*The CP&L peak occurred on January 27 between 7 a.m. and 8 a.m. Our Load Management system was in full operation at that time, resulting in a net billing reduction of \$178,387. The savings were as follows: water heaters, \$93,209; voltage adjustment, \$78,926; GUC Water Plant load reduction, \$2,761; and Proctor & Gamble generators, \$3,491.

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God blamed for slavery

During slavery, fear of insurrections forced many slaveholders to concoct heinous psychological schemes to keep their slaves in line. A prime example can be found in religious sermons designed to reinforce loyalty. The following is a passage from a sermon by a White bishop in Virginia:

"Having thus shown you the chief duties you owe to your great Master in heaven, I now come to lay before you the duties you owe to your masters and mistresses here upon earth. And for this you have one general rule, that you ought always to carry in your minds; and that is to do all service for them as if you did it for God himself.

"What faults you are guilty of towards your masters and mistresses are faults done against God himself, who hath set your masters and mistresses over you in his own stead, and expects that you would do for them just as you would do for Him; And pray do not think that I want to deceive you when I tell you that your masters and mistresses are God's overseers; and that, is you are faulty towards them, God himself will punish you severely for it in the next world."

Consult doctor about flu shots

"All older adults should consult their doctors and follow their advice about flu shots," says Dr. Leo Hawkins, extension human development specialist at NCSU. While the immune system is busy fighting off the flu, a person is less able to resist a second infection. If the second infection, often pneumonia, is in the lungs, it could be life-threatening.

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Speech

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Black social, economic, academic and occupational achievement. At every level of our development, one's ability to use the language properly, influences in a favorable way, those whose judgments matter . . . This is true irrespective of race, color or class.

With the national push for "EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE" and higher standards, the first and perhaps the most important action a Black parent can take to assist an offspring is to insure that the child understands that he/she will be better off in any class or other social situation in which he/she can use the language as effectively as those with whom one has to interact. Educationally, there are no better options for Black Success.

Historically, the most successful Black personalities have been those who could use the language properly. Black history gives us Jackie Robinson (baseball), Ralph Bunche (United Nation), Dr. Martin Luther King (Nobel Peace Prize winner), Adam Clayton Powell (Congressman), Barbara Jordan (Congresswoman) and Julian Bond (Civil Rights Activist). They are but a few to reflect upon. Black history is steeped in role models for our Black youth who reflect Black pride in our culture and heritage while at the same time proficiency in the language is also evident.

For the twenty-first century and our next generation of Black youth, the KEYSTONE of the BLACK EDUCATIONAL AGENCY should well be EXCELLENCE in the use of the language. As a people, it will take us farther.

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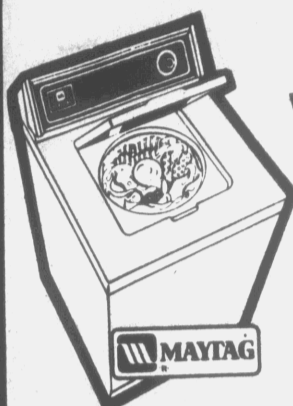
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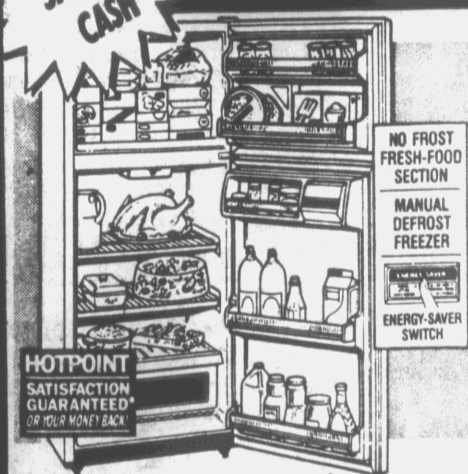
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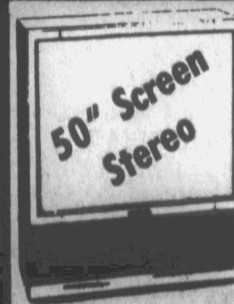


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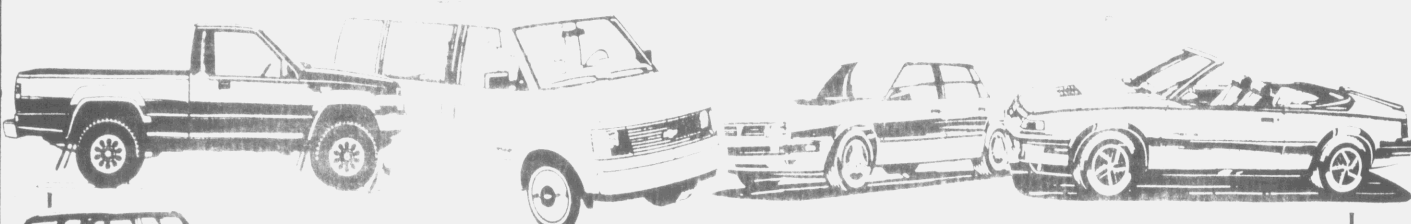
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1981 Peugeot S/W - 504 Diesel, #2199A, AT, extra clean, AM/FM w/cassette, low miles, blue.
1986 Subaru 4 dr. GL, #P136A, 5 spd., AM/FM tilt, 19K miles, AC, silver.
1985 Nissan Maxima S/W - #P138, AT, full power, CC, power sunroof, AM/FM cassette, brown.
1980 Volvo 240 GL - #2784A, AT, full power, sunroof, alloy wheels, low miles, green.
1986 Honda CRX 1.5 - #P119, 5 spd., AM/FM cassette, extra clean, red.
1984 Subaru S/W GL - #P215, AT, AC, AM/FM CC, extra clean, low miles, silver.
1986 Subaru Brat GL - #R038, 4 spd., 4WD, T-top, AM/FM, white letter tires, silver.

1985 Nissan Pulsar NX - #1146A, 5 spd., AC, sunroof, AM/FM, cruise, charcoal.

SPORTS CARS

1985 Nissan 300 ZX - #2060A, 5 spd., full power, T-top, AM/FM cassette, low miles, brown.
1982 Honda Prelude - #P219, AT, pwr sunroof, AM/FM cassette, white letter tires, low miles, blue.
1985 Honda Prelude - #P195A, 5 spd., pwr sunroof, AM/FM cassette, white letter tires, blue.
1982 Toyota Celica GT - #P182, 5 spd., pwr mirrors, AM/FM cassette, w/equalizer, AC, white letter tires, brown.
1987 Chevrolet Camaro - #2767A, AT, AC, AM/FM cassette, CC, TW, low miles, extra clean, burg.
1986 Chevrolet Camaro Iroc Z - #890A, AT, full pwr, T-top, CC, TW, 305 V-8, new tires, black.
1985 Honda Prelude - #P189, 5 spd., AC, pwr sunroof, AM/FM cassette, charcoal.
1986 Nissan 300 ZX - #P1083, 5 spd., T-top, full pwr, electronic pkg., CC, extra clean, charcoal.
1985 Subaru XT GL10 Turbo - #R035, AT, sunroof, AM/FM, CC, alloy wheels, blue.
1984 Pontiac Fiero SE - #P213, 4 spd., full pwr, sunroof, CC, TW, AM/FM cassette, black.

SMALL CARS

1981 Mercury Capri GS - #2703A, AT, T-top, CC, AC, wire wheels, AM/FM cassette, gray.
1987 Dodge Shadow - #2427A, AT, 4 dr., CC, TW, AC, Alpine AM/FM cassette, alloy wheels, charcoal.
1987 Plymouth Horizon - #R132, 5 spd., AC, 4 dr., AM/FM, rear defogger, blue.
1986 Dodge Colt DL - #1780A, AT, AC, 4 dr., AM/FM, cassette, burgundy.
1981 VW GTI - #1199B, 5 spd., AC, sunroof, Sony AM/FM cassette, new tires, white.
1986 Plymouth Turismo - #R136, AT, AC, AM/FM, alloy wheels, extra clean, red.
1984 Mercury Topaz - #R110, 5 spd., sunroof, AC, AM/FM cassette, alloy wheels, black.
1984 Ford Mustang LX - #1162A, 5 spd., 5.0L V8, AC, extra clean, 41K actual miles, burgundy.
1984 Dodge Omni - #2894A, AT, CC, AC, AM/FM, clean, silver/burgundy.
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1986 Chevrolet Monte Carlo Luxury Sport - #2880A, 2 dr., CC, TW, AM/FM cass., low miles, white.
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PRETTY AS A PICTURE . . . Shown above is Mrs. Lillie Mae Shiver shown viewing a portrait of C. M. Eppes. Mrs. Shiver is a graduate of Greenville Industrial High School, before the named changed in 1942.

Dansey urges regional center

In speaking to the Republican Organization of Women in Pitt County Wednesday evening, Bill Dansey, candidate for 9th District Senatorial Seat and a member of East Carolina University's Board of Trustees, explained the need for a Regional Center to be located in Greenville, North Carolina or on its outskirts.

The center would provide an area for large gatherings, up to 14,000, since it has been indicated that we will be allocated one seat per student in the university. The center will be a separate line item from the University budget and provide much needed attention to eastern North Carolina by virtue of the events that it will accommodate. Greenville is currently over-supplied with motel rooms in anticipation of the center. With the center evolving in our area, it will absorb these units, as well as bring exposure to the events happening in the area. Dansey pointed out that there has been a center built in the western part of the state and that there were funds allocated two years ago in Chapel Hill for a center in Chapel Hill. He said it seems that we, in eastern North Carolina, are always looked at last and that when he becomes the next State Senator he will see that priority changes in the Legislature. 'I will do everything I can to help Representative Warren, who has done a good job in following the Regional Center, to make sure adequate funds are allocated for the center,' Dansey said.

Also, Dansey indicated that in order to be able to offer PhD programs outside the medical school, the University needs planning money and capital improvement money for a library expansion estimated to cost \$25 million.



VALERIE MCCLLOUD

Highlights of '86 tax reform

The Tax Reform Act of 1986—perhaps the most comprehensive change in the history of the income tax—requires a new look at your personal and business tax situation. The new law has an affect on how you spend, how you borrow, how you are compensated, and how you invest. The following is a list of a few of the many 1986 tax changes starting in 1987:

- * State and local sales taxes are no longer deductible.
- * Interest paid on consumer debt (i.e., car loans and credit card changes for personal expenses is not fully deductible.
- * Interest on a mortgage on the taxpayer's principal and one other residence is deductible to the extent the mortgage does not exceed the cost of the home plus improvements.
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- * Taxpayers claiming a depen-

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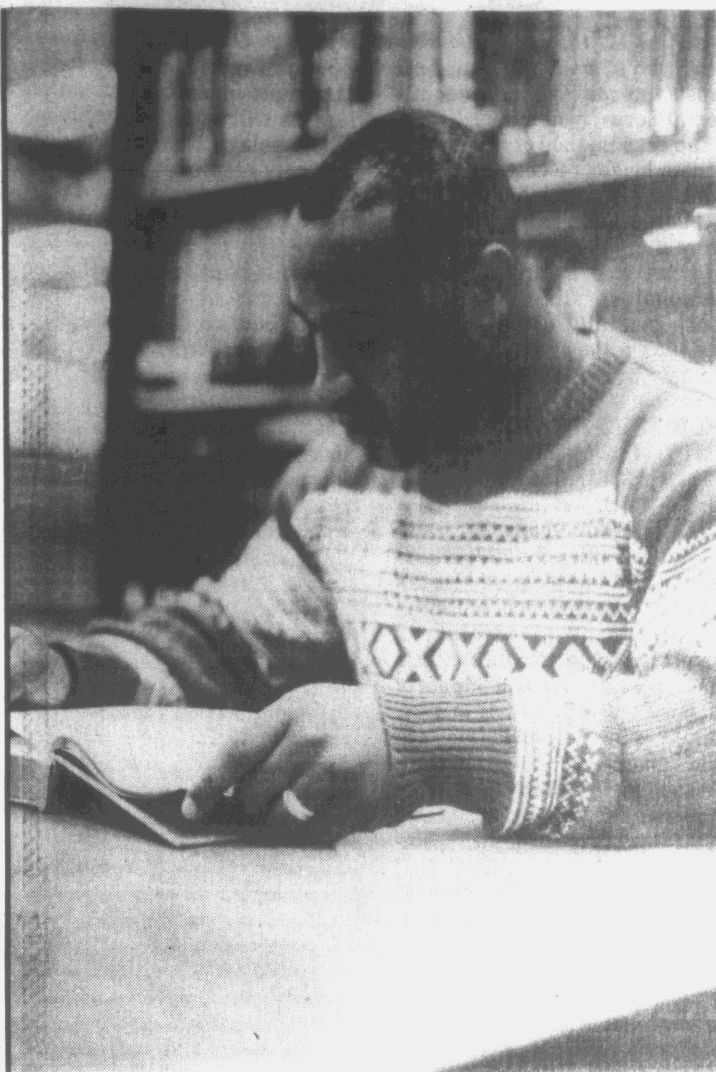
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ANTHONY SIMPSON

Simpson-Dillahunt see post season action

By Billy Walls

1987 was indeed a big year for ECU's football squad. Against top ranked teams, ECU finished with a record of 5-6, the best in several years. ECU beat long time rival NC State, with State having the home field advantage. Two talented ECU players were invited to post-season games. Anthony Simpson and Ellis Dillahunt accepted invitations to play in the Hula Bowl and the Blue/Gray Classic, respectively.

In the Hula Bowl, Anthony Simpson, a 5'10" 245 lb. full back, rushed for 40 yards on 7 carries making him the game's leading rusher.

The Hula Bowl was played in Honolulu, Hawaii on January 16.

"The Hula Bowl was a gift to me because it was something I enjoyed very much. I had a great time just being around some of the nation's top collegiate players. As life goes on, this will be an experience that I will always treasure," says Simpson.

"Simpson is a bruising runner, who will not be brought down often by just one defender. Simpson is also an excellent threat as a receiver out of the backfield. Anthony has proven that he can overcome any problem put before him," said Coach Baker.

Highlights of Simpson's ECU career includes: 1986 season—gained 753 yards on 178 carries in a single dimension offense, the only offensive player to start in all eleven games. Best game was a 121 yard performance on 31 carries vs Georgia Southern. Rushed for 38 yards against Cincinnati and 36 against South Carolina. Anthony had a 16 yard TD run against Southwestern Louisiana and gained 65 yards on national television against top ranked Miami. As a sophomore, he started seven of the last eight games and saw considerable action as a freshman.

Simpson's senior year was a close to fine career. In 1987, Anthony started all eleven games and gained 670 yards on 153 carries and scored seven touchdowns.

Simpson played four years at Thomas Jefferson High School in Brooklyn, NY. He was called the most physical running back to play there since John Brock-

ington (former Ohio State and Green Bay Packer great). During his high school career Anthony was named to New York Daily News all Scholastic Team for two seasons, once as a linebacker and once as a fullback. He was selected to the top 44 players in New York City.

"Playing in the NFL is my primary goal. However, I understand that I must prepare myself for life. Completing the Drivers Education program at ECU is very important to me. A quality education will open many doors later in my future," says Simpson.

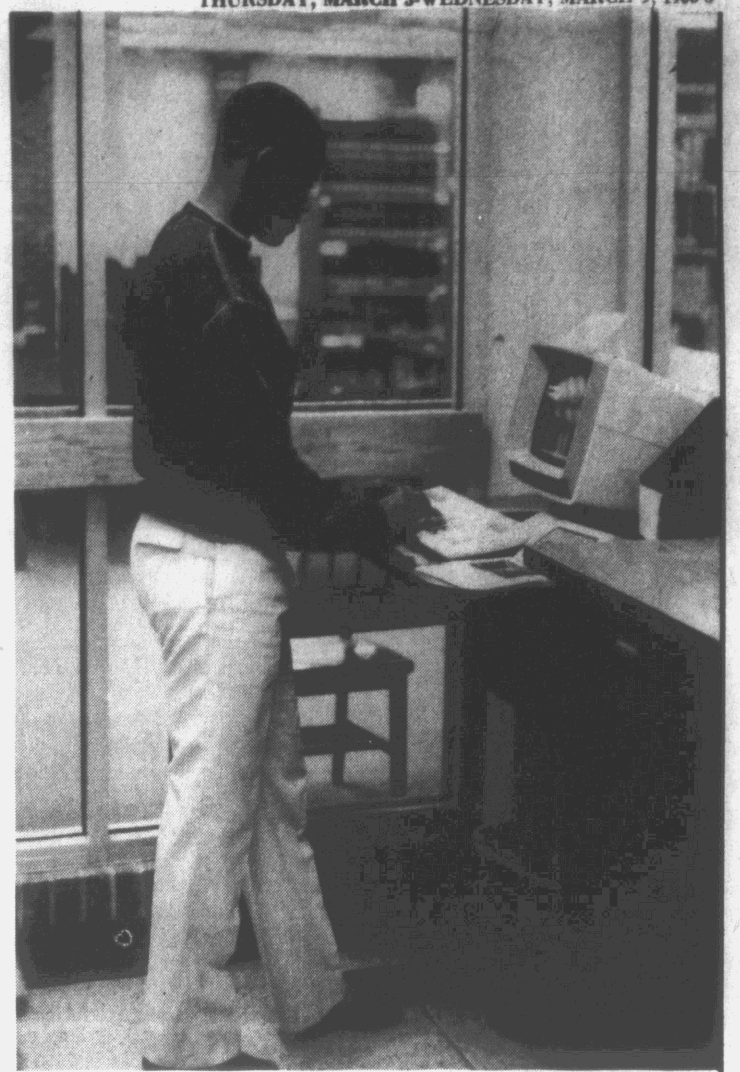
Ellis Dillahunt, another talented ECU player experienced the thrill of post season play. Ellis a 5'11", 200 lb. cornerback, played with other top seniors in the Blue-Gray Classic. Ellis experienced the joy of victory as the final score was Gray 12, Blue 10. The Blue-Gray Classic was played in Montgomery, Alabama on December 25.

"Playing in the Blue-Gray Classic was an experience I'll never forget. You wouldn't believe that the same guys that tried so hard to destroy each other earlier in the year could come together for one cause," Dillahunt said. "I developed friendships with guys such as Kevin Walker (Maryland), Dwayne Terry (Duke) and Robert Jones (Houston)."

Dillahunt is a criminal justice major and is very interested in a secondary (football is primary) career with the FBI. He is also interested in working with kids, to educate them in the danger of drugs.

Dillahunt states "My goal at this time is to become a player in the NFL. At times, athletes lose sight of the rewards of performance off the field. To be truly successful, one must also excel in the classroom, that's the bottom line."

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ELLIS DILLAHUNT

Health risks subject of research

Stress, diet and health risks of the black population of Pitt County are the focus of a major research project by a team of researchers from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and East Carolina University.

The Pitt County Hypertension Project (PCHP) will investigate how stress and diet influence risk for high blood pressure in black men and women. The project, with its field office in Greenville, will target about one third of Pitt County's black population.

Researchers at UNC-Chapel Hill's School of Public Health will work closely with the ECU medical community and Pitt County health and social services, according to Sherman A. James, principal investigator of the project, and professor of epidemiology at UNC at Chapel Hill. Prof. James was in Greenville recently to attend a meeting of the PCHP Community Advisory Council, a group of community leaders volunteering to help promote participation in the community.

According to James, Pitt County was selected because of its rich medical care resources and the social and economic diversity among blacks in the area.

"There is something about socio-economic status that is very strongly related to risks for hypertension," said James. "Pitt County is developing at a fairly fast pace. It is a place where we can probably find the socio-economic diversity among the black population that we need in order to understand what it is about poverty as opposed to having better economic conditions that speaks to the question of hypertension in the black community," he said.

Prof. James said that previous public health research has identified the Coastal Plains region of several Southeastern states (North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia) as having the highest death rates from stroke in the entire country. Furthermore, he noted that current health statistics indicate that black Americans are at a much higher risk for hypertension than are whites, and high blood pressure contributes to many other diseases that are among the leading causes of death among blacks.

"Compared to people with regular blood pressure levels, those with hypertension are about three times more likely to develop coronary disease, five times more likely to develop congestive heart failure, and eight times more likely to have a stroke," James said.

"What is unique about this project is that we will be looking at interactive influences, that is the combined influences of stress and diet on hypertension risk in blacks," James said. "And to my knowledge, this is the first study of its kind to focus in depth on these two key issues in a socioeconomically diverse Southern black population."

The Pitt County Hypertension Project is funded by the National Institutes of Health. It will include three phases: data collection, analyzing survey data to determine what factors influence blood pressure levels, and proposing follow-up studies to develop hypertension prevention and control strategies. The current project, lasting three years, will cover the first two phases.

The goal is to interview a random sample of approximately 2000 black adults between 25 and 50 years old. Interviewing began in mid-January and will run through May or early June. The

in-home interviews last about 45 to 60 minutes.

Charla Davis, field supervisor and survey coordinator, says that to date, about 25 Pitt County residents have been hired to collect data. Additional interviewers are being recruited. "Our interviewers are thoroughly trained in well-established techniques for conducting interviews and taking blood pressure measurements," said Davis.

The project, if successful, will attract widespread attention, James noted. "The insights and knowledge gained through this study should prove very useful to other communities elsewhere in the United States," he said.

For more information, contact Charla Davis, Field Supervisor, Pitt County Hypertension Project, 1530 South Evans, Suite 211, Greenville, NC 27834. Telephone: 756-0699

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Reverend Irvin (Irv) Moore, Jr., Staff Chaplain at Pitt County Memorial Hospital (PCMH) in Greenville has been selected by the North Carolina State Association of Black Social Workers (NCSABSW) as the 1988 Bell-Carter Outstanding Social Worker Award recipient. This prestigious award is given for outstanding service in the field of social work.

Reverend Moore holds a Masters of Divinity (M.Div.) from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest; a Masters in Social Work (MSW) from Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri; and a B.S. in Social Work from NC A&T State University in Greensboro. He has also done post graduate work at Cornell University in Ithaca, NY.

In addition to his recent honor, Reverend Moore was a Raymond Brown Scholar at Southeastern Seminary, a member of the

Alpha Delta Mu Honor Society at A&T, and holds other academic and professional awards.

His work experience includes; Social Worker II at Dorothea Dix Hospital in Raleigh; Chaplain Intern at Duke University Medical Center in Durham; Assistant Professor in Social Work at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte; and Instructor in Social Welfare at Livingstone College in Salisbury.

He is an ordained Baptist minister presently serving in an associate position at Cornerstone Baptist Church in Greenville.

Reverend Moore has been a member of the Metrolina and Triangle ABSW chapters and is currently a member of the Eastern NC Regional ABSW chapter in Greenville. He is in his second term as president of the NC State Association of Black Social Workers, and is active in many other social work, religious and civic organizations.

Dillahunt-Simpson

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Coaches feel that Dillahunt maybe the most competent player on the team. Dillahunt moved back to cornerback after starting as a free safety most of 1986. To his credit — one of the best hitters ever to wear the purple and gold . . . excellent speed, timed at 4.5 in the 40. Dillahunt was third leading tackler on the team in 1986, trailed only the inside linebackers in total stops (Dillahunt 72 tackles, 38 solo); had a phenomenal game in win the over Georgia southern with five solo tackles, three assists, a fumble recovery and an interception. As a sophomore, Ellis started every game, finished second leading tackler. To some, his biggest play was blocking a NC State punt and recovering it in the end zone for a touchdown, leading to a 33-14 Pirate win. His finest overall game for 1987 was against the University of Southern Mississippi with five unassisted tackles, six assisted tackles, a pass interception and a pass break-up.

Dillahunt is a 1983 graduate of Jacksonville High School in Jacksonville, NC. While at Jacksonville High School, Dillahunt was named All-County, All-Conference and All-East as a running back and defensive back. During his senior year, he rushed for 909 yards and scored 16 touchdowns. He helped lead the Cardinals to a 14-0 season and State 4A Championship and was selected to play in the North Carolina vs South Carolina Shrine game.

"Dillahunt has been an outstanding student athlete who will be long remembered for his hard defensive hits and punt blocking. He has also received various academic honors to add to his athletic performance," says Coach Baker.

Simpson and Dillahunt are two unique athletes that will be hard to replace. Each are respected by teammates and coaches. They will be an asset to any NFL team. By way of their character and personal achievements, Simpson and Dillahunt have proven that with the proper guidance from parents, coaches and teachers, academics and athletics can be a winning combination.

The National Center for Health Statistics has reported that the two monumental problems facing the U.S. are the aging of Americans and AIDS.



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Tax Reform (Continued from page 4)

dent who is over four years old must include the dependent's Social Security number.
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'HOW THE NEW TAX LAW AFFECT INDIVIDUALS AND BUSINESSES'

Individuals

Over a million individual taxpayers will be taken off the tax rolls and the tax rates will drop sharply. Many taxpayers will benefit, while others will see their taxes increase. The full impact of the new law will be felt in 1988. There will be only two tax brackets in 1988: 15% and 28%. Joint taxpayers having taxable income between \$71900 and \$149,250 will have to pay a 5% surcharge on income within that range, which has the effect of phasing out the 15% bracket. Other changes includes:

- The personal exemption will increase, but for some taxpayers having taxable income above certain levels, the exemptions will be phased out beginning in 1988.
- The two-earner deduction can no longer be used.
- Taxpayers may no longer exclude the first \$100 (\$200 joint

- return) of dividends received.
- Unemployment compensation benefits will be fully taxable.
- Charitable contributions deductible only for itemizers.
- Medical expenses deductible over 7.5% of adjusted gross income.
- Adoption expenses are no longer deductible.
- Miscellaneous itemized deduction must exceed 2% of adjusted gross income.

Businesses

As individuals taxpayers, some businesses will fare better than others. Business owners will need to evaluate their tax planning strategies. Some of new tax changes affecting businesses are:

- The top Corporate tax rate is reduced from 46% to 34%.
- The act modifies depreciation.
- Repeals investment tax credits (ITC) for property placed in service after 1985.
- There is a limitation on business tax credits.
- Corporate distributions are taxed differently.
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Faces & Places



Future of NC wildlife lies in hands of landowners

The future of North Carolina's wildlife populations may lie in the hands of landowners such as Anson County farmers Al Griffin and Gary Rorie.

The two men feel sure they'll never make the cover of "The Progressive Farmer," but as long as they're helping wildlife, they don't mind passing up the fame.

Their total 700 acres of fields and woods are a diversity of crops, wheat fields, managed woodlands and clear cuts. Their paths are bordered with thick weeds and other wild plants that provide food and cover. And their cornfields—months after the harvest—are unplowed.

Griffin's and Rorie's farms are two of nine demonstration farms that biologists with the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission and other agencies are showing off as ideal habitat to boost the state's wildlife populations.

The Commission, along with the N.C. Wildlife Federation, the Agricultural Extension Service, the N.C. Forest Service and the Soil Conservation Service plan to invite landowners, school groups,

civic clubs and others to see their ideas of land management for wildlife. The demonstration farms are the results of cooperative planning between the landowners and the agencies.

Deer and rabbits and squirrels love diversity of cover the brush on these farms provide. Deer grow rapidly eating the clover, wild weeds and corn left in the field.

A ride through the woods, around the ponds and into the cornfields on Griffin's 450 acres shows there are many ways to provide wildlife with the habitat it needs to thrive.

Griffin's two ponds are marked with wood duck boxes. His trees are marked with "squirrel tires"—a moder squirrel's nest made from a discarded tire which is tied around a tree limb. There are salt licks and milo fields for deer, shrub lespedeza and weed fields for quail and good habitat in general for red-tailed hawks.

"Other landowners had better wake up and start doing these same things if they want to have any wildlife," Griffin said of his

practice of farming for wildlife. "I've been doing this for years. It costs me a little time and money, but it's worth it."

Griffin, named White Store Wildlife Farmer of the Year, and his wife are bringing up their children to be outdoor sportsmen. His cousin, Richard Griffin, helps plant food plots and disc the fields for wildlife.

Rorie has also been managing his farm for wildlife for many years. "I'm a farmer by trade. I raise hogs and turkeys and cows and soybeans. But you can't have your land looking like "The Progressive Farmer" if you want any wildlife," Rorie said as he strolled through one of his corn fields, pointing out the many deer tracks and bare ears of corn. "I do it because I enjoy doing it and I enjoy seeing wildlife."

"I may sit in a tree stand all day and not shoot. I just watch the squirrels and rabbits and birds."

On the advice of biologists and other wildlife experts, Rorie and Griffin and other farmers have disked permanent fire lanes around their property. About

every other year, they burn sections of their property so new growth provides better nutrition for wildlife and decreases the danger of uncontrolled wildfire.

"They truly practice wildlife management," said Terry Sharpe, small game project leader for the Wildlife Commission. "We can come down and tell landowners about prescribed burning and the next time we come, they show us what they've burned. It's kind of a hobby to them. Some people play golf. They provide homes for wildlife."

The two-year project has activated wildlife management on farms that grow everything from Christmas trees and timber to tobacco to cattle.

"These practices may be used by a variety of landowners in North Carolina without excessive expense and labor," Sharpe said.

Heavy leaf cover damages lawn

It's a job easily put off, but raking leaves from your yard shouldn't be delayed too long. Accumulated leaves can damage grass, in addition to being unsightly.

The procrastinator's approach is to wait until the last stubborn leaf has fallen so the task can be taken care of with one raking. If you have a lot of trees around the yard, chances are the leaf cover will become too heavy to afford the luxury of one raking.

The leaves should be removed from the lawn frequently, suggest agricultural extension specialists.

As the leaves fall, they layer themselves, creating a mat that cuts off normal light, air and water. This is especially critical if you have a new lawn and the seedling grass is not well established. The tender young grass can't stand long periods of being covered with leaves.

If you have an established lawn, you may not need to rake the leaves. Instead, you might be able to mulch them with the lawn mower. Much will depend upon how heavy the leaf cover is.

Leaves cut into small pieces will decay and add organic matter to the soil.

Raking the leaves and removing them is just part of the problem. What to do with them is another. In many cities and towns, the leaves are collected. Elsewhere, you are left to dispose of them yourself.

Why not put them to good use? The leaves can be of some value if you compost the soil in the garden or other planting areas.

If you rake leaves around shrubs and leave them there as a mulch, it would be better to grind them up first. Whole leaves bed down and cut off light, air and water to shrubs and small trees.

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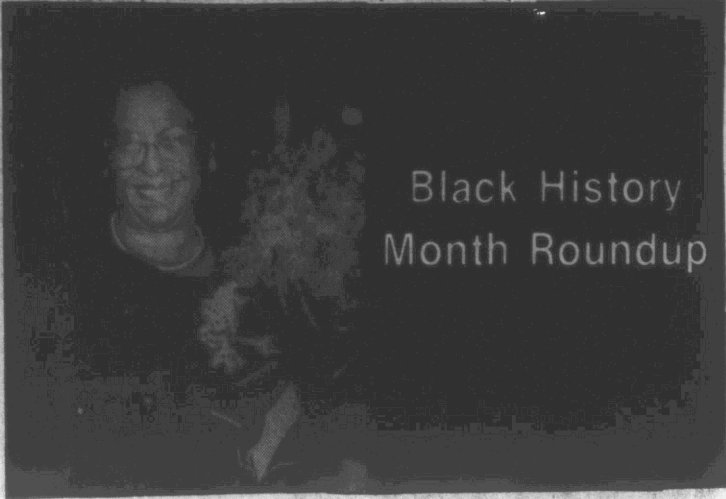


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Black History Month Roundup

BY BEATRICE MAYE

Match the names below with the correct descriptions below the names. Answers in next week's issue.

- A. Althea Gibson
- B. Jesse Jackson
- C. George Washington Carver
- D. Walter Payton
- E. Mary McLeod Bethune
- F. John Hope Franklin
- G. Booker T. Washington
- H. Sidney Poitier
- I. Richard Wright
- J. Marian Anderson
- K. Harvey Gantt
- L. Martin Luther King, Jr.
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- O. Joe Louis
- P. Lena Horne
- Q. Charles Richard Drew
- R. Duke Ellington
- S. Bill Cosby
- T. John H. Johnson
- U. Langston Hughes
- V. Matthew Henson
- W. Henry O. Tanner
- X. Carter G. Woodson

1. _____ Founded a girls' college in Daytona Beach, Florida
2. _____ "Oscar" winner for best actor
3. _____ A singer and ambassador of good will
4. _____ Advocated non-violence in the civil rights movement
5. _____ Prominent Black spokesman born in Greenville, S.C.
6. _____ Developed 300 products which could be made from the peanut
7. _____ Running back for the Chicago Bears

8. _____ Professor at Duke University
9. _____ Great Composer, band leader and pianist
10. _____ Painted religious subjects
11. _____ Called "the poet of the people"
12. _____ First Black Supreme Court Justice
13. _____ Founded Ebony magazine
14. _____ Held heavyweight boxing title for 11 years
15. _____ Founded Tuskee Institute
16. _____ Star of popular evening TV show
17. _____ Famous novelist, born in poverty
18. _____ First Past Black mayor of Charlotte
19. _____ First to reach North Pole
20. _____ Elected to baseball's Hall of Fame
21. _____ Father of modern Negro historiography
22. _____ Famous for physical beauty and range of voice
23. _____ Fatherproof blood plasma
24. _____ First Black to win a major tennis title

GOSSIP POISONS ALL IT TOUCHES BY BEATRICE MAYE

The Snake That Poisons Everybody . . . It topples governments, wrecks marriages, ruins careers, busts reputations, causes heartaches, nightmares, indigestion, spawns suspicion,

generates grief, dispatches innocent people to cry in their pillows. Even its name hisses. It's called gossip. Office gossip, Shop gossip, Party gossip, It makes headlines and headaches. Before you repeat a story, ask yourself—Is it true? Is it fair? Is it necessary? If not, shut up!

RUMORS

BY BEATRICE MAYE

1. A rumor is about as hard to unspeak as butter.
2. As yet, no one has invented a self-starting rumor.
3. All rumors should be fitted with girdles to keep them from spreading.
4. Some people will believe anything, if you tell them it's a rumor.
5. A rumor is like a check—never endorse it till you're sure it's genuine.
6. We still can't understand how rumors without a leg to stand on get around so fast.
7. A lot of people seem to have "Rumor-tism."

ENVY

BY BEATRICE MAYE

1. Envy provides the mud that failure throws at success.
2. Don't envy anybody. Every person has something no other human being has. Develop that one thing and make it outstanding.
3. We under-rate that which we do not possess.
4. After a man makes his mark in the world, a lot of people will come around with erasers.
5. Envy is blind and knows nothing except to depreciate the excellence of others.
6. Every time you turn green with envy you are ripe for trouble.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY BEATRICE MAYE

The Greenville Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. will sponsor a "Delta" Career Day Saturday, February 27, 1988 at 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. at the South Greenville School. This activity is open to all students grades 6 through 12. The KISS 102 Good time Gator will be a special guest.

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RICHARD A. GEPHARDT

AL GORE

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JESSE JACKSON

PAUL SIMON

NO PREFERENCE

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March 8, 1988
Pitt County, N.C.

Chairman, Pitt County
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PAT ROBERTSON

NO PREFERENCE

Primary Election
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Shields shares memo of remembrance

Dr. West Shields, Jr. local Minister, Counselor, Accountant, Notary and Handwriting Analyst, wishes to share this memo of remembrance during Black History Month. Dr. Shields was the first Black

Justice of the Peace of Greenville and Pitt County, from 1960-1968. Shields had the best record to date, by any Justice of the Peace, during that time, according to State Bureau of Investigation and the County Auditor.

5th Annual Greenville/Pitt Senior Games scheduled

The fifth annual Greenville/Pitt Senior Games will be held April 8-9, 1988, at East Carolina University. Any interested person 55 years of age or older is eligible to participate.

Senior Games is a statewide program in North Carolina which offers athletic and recreational experiences for older adults. Senior Games emphasizes the importance of regular physical exercise, as well as strives to improve the quality of life for older adults. These opportunities are provided in an atmosphere of fun and fellowship.

Currently, practice times for various events are being held at the Elm Street Gym. The schedule is listed below:

Mondays—9 a.m.-12 Noon
Tuesdays—9 a.m.-11 a.m.
Fridays—1 p.m.-2 p.m.
Greenville/Pitt County Senior Games is sponsored by Pitt County Community Schools, Greenville Recreation and Parks Department and East Carolina University.

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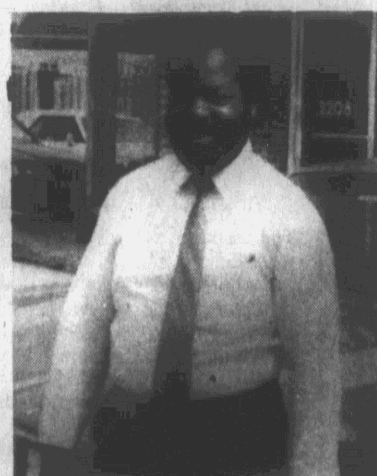
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"People First" is new program at MHA

"People First" is a new program of the Mental Health Association in Pitt County targeted to begin in the Spring of 1988. "People First" is a consumer support network for people with mental illness.

Pitt County was chosen among eleven other counties in North Carolina to sponsor the pilot program. "People First" aims to change the traditional form of treatment for the mental health patient by allowing patients (consumers) to work in conjunction with professionals in ways that best meet the consumer's needs.

"Persons with mental illness are treated differently by the medical profession than those with other ailments such as cancer or heart disease," said Sallie Shelton, Executive Director of MHA-PC. Through "People First," the mental health patient will learn to act as any health care consumer who makes choices concerning their medical treatment.

"The program will also serve as a supportive network for the mental health consumer and hopefully a social outlet as well," Mrs. Shelton said.

Mental and emotional illnesses are the nation's number one health problem. One in every five adults suffer from a mental disorder at some time during their lives. More than 55 million Americans are directly affected by mental illness.

MHA, a United Way agency, has played a vital role in improving services to the mentally ill. In 1987, MHA-PC received the Silver Bell Chapter Award for outstanding community services. In 1988, the chapter plans to expand its role through programs like "People First," and many others.

"Through long range planning, we have identified the need to become more active in the community," Mrs. Shelton said. "We have refocused our priorities toward increased legislation for residential programs and programs for children."

Specific goals for the next three to five years include more educational programs, seminars for continuing education units and supporting the construction of a home for people with long term mental illness.

"Through all of our programs, advocacy, lobbying, education and support, we treat persons with mental illness as "People First," commented Mrs. Shelton. "The community needs to be aware that no matter what their problems are, they are still human beings and we should all respect their needs."

Tisdale has been promoted at NCNB

Ruby D. Tisdale has been promoted by NCNB National Bank to manager of its West End Branch in the Buyers Market in Greenville, according to Garland Frazier, local NCNB consumer banking director.

The daughter of Warren and Victoria Tisdale of Salters, S.C., Ms. Tisdale earned her bachelor's degree in business administration and her master's degree in business education from South Carolina State College.

Shortly after completing requirements for her master's degree, she joined NCNB in Columbia, S.C., in 1986. She moved to Greenville in 1987 to become manager of the West End branch.

NCNB National Bank is a subsidiary of Charlotte-based NCNB Corp.



GEORGE AND RUBY DAVIES

George and Ruby Davies now reside in Greenville

George Davies, a native of Plansfield, New Jersey, a former member of St. John Baptist Church in Scotch Plains, New Jersey, now resides in Greenville with his wife Ruby, is presently a member of Sycamore Hill Baptist Church. He's a member of the Senior Usher Board as well as he sings with the Male Chorus.

Mr. Davies says he loves the ci-

ty and most especially his church, Sycamore Hill, for the people are friendly, nice and hospitable.

To our young people, he gives this advice: "If you don't get an education, for the opportunities are available and numerous, you'll be completely lost in today's world."

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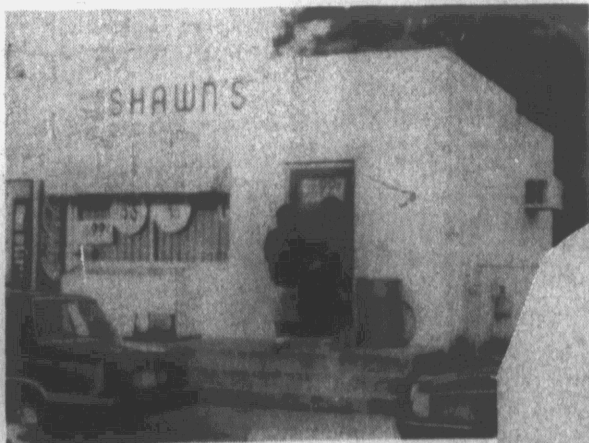
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Seminoles fight wars for blacks

During the late 18th century, hundreds of Blacks escaped slavery by crossing the American border into Spanish Florida. Many took refuge in the Florida swamps. There they built houses, grew crops, raised cattle and became totally self-sufficient. Others, however, joined the Seminoles, a group of Creek Indians who had left their tribe and organized a separate group. Seminole means "runaway" or "fugitive." These rebel Indians subsequently befriended the escaped Black slaves or maroons as they were called. Together they comprised a powerful warrior tribe.

In 1790, American signed a treaty with the Creek Indians which demanded the delivery of all Blacks who lived among them. The Seminoles refused and continued to protect the Blacks in defiance of the government and the

Creeks. For generations, Blacks lived among the Seminoles.

By the end of the War of 1812, Florida became a time bomb of frustrated slaveholders who demanded that force be used to retrieve their slaves. General Andrew Jackson sent tow gunboats, an army regiment and 500 Creek Indians to invade the Seminole camps and reclaim all Black slaves.

Their first target was Fort Negro, a powerful fortress the British had abandoned and left to a Black named Garcia. Jackson's army destroyed the fort, killing almost all of its 300 men, women and children. Those who survived were murdered or sold as slaves.

This massacre later convinced the Spanish in 1819 that, before Jackson took it by force, they should sell Florida to the U.S. But the sale of Florida did not stop the

Seminoles from harboring the maroons. In resistance, the Seminole tribe, which after generations consisted of many Black escaped slaves, fought three bloody wars, the last of which lasted eight years (1835-1842) and cost the United States 1,500 men and \$20 million.

The third Seminole war was started by a fight between Chief Osceola and an American army officer. When slave catchers invaded Osceola's camp, they tried to subdue his wife, a Black woman named Morning Dew. Osceola became furious and struck the officer. The Seminole chief was jailed, but swore revenge. Subsequently, his tribesmen, Red and Black, went on a furious warpath and the bloodbath began.

After one year of fighting, General Thomas Jesup declared, "This, you may be assured, is a Negro, not an Indian war."

Playpens must be used properly

Playpens are intended to keep a child safe and out of mischief, but some playpens prove to be dangerous. "Parents must be aware of possible problems," says Dr. Wilma Hammett, extension housing specialist at North Carolina State University.

Like most devices, drop side playpens can pose a severe hazard if they are used incorrectly. "If the side is left down, the mesh hangs loosely and forms a pocket. Infants even under a month old have rolled into this mesh pockek and suffocated," Dr. Hammett says.

"As a child grows and becomes

more active, remove large toys, bumper pads or boxes from the playpen. Otherwise, the child may climb on them and fall out," the extension specialist says.

Teething youngster may also chew on the top rail of the playpen. Check the vinyl or fabric-covered rails frequently for holes or tears. "A teething child may chew off pieces and choke," Dr. Hammett notes.

The safety gate, another device intended to keep a child from harm, may also cause injury. The accordion-style baby gates have v-shaped openings along the top edge and diamond-shaped open-

ings between the slats. These openings between the slats. These openings can pinch, trap or even strangle a toddler, so accordion-type gates are not recommended.

Several other types of gates are on the market. If you use one, "be certain it's securely anchored in the doorway. Children have pushed gates over and fallen down the stairs. If the gate is installed with a pressure bar, be sure that the bar is on the side away from the child. Otherwise, the child will use the bar as a foothold as he climbs over the gate," Dr. Hammett says.

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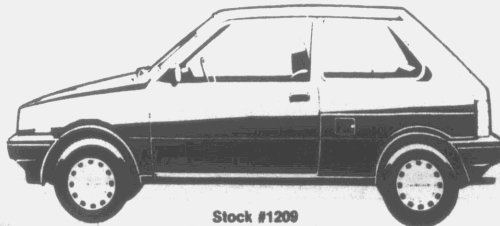
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Black voting power makes the difference

BY DON BROWN

When the Republican party lost its Senate majority in the 1986 elections, it had to face the fact that it could no longer afford to ignore the great majority of black voters. Blacks had made the difference in five races, in Georgia, Louisiana, Alabama, North Carolina and California. In each, a Democrat with overwhelming support among black voters won by a narrow margin.

Further evidence of black voting power came in the Bork confirmation fight. Southern Democratic senators who have often backed conservative Reagan initiatives looked this time toward home and took account of their dependence on black constituents.

Many Afro-Americans see themselves between a rock and a hard place—between a Republican party that has written them off, at least in the past, and a Democratic party that seems to take their vote for granted. Moreover, confidence in the Democrats' ability to improve the condition of blacks is eroding quickly. As a result, their near-monopoly on black voters for the past two decades is in jeopardy.

During the civil rights struggle, the Democratic party had brought together labor, feminists, blacks and other

groups that felt disenfranchised by the power elite. With liberal values in retreat since 1980, those bonds have disintegrated.

Closely linked to that revealing piece of data is another: One-third of all blacks now eligible to vote are too young to have been part of the Civil Rights Movement. And they have little emotional attachment to the party of Kennedy or Johnson. A recent NEWSWEEK poll showed that 13 percent of all black voters under 25 considered themselves Republican, compared with only 4 percent over 25. The disparity has not been lost on GOP strategists, who see in it Republican opportunity.

Even older, loyal blacks have felt their ties to the Democratic party weakening. Though most of them still vote Democratic and liberal, their views on many issues are solidly in line with the conservative agenda. They tend to support prayer in schools, the death penalty for murder, a ban on abortion, educational reform and harsher sentences for convicted criminals.

In early 1987, a poll by the Joint Center for Political Studies, a Washington think tank on black political issues, confirmed that for the first time black and white voters were voicing the same top concerns—jobs, income, drug abuse, crime in the community

and quality education for their children. If the Republicans are ready—whether by inclination or from survival instincts—to court the black voter and if the Democrats continue to be more concerned about the Southern white vote than about their loyal black adherents, the 1988 elections could provide more plot twists than "Dallas".

The election of Reagan and the perceived triumph of the right in national politics caused a political backlash in black America in the early 1980's. The upsurge led to renewed interest in South African apartheid and eventually to Jackson's run at the presidency in 1984—in effect, social protest movement against the Reagan administration.

As the country moved politically right, black leaders found themselves increasingly isolated; it became painfully obvious that the Democratic mainstream was either unable or unwilling to respond to their crisis. At about the same time, ambitious black politicians began to realize that they could go only so far in the Democratic hierarchy despite the allegiance of black voters.

The problem came to a head at the 1984 Democratic convention in San Francisco, where Jackson's Rainbow Coalition won no major concessions in the party platform. According to Roger Wilkins, a senior fellow at the Institute for Policy Studies, "Blacks were offended by the party's treatment of Jackson in 1984."

The Democratic party now finds itself on the horns of dilemma. Eddie Williams, president of the Joint Center, puts it bluntly: "The Democrats want to woo black voters, but they want to do it in the booth in the corner, in the back, in the dark."

Continued In The Next Issue



GREETINGS . . . Miss Lucy Williams is your Flori Roberts Cosmetics representative at Belk Tylers in the Carolina East Mall. Ms. Williams is as lovely as she poses for the camera. Drop by for a free make up facial.

Drake wins Superintendent's Choice Art Exhibit

A photograph by Sarah Drake, a seventh grade student at Farmville Middle School, was selected to represent Pitt County Schools in the Superintendent's Choice Art Exhibit.

The Superintendent's Choice Art Exhibit is now in its fourteenth year and each school system in North Carolina is encouraged to participate. The exhibit will be on display for the month of March, which is Youth Art Month. This is an excellent opportunity to recognize outstanding art students and to show the fine work being done in the public schools.

Sarah Drake's art teacher at Farmville Middle School is Mrs. Cynthia Rowshan.

A Rare Breed —The Black Republican

America as a whole is not in a healthy state economically. We have a tremendous deficit which needs to be alleviated and eventually erased. Recently, the Reagan Administration has been under fire in the Iran-contra scandal. Funding the contras to thwart communism is a valiant idea, but illegal allocations of funds is as un-American as taking a vacation in Siberia.

In essence, the republican party will prevail; perhaps not now but with a strong, viable candidate in the future. My reason for being a republican is simple: strength. America is a very strong country, and it needs very strong leaders with the innate ability to comprehend affairs and execute decisions which will enhance our growth.

Being a republican and being Black is not a difficult task; of course you don't believe in all of the ideas, but you continue to show support. These problems are troubles any democrat can relate to.

I have many friends who are black republicans and we agree on several things. We agree that we don't favor all of President Reagan's policies. We agree that neither the democratic party nor the republican party has, as of yet, shown any leaders capable enough to run America. We also agree that conditions for minorities are continuing to move at a sluggish rate and it will be quite some time before anything of significance will change this. Oh, and by the way, we all agree on one thing—we don't like Jesse Helms.

Eppes Cultural Heritage Center holds open house

In observance of Afro-American History Month, the Greenville Industrial—C. M. Eppes Alumni Association held open house on Sunday, February 21 at the C. M. Eppes Cultural Heritage Center from 2-5 p.m. The Cultural Heritage Center located within the C. M. Eppes Recreation Center at Fourth and Nash Streets in Greenville has been established to house a library and exhibit room of papers, pictures, and other artifacts of the late C. M. Eppes, the Greenville Industrial and C. M. Eppes High Schools, the faculty, the staff, and the alumni. A major feature of the Sunday afternoon exhibit was a bust of the late Mr. Eppes rendered by the late Bob Silver, an alumnus of the high school.

In addition to area alumni and their families, local education, religious, and political leaders registered during the occasion. The open house was held in part as a tribute to the Eppes legacy and in an effort to make this community aware of the additional needs of the Center in terms of memorabilia and monetary contributions before its completion. Alumni serving on the committee for the cultural events were Shelia Latham, Lillie Shiver, Betty Barrett, Imogene Dupree, Marian Wilkes, Jean Darden, National President and Ella Harris, Chairperson.

C. M. Eppes High School was originally Greenville Industrial High School established for black students in 1903. The last graduating class finished in 1969. The 10th, 11th, and 12th grades at Eppes consolidated with J. H. Rose High School in the fall of 1969 in the effort to integrate the public school system. Eppes then served as a junior high school for the next two years. The main building was demolished after a major fire. The junior high school students consolidated into the E. B. Aycock Junior High School. The school property was then purchased by the City of Greenville for use by the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Through the efforts of the Greenville Industrial—Eppes Alumni Association, the Greenville Parks and Recreation Commission recommended to the Greenville City Council in November of 1985 that the West Greenville Recreation Center be renamed the C. M. Eppes Recreation Center to reflect the cultural heritage of the only remaining structure on the old school site. The name was officially changed on January 1, 1986. Since that time the Association historians Inez Nimmo of St. Louis, Missouri and Ella Harris of Greenville and other alumni have worked to collect various artifacts of the school and community.

Plans are now being made for the official dedication and ribbon cutting of the C. M. Eppes Recreation Center and the Cultural Heritage Center during the 8th annual reunion weekend July 1-4, 1988.

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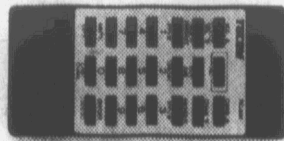
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