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Meeting Scheduled

There will be a meeting held to implement a Pitt County Chapter of the United Negro College Fund (UNCF), Monday, February 20th at 7:00 p.m. on the 2nd floor of the city's government office complex, West Fifth Street, Greenville. The public is encouraged to attend.

INSIDE . . .

- Fire Prevention in the African-American Community: A Hot Issue
- Mrs. Beatrice Maye salutes African-American History
- This Week's Student Profile: Ms. Elizabeth R. Anderson
- A True African-American Story: Life in a racist society

THE 'M' VOICE

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DOROTHY COX FISHER

Dorothy Cox Fisher named to nursing post at Pitt County Memorial Hospital

Dorothy Cox Fisher has been named assistant vice president for nursing services at Pitt County Memorial Hospital. Fisher will oversee the activities of the nursing coordinators, patient representatives, nursing recruitment and retention staff and the ambulatory care units. She will also act on the behalf of corporate

and nursing administration on various committees.

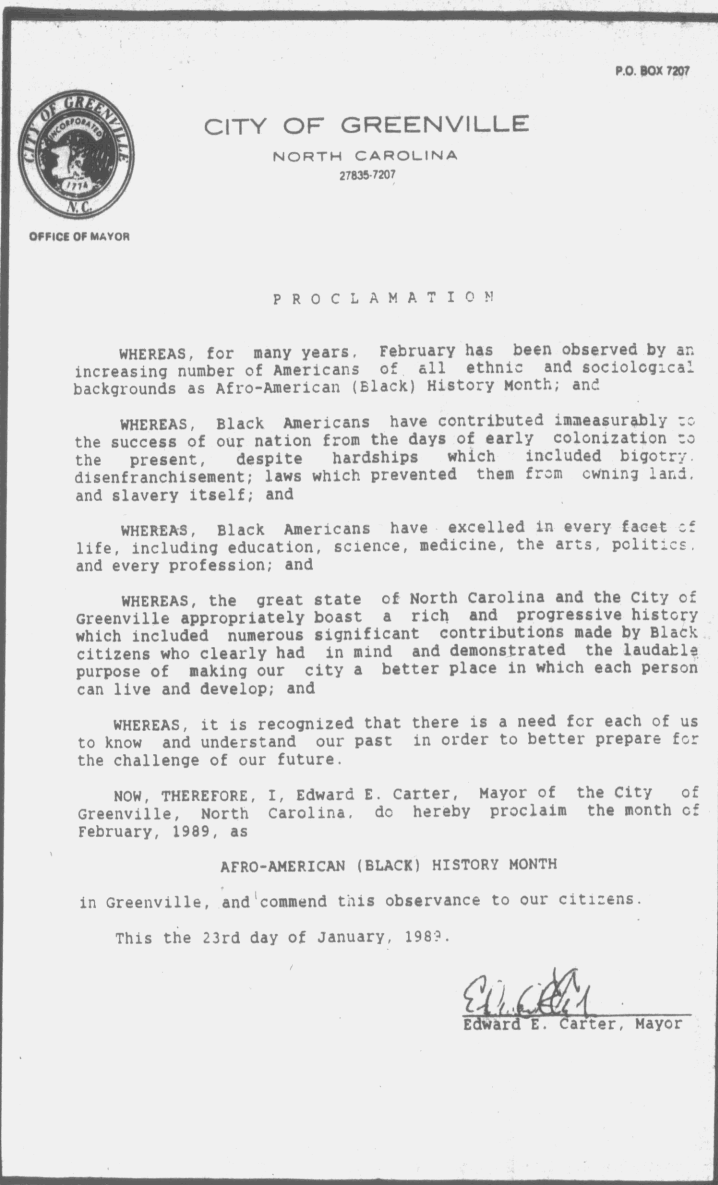
Originally from Spring Hope, N.C., Fisher received a bachelor of science in nursing from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1975. She worked for three years as a staff nurse and head nurse in the surgical and medical units at the Veterans' Administration Medical Center in Durham.

Fisher returned to UNC and earned a master of science degree in nursing in 1980 with minors in health administration and education. She then worked as a family nurse practitioner at Central Family Practice, a medical practice affiliated with Durham County General Hospital. She was later named staff development coordinator at the hospital and organized orientation and educational programs for nursing staff.

Most recently, Fisher was director of nursing and quality assurance coordinator at Lincoln Community Health Center (LCHC), an ambulatory care facility in Durham. Under her direction, LCHC was the first federally funded ambulatory care facility in North Carolina to receive accreditation by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Care Organizations.

Fisher is a member of the North Carolina Nurses Association, National Black Nurses Association, American Public Health Association and the Oncology Nursing Society. She has

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MORE THAN JUST A MAYOR . . . Greenville's first African-American Mayor, Edward "Ed" Carter is shown here in the Mayor's Chamber discussing City governmental affairs with City officials. The City of Greenville has experienced record growth and improvements in almost every aspect of City government under Mayor Carter's leadership. His ever-increasing long list of "firsts" are too numerous to mention, but you can see him on display at the Greenville Museum of Art during African-American History Month as part of the Billy Walls photo exhibition. He and his wife, the former Jean Simpson, have three daughters and several dogs. **THE 'M' VOICE** is proud to salute Mayor Ed Carter, this African-American History Month.

(Photo by Billy Walls)

Report shows that North Carolina hate incidents are up

North Carolinians Against Racist and Religious Violence today issued its 1988 report on hate group activity and bigoted violence in North Carolina.

"For 1988, the number of reported deaths and injuries tied to bigoted violence rose significantly and many of these incidents involved young people," explained Rob Sikorski, NCARRV's executive director. "While some of our figures may be higher due to better reporting, the accelerating violence seems also a product of a changing social and political environment over the past decade that is more tolerant of bigoted acts."

The report cited 53 violent/illegal incidents motivated by bigotry or involving known members of hate groups. The state also had 55 legally organized events—mostly marches—by white supremacist groups.

The 53 incidents were:

- 5 deaths
- 11 assaults
- 4 cross burnings
- 20 threats/harassment
- 2 weapons charges
- 8 vandalism
- 3 other

The violence includes a murder in Halifax county (4/21), in which Aaron Parker, a black man, was

tormented with a six-foot boa constrictor, then beaten and stabbed to death by three whites, two of whom were seen two days later at a Christian Knights rally.

At Lexington Senior High a black youth was stabbed to death during a fight between black and white youth near the school.

In Winston-Salem, four black boys, ages 11 to 13, were chased on their way to school by three men wearing white sheets and hoods and shouting racial slurs. One of the men held what appeared to have been a gun. Two of the boys sustained minor injuries in the chase.

During September, vandals broke a stain-glass window at the synagogue in Rocky Mount, followed by disruptions during a service.

And in December, a white man driving on I-40 rammed a car carrying four black high school students, forcing the car to spin out of control and flip over. One of the passengers died, while a second had his leg amputated as a result of the accident.

The 55 legally organized events included 45 marches by the Christian Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. In 1987, NCARRV recorded 61 such events including 44 marches by the Christian Knights and 10

organized events by the Southern National Front, a neo-nazi group that held only 1 march in 1988, then disbanded. Other hate groups active in North Carolina in 1988 included the Populist Party, the Confederate National Congress, the Southern White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, and the Church of the Creator.

To determine if an incident should be counted, NCARRV defines a hate crime as "any act to cause physical injury, emotional suffering, or property damage, which appears to be motivated, all or in part, by race, ethnicity, religion, or sexual orientation." This definition is employed by the state of California's Racial, Ethnic, and Religious Task Force.

NCARRV uses these figures as a barometer and not as a precise statement of the number of bigoted incidents. As the U.S. Department of Justice has noted, "a deficiency with all data collection efforts (for hate crimes) is underreporting." NCARRV reflects this in its report, noting no recorded incidents of violence against lesbians. All 6 anti-gay incidents involved gay men.

Figures for the past four years show a steadily upward trend: 1985/1986/1987/1988

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Orange, Forsyth, Robeson, Durham, Halifax, Vance, Alamance, Nash/Edgecombe, and New Hanover were the hot spot counties for 1988. Wake and Harnett counties had high levels of legal activity/marches, with one illegal incident in each.

The report shows a concentration of incidents in the Triangle (Durham, Orange, and Wake) area with 13 marches or other legal activities, along with 11 violent or threatening incidents, and 8 incidents involving Confederate flags in the public schools.

Forsyth and Orange counties topped the list for hate activity in 1988.

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Emancipation Proclamation Celebration

The Pitt County Branch of the NAACP will hold its annual celebration of the 'Emancipation Proclamation' Saturday and Sunday during its New Horizons Banquet. The two day event will kick off Saturday evening, February 11, 7:00 p.m. at the Roxy Showcase Theatre on Albemarle Avenue with the banquet and the speaker, Melvin "Skip" Alston of Greensboro.

Sunday, February 12, the event will conclude with its monthly MASS meeting at the Progressive Free Will Baptist Church on the corner of 13th and Cotanche Street with its speaker, Everett Ward, minority affairs coordinator for the North Carolina Democratic Party.

Saturday night musical entertainment will be provided by the nationally acclaimed Johnny C. Sunday night the Phillippi Mill Choir will render the music. Tickets for the two-day event are only \$10.00.

A special recognition for Pitt County Commissioner, D. D. Garrett will be made Saturday night. For more information you may call Ms. Willa Mae Carney at 826-8371; or Mr. Clarence Moore at 752-6080; or Jeff Savage, 757-0385.

It was a hot September afternoon, and as I sat on the front steps waiting for the evening newspaper, watching the evening sunset, I could hear the singing of some mockingbirds in a large magnolia tree that stood not so far from our front yard. I could also hear the sound of some locusts and crickets that kept the evening from being dull and boring. I could also hear the sound of the freight train blowing as it approached the crossing as it entered the southwest section of the city limits.

The noise of the train kept me from hearing my mother calling for me to come in and wash up and get ready for the last meal of the day. As I got up to go into the house I heard the paper boy coming down a very dusty unpaved street. I turned to go into the house when the newspaper fell behind me that the newsboy had thrown as he went by. I reached down to pick up the paper that was almost covered with headlines.

I unfolded the paper to get a better look to see in very large print that read 'Germans and Poles War Begins.' This was September, 1939 and just about all you could hear was the question, 'Is the U.S. going to war?'

Everyone was talking about going to war. One day a friend and I decided to go looking for work. We had gone about 5 or 6 blocks when we heard a voice behind us yelling, 'Hey boy, come here!'

So we stopped to see what she wanted, knowing that we were doing something very dangerous by standing in the street talking to two women and what made it dangerous was that they were white. One of them yelled out the window of the car to ask us how they could get to the downtown section of the city. As I directed her in the direction downtown, I didn't notice that two men had driven up behind me. I turned to look and see who it was when I felt a fist besides my head. The

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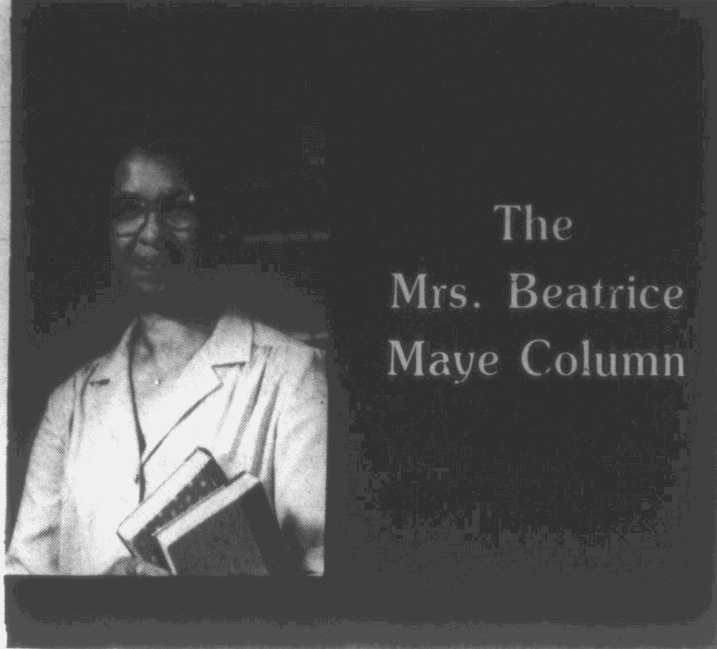
WE'D LIKE TO SAY, "THANK YOU!!" . . . Was the general theme and mood at Cornerstone Missionary Baptist Church last Sunday during a special tribute that the Majestic Choir of the Church organized to recognize and thank the area ministers. The Black Student Movement Gospel Choir of the UNC Tarheels were in concert. Mrs. Arlee Griffin, Jr. is an alumnae of the choir. Shown above, left to right, is the Rev. Dr. Clarence Gray, South Greenville School Principal Ms. Rebecca Oates, an unidentified minister and Rev. Raymond Peele, Associate Pastor of Cornerstone.

(Photo by Jim Rouse)



OUR FUTURE TODAY . . . This young and impressive group of Boy Scouts reflects the outstanding job young African-American can do when given an honest chance. They are part of a movement in Simpson at the Phillippi Missionary Baptist Church. The movement, under the leadership of Rev. A.C. Batchelor, is a part of an ongoing effort to work closely with our future: The Youth Of Our African-American Communities. Many who attended the conference held in Simpson late January, found parking a lot more convenient and controlled under the direction of these young brothers. **THE 'M' VOICE** salutes our future: African-American Youths.

(Photo by Jim Rouse)



The
Mrs. Beatrice
Maye Column

SCRIPTS FOR AFRO-AMERICAN (BLACK) HISTORY MONTH, FEBRUARY 1-28, 1989

by: Beatrice Maye
DONAVAN PHILLIPS, vice chairman of the Pitt County Board of Education, was named recently to the North Carolina School Boards Association's board of directors and was appointed chairman of the NCSBA Black Caucus during the

organization's annual conference. He is presently president of Phillips Brothers Mortuary. D. D. GARRETT, SR., real estate broker, accountant, the son of the late Reverend William Henry and Annie Sumrell Garrett, who styles himself as a 'jack-of-all-trades' businessman, became one of Pitt County's Commissioners—Democratic seat for Consolidated District A, in the November, 1988 election. D. D.'s long suit is one of pa-

tience. This position is a first for Blacks. Garrett received 2,636 votes in this election. Garrett is a first Black to head the Pitt County Democratic party, the majority party with 33,600 white registered voters and 12,200 Blacks. He also received the 1989 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Service Award.
FARNEY MOORE, a native of Washington, North Carolina, a retired educator in Pitt County Schools as well as a minister, was one of two Blacks to be elected to a seat in District 1 to the Pitt County Board of Commissioners. He received 1,694 votes.
JEAN DARDEN, a retired educator/assistant principal at J. H. Rose High School, ran as an unaffiliated candidate in District 2 in the November election. Mrs. Darden is active in her church, Sycamore Hill, her sorority, Delta Sigma Theta, as well as social and civic organizations.
JOHN R. MOORE, a North Pitt High school teacher, a positive contributing/supporting member of Mt. Calvary FWB Church, was appointed by Pitt County School Superintendent Eddie West to the State Textbook Task Force for the 1988-89 year. He has been named Teacher of the Year at North Pitt.
HELEN NELSON THIGPEN, a member of Sweet Hope FWB

Church, celebrated her 100th birthday, February 2, 1988. She is yet quite physically and mentally alert, attends church regularly and she attributes her long life to a close-knit family and her living daily a clean Christian life.
LEROY JAMES, a 1988 retired director of the Agricultural Extension Service for Pitt County, was elected to the city board of Branch Banking and Trust Company, according to Jerry Powell, Senior Vice President and Area Manager. He was elected to a term of office for January 1, 1989 to December 31, 1990 with the Pitt County Council on Aging. *The News and Observer* named him *'The Tar Heel of the Week'*, August 15, 1982.
MRS. FANNIE JACKSON, a retired educator from the Sadie Sauter School, organized the first licensed Day Care Center in Pitt County in 1963. She's recognized for her efforts in the development of West Meadowbrook and of standards for care of children in Day Care centers. She's an active member of Sycamore Hill Baptist Church.
PROFESSOR C. M. EPPES for whom the now deleted C. M. Eppes High School is named for and the subdivision, Eppes Park, in West Greenville, came to Greenville in 1903 to become the first black principal of the Greenville

Industrial School on Fleming Street, which was later moved to West Fifth Street. He served the school thirty-nine years. The name was changed to C. M. Eppes High School in 1942.
Alumni schedule annual reunions in July yearly, honoring their Alma Mater. A bust of Professor Eppes was installed in the renamed Eppes Recreation Center in January 1986 to honor the school's first principal, Charles M. Eppes. Additionally, a library-exhibition room contains papers and artifacts of Professor Eppes, the school, faculty and alumni collected by Ella Tyson Harris and Inez Nimmo, historians of the association. Scholarships are given annually by this group, honoring the three principals: Professor Eppes, W. H. Davenport, and Alan Murrell.
DR. DUDLEY E. FLOOD, presently Associate State Superintendent, Raleigh, North Carolina, though born in Hertford County, lived in Greenville for a short while, was principal of the Bethel Union School, moving into the Central Office in an administrative position, under the superintendency of the late Ott Alford. He holds a PhD degree from Duke University. Often he is visible in the community and on the campus of ECU fulfilling speaking engagements.

DR. VELMA SPEIGHT, though born and reared in Greene County, Snow Hill, presently works at East Carolina in the Education Department. She is the first Black to be named chairman of Counseling and Adult Education Services. Formerly, she was assistant superintendent in the Baltimore, Maryland School System. She is a past president of her Alma Mater's National Alumni Association, North Carolina A & T State University, Greensboro, 1980-1984 terms.
BISHOP T. L. DAVIS, pastor and founder of Progressive FWB Church on Cotanche and 13th Streets, spearheaded an extensive remodeling of the Pentecostal Church, by installing new floors, windows, paneling, furniture and the church sign. The church was officially organized in June 15, 1986. Bishop Davis also is an announcer or host for Joy Radio Station-WOOW, daily. It's a real joy listening to this host who has it together.
JIM ROUSE, better known to his colleagues and friends as Brother Jim, is the owner and manager of Joy Radio Station-WOOW, as well as the 'M' Voice, a bimonthly newspaper. Jim is an excellent role-model, for he's a hustler, a motivator, an excellent entrepreneur and he gets things done. He has run unsuccessfully for a seat on the Board of County Commissioners and he's actively visible in the community. Just call him for that picture and he'll be there with that winning personality. He's a completely new fellow on the block but he's done great things for all, especially Blacks.
REPRESENTATIVE HOWARD C. BARNHILL of Charlotte, North Carolina, is the son of the late Lonnie and Julia Barnhill of Greenville. Howard retired from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill as Clinical Associate Professor of Health Education. A Kappa man, in 1982, he received one of Kappa Alpha Phi Fraternity's Laurel Wreath Awards. Presently, he is a member of the North Carolina House of Representatives, representing District 60, composed of eleven precincts, in Mecklenburg County. Howard received an honorary degree from Chancellor Edward B. Fort in Commencement Exercises, May, 1985. He was National Alumni Fundraising Chairman.
MILDRED ATKINSON COUNCIL assumed her office as city councilwoman January 1, 1988. She is sickle cell educator as well as a mother of two boys. A stellar member and worker in the Holy Hill Church and the Black Social Workers' Organization, she still needs our support as she represents us these two years as councilwoman.
JO LINDA SANDERS, representing Landmasters, a real estate corporation, including real estate, consulting services, property management, investment, is located at 211 West 14th Street, Greenville. She also handles Black and Beautiful
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GP572	1988	Ranger	\$6,750	\$6,050	54	\$88
GP579	1988	Ranger	\$6,750	\$6,150	54	\$91

STOCK #	YEAR	MODEL	N.A.D.A. PRICE	OUR PRICE	TERM	PAYMENT
GP515	1987	Sentra	\$6,275	\$5,575	48	\$94
GP632	1988	Festiva	\$6,495	\$6,150	54	\$91
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GP666	1986	Dodge Aries	\$5,225	\$4,250
GP670	1986	Caravelle	\$6,325	\$4,450

STOCK #	YEAR	MODEL	N.A.D.A. PRICE	OUR PRICE WITH COUPON
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Leith's Fairgrounds Sale Going On Now, For A Limited Time!

Mrs. Beatrice Maye (Continued from page 1)

Christmas cards and she is affiliated with several organizations.

JOHN MAYE, JR., though my son and the namesake of his father, the late J. W. Maye, Sr., veteran principal of the Robinson Union School in Winterville for 27 years, is presently the principal of the Wilson Middle School in Charlotte, North Carolina. He is immediate past president of his alma mater, North Carolina A & T State University. He was appointed to the North Carolina Legislative Research Commission Study Committee on Adolescent Sexuality Training; likewise, he was just recently ordained a deacon in the Dow Fellowship Baptist Church, pastored by the Reverend John W. Wallace, Jr., of Charlotte.

The late CAPTAIN ALFRED BARNHILL and ALONZA LITTLE, were two of twelve volunteers to serve on the Ruff and Ready Fire Department in the 1800's. This was the beginning of the Greenville Fire Department. Can you believe that these two men, along with ten other black men, dressed in everyday clothes, coming together to protect Greenville with only a hand-made ladder, a small pail, and an axe? Assistant Fire Rescue Raymond Carney, calls this incredible!

MRS. PATTIE ELIZABETH KEARNEY, a Sunday school teacher, opened the first Black business of this kind, the Millinery and Ladies Furnishings Business, as well as being instrumental in the founding of George Washington Carver Library, in the late 1930's. Mrs. Belle May Atkinson was Carver's first librarian.

CAROLYN FEREBEE, the first community schools coordinator for the Greenville City Schools, now the charismatic principal of Third Street School, was featured in the tabloid section of the DAILY REFLECTOR, Thursday, September 29, 1988, as one of the "WOMEN-88, along with Dr. Diane Campbell, who now operates an obstetric and gynecology clinic on 10th Street, as well as Jennifer King Congleton, education coordinator for allied health disciplines at Pitt Memorial Hospital and guest relations director who hosts "Carolina Today" periodically, and Barbar Hines, a doctoral candidate in psychology at East Carolina University.

MARY LAWRENCE PERKINS WILLIAMS of the Belvoir Community, is a staff member of Joyner Library, East Carolina University since 1970,

and she's currently enrolled at UNC-Chapel Hill. She is a Pitt County Board of Education member who is active in her church, Fleming Chapel, as well as with her community's concerns and welfare. She believes that youngsters need to be taught and given responsibilities and to upgrade their self-esteem.

BENNIE ROUNDTREE, a farmer and an entrepreneur, is local and state president of SCLC (Southern Christian Leadership Conference). He is the first to give away toys at Christmas for underprivileged children. Likewise, he opened shelter for the homeless with his own money. He is a motivator, a humanitarian and a speaker-tooter for equal rights and human justice.

EFFIE BAKER THOMPSON, who holds a master's degree from Appalachian State University in Boone, North Carolina, and a certificate in reading, is one of Greenville's most sought after teachers, though retired. She has opened her own tutorial school on Douglas Avenue because of demand. She first started in her home after retirement. She works equally as hard in her church, Hayes Chapel, in the Pactolus Community.

DR. HENRY LEWIS SUGGS from Winterville is the first Black to receive a doctorate from the University of Virginia in Williamsburg in history. He is a graduate of Robinson Union School and North Carolina Central University. He has written and published two books—THE BLACK PRESS IN THE SOUTH, 1865-1979 AND P. B. YOUNG, NEWSPAPERMAN—RACE, POLITICS AND JOURNALISM IN THE NEW SOUTH, 1910-'62. Presently, he is associate history professor at Clemson University, Clemson, South Carolina.

FREAGER R. SANDERS, JR., coordinator, Federal Funds, Pitt County Schools, was recently elected president of the North Carolina Association of Compensatory Education.

SADIE SAULTER SCHOOL on Fleming Street bears the name of the principal whose picture hangs in the school library. Many lives were touched by this dedicated educator and friend.

CARLESTER T. CRUMPLER, a stellar football and basketball player, is a senior at J. H. Rose High School, who does not allow sports to interfere with his academic average. He is the son of Gertha and Carlester Crumpler. His father, a former Wilson Fike High School runner and twice an honorable mention

all-American at East Carolina, is an official in the athletic department there. He worked at WNCT-TV as a sportscaster. Young Crumpler remembers his father stressing that a man's worth can never be measured only by his accomplishments.

REVEREND J. A. NIMMO, a former pastor of Sycamore Hill Baptist Church, whose portrait hands in the present church; Reverend J. A. Tillett, pastor of Cornerstone Missionary Baptist Church, and Bishop Wyoming Wells, pastor of Wells Chapel on West Fifth Street, for whom the church is named, along with the Reverend O. James Rooks, third Sunday preacher at Sycamore Hill Baptist Church, were strong and influential leaders and ministers, who are now replaced in these churches by younger men: Reverend Howard Parker, Jr., Rev. Arlee Griffin and Bishop L. B. Davenport, whose ministry and worship services differ; nevertheless, the effects are far reaching in membership; involvement and perhaps soul saving.

EDUCATORS, PRINCIPALS, SUPERINTENDENTS AND TEACHERS in the 40's, 50's and 60's, who spearheaded strong schools, and whose example and leadership will live on include D. H. Conley, Ott Alford, H. B. Sugg, J. W. Ormond, E. A. Elliott, O. A. Dupree, and J. W. Maye. Societal ills like pregnancy, drug and alcohol abuse were not so prevalent, nor discipline so uncontrollable or students and parents filled with apathy. Though Black schools were poorly equipped, pot-bellied stoves heated the classroom, outdoor toilets were privies, overcrowded classes, the library allotment \$100 per year, no secretaries or aides, one janitor and one maid per school, union schools, including grades 1-12, and overcrowded buses with extremely long routes, yet there was pride among students, teachers and parents and the students who went to college, achieved. Teachers appreciably cared about their students.

REBECCA OATS, principal of South Greenville School and a dedicated worker in the church, Cornerstone, is a scholarly and dedicated principal who moved from Pitt County Office Administrative Staff into her present position. This she requested.

JOHNNY WOOTEN, a retired educator as band director of Eppes High School and Greenville City Schools, is now owner and manager, teacher of Wooten's School of Music, located at 1002 West Fifth Street.

SHIVER'S BEAUTY SHOPPE at 614 Clark Street, owned and operated by LILLIE SHIVERS, is the oldest along these lines, established in 1947.

ALAN BAILEY from Washington, North Carolina, is George Washington Carver's third librarian, following Mrs. Willie Mae Gibbs.

RUTH BRASWELL JONES has received more than sixty (60) awards and citations during her career, primarily for her leadership in human and civil rights causes. Today, Mrs. Jones chairs the Rocky Mount Human Relations Commission and works in the soup kitchen for the homeless. She has lived in Greenville. In 1984 she received North Carolina's first distinguished Women's Award for leadership in education.

DR. A.A. BEST, a veteran physician, who instituted courses in the high schools on human sexuality in the 50's and 60's (North Carolins Joint Council on Health and Education) for the main purpose of decreasing pregnancies, is to be commended for the giving of his time and energy in this endeavor. He has been a member of his alma mater's Board of Trustees, North Carolina A & T State University and of East Carolina University.

NORCOTT'S FUNERAL HOMES in Ayden and Greenville are owned and operated by an efficient staff. Gratz Norcott is owner and manager. Other establishments are Flanagan and Phillips Brothers Mortuaries. Mitchell's Funeral Home in Winterville, fairly new, is worthy of note, under the ownership of Reverend W.H. Mitchell.

PLANNED ACTIVITIES

Sycamore Hill Baptist Church will feature Black Universities, recognizing alumni and students enrolled (in Sunday Services.) Ages 3-10 (Coloring of Blacks in professions. Ages 13 - Patterning the TV show: "Win, Lose or Draw". Pizza Party for all participants.

CORNERSTONE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Friday, February 24, 1989 — at 7:30 p.m. the Cornerstone Christian Child Care Center will sponsor a Black History Program.

Sunday, February 26, 1989 — Annual African Heritage Celebration. Theme: "Doing Justice in South Africa".



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MRS. MAYE'S WOOW RADIO GUESTS:

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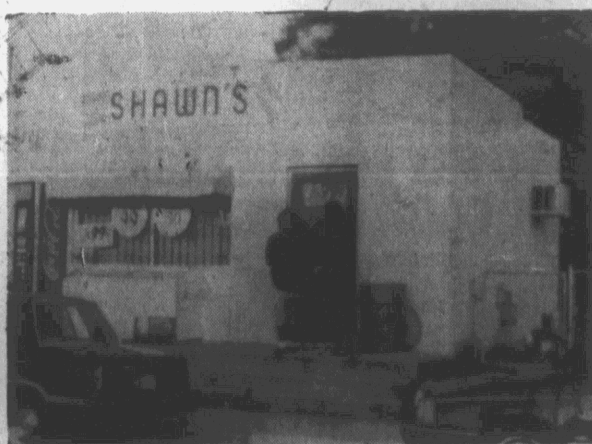
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This Week's Student Profile



RUTH ANDERSON

Ruth Anderson is the daughter of Gloria and Charlie Boyd and James and Marie Anderson, all of Greenville. She graduated from Junius H. Rose Senior High School on June 15, 1988. She was president of the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA), acting president of Minority Affairs, and a member of the Keywanettes. She is now secretary of Student Affairs, a club at Hardbarger. Ruth worked as a 'work study' student at the Pitt County Board of Education. She served as a marshal for the 1987 J.H. Rose High graduation ceremony. She was an honor roll student for the first and second semester.

Ruth is now enrolled at Hardbarger Junior College of Business in Raleigh. She is presently majoring in Secretarial/Word Processing. She was recently named to the summer and fall quarter Dean's List, earning a 4.0 grade point average.

Ruth has a sister, Lasita Anderson, an eighth grader at E.B. Aycock Jr. High School; two brothers, Derrick Anderson, a sophomore at J.H. Rose High and Terry Anderson, a junior and also an 'A' student in math at J.H. Rose High School. Her grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Carey Shephard of Greenville, who are very proud of her accomplishments.

Ruth attends Cedar Grove Holiness Church of Chocowinity, N.C. She serves as secretary for the usher board and choir. She is a devoted choir member, who travels very far to attend church services on 1st and 3rd weekends. She lived reasonably at the home of her godmother, Regina Taylor and her godmothers, Toni and Rhonda Taylor, all of Spring Hope, N.C. She now resides in Raleigh and is now working as a word processor while she still attends her classes full-time. She is expected to graduate in October, 1989.

A message from your parents: 'We love you and keep up the good work!'

We've come a long way

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blow was so hard that it spun me around and I fell flat on my back. For a few seconds I was stunned and dizzy. I came to my senses and started to get up when I felt the pressure of a number eleven shoe pressed against my chest. As I raised up on my elbows as a means of support I could hear a very heavy voice yell to me, 'Who told you to get up, nigger? You lay there and wait until you learn to pull off your hat when you are talking to white women.' When I tried to explain, he waved them to go on their way.

To Be Continued

Note: Don't fail to read the next episode of this very real and very true story.

James Fleming takes High School Band to Bluebonnet Bowl

James Fleming, a 1976 graduate of Saint Augustine's College and presently a high school band director in Greenville, North Carolina, toured Houston, Texas with his band last winter. The band participated in the 1987 Bluebonnet Bowl halftime activities in the Houston Astro Dome.

In past years, Mr. Fleming has toured New Orleans, Louisiana to participate in the Mardi Gras Parade. The band has marched in two Governor's Inaugural Parades and has won 1st place in

Candy Recall

The North Carolina Department of Agriculture Food and Drug Protection Division is participating in an ongoing recall of a type of children's candy which poses a potential choking hazard to infants and toddlers.

All lots of a candy called, "The Original Black Forest, Imported from West Germany, Gummy Pacifiers," wrapped in plastic bags and weighing 5.2 ounces are being recalled. The candy is manufactured by Wissoll-Wilth, Shmitz-Scholl, Milheim, A.O. Ruhr 1, Germany. The candy was recalled by the distributor, Foreign Candy Company, Inc., of Hull, Iowa.

"The Gummy Pacifiers are being recalled because the product

labeling and shape cause it to pose a potential choking hazard to infants and toddlers," stated Agriculture Commissioner Jim Graham.

The recall action is nationwide, and a total of 31,212 packages have been distributed. It is not known how much of this product was distributed in North

Carolina.

If consumers have purchased any of the Gummy Pacifiers, they are urged not to give them to infants or toddlers, but to return them to the place of purchase. Consumers with questions can call the NCDA Food and Drug Protection Division, at 919-733-7366.

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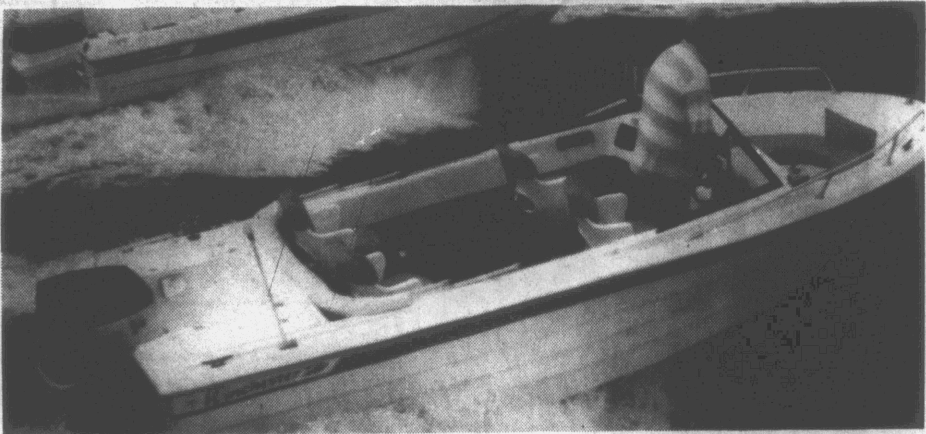
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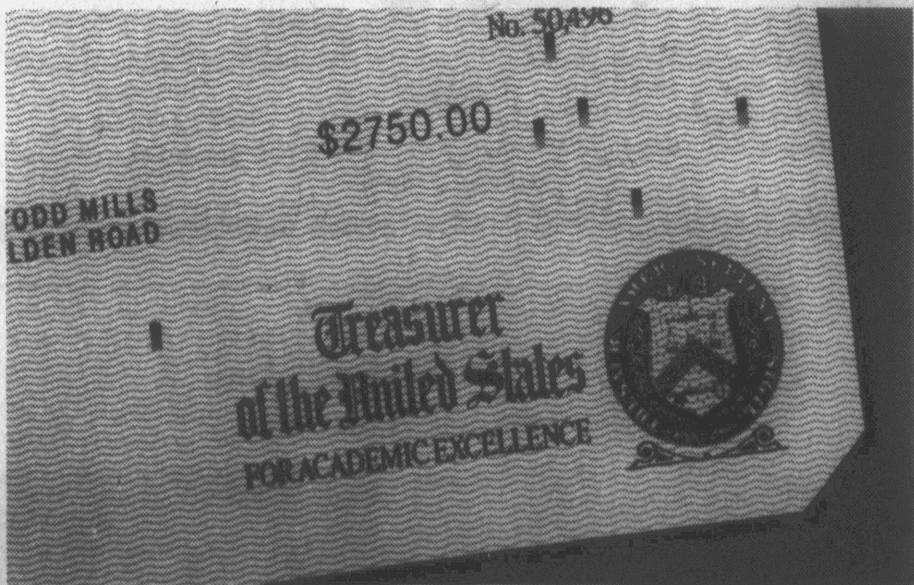
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Faces & Places



Report shows that hate incidents are up

Orange had 5 incidents within the county and 2 others involving county people arrested in other counties, and 5 marches in 1988. The figures included university campus bigotry, threats to white activists, and Klan-related incidents.

In Forsyth county, white supremacists staged only 1 public event—a meeting of the Populist Party in November. Bigoted activity included 3 incidents in an integrated neighborhood, 1 in the schools, a continuing campaign

of bigotry by a white supremacist, and a Klan-style assault on 4 black youth.

Robeson County faced bigoted in 1988, with the figure set at 5. These deaths resulted from anti-gay violence, racial tension between youth, alleged law enforcement negligence, and seemingly unprovoked racist attacks. From previous years' reports, 4 more killings involving racist motives also came to public attention.

Racial tension and bigoted activity were at a striking high in

public schools. Public high schools had 7 violent incidents, with 7 more involving universities and community colleges. Nine other schools faced incidents involving the wearing or displaying of the Confederate flag. Also many assailants in incidents outside of schools were in their late teens and early twenties. In addition, reports indicated the formation of violence-prone Nazi skinhead groups in Charlotte and Elizabeth City.

Violent and illegal activity

either connected with the Christian Knights or in the wake of one of their marches also rose in 1988. On at least 4 occasions, Klansmen were arrested during marches on weapons or disorderly conduct charges. A split between the national leader Virgil Griffin and state leader, Terry Boyce early in 1989 indicated to state law enforcement that Boyce's faction might be increasingly militant in 1989.

The 1988 Report also supports the legislation recommended by

the Governor's Task Force on Racial, Religious and Ethnic Violence, while urging the Task Force to include violence against gay men and lesbians in its

mandate.

Copies of the 1988 Report may be obtained from NCARRV, P.O. Box 240, Durham, N.C. 27702. There is a charge for the report.

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City fire prevention targets low-income housing

Residential fires take a devastating toll nationwide in lives and property loss each year, but low-income families are especially susceptible to such dangers, says Captain Mike Branch, fire prevention coordinator for the Greenville Fire-Rescue Department.

Concerned about the danger, Greenville officials are targeting black and low-income neighborhoods with their most effective fire-fighting technique yet -- they plan to stop a fire before it can start.

"There are a lot of people who don't have a lot of money and this is where we have most of our serious house fires, in low-income homes," Branch says.

"We've developed a three-point program to address this special need immediately. This involves community education, home inspections, and the installation and maintenance of smoke detectors in low-income housing. The goal is to eliminate as many factors as possible which could lead to a fire and loss of life."

Branch cites three primary causes of house fires in the city's black community and low-income neighborhoods: cooking, faulty electrical wiring, and portable space heaters, including wood stoves.

"We have a lot of cooking fires," says Branch. "In fact, overall, we have more kitchen fires than any-

thing else, and a lot of cases where grease has been left on the stove."

The fire prevention officer points to six, time-proven responses to stop potential kitchen fires dead in their tracks.

- Pay attention to your cooking and don't overheat grease. Grease overflows and can start a fire in seconds. If you must leave the stove to answer the phone or the doorbell, turn down the heat. If you think you may be gone for more than a few minutes, turn the stove off.

- Make children aware of cooking hazards when they help you in the kitchen and always turn skillet and pot handles toward the center of the stove to prevent accidental over-turning.

- Keep towels and napkins away from the stove and don't wear frilly clothing -- especially those with loose, floppy sleeves -- while cooking.

- Always keep the pot lid close at hand to smother a small grease fire.

- Don't try to move or carry a pan which contains a grease fire. Moving the pan may seem tempting when you discover a fire, but it often leads to burns for the carrier and additional fire damage.

- You may be able to stop a small grease fire with a handful of baking soda -- but don't use baking powder,



which contains flour or starch and could spread the flames. Never use water on a grease fire because it doesn't work and can make a fire less manageable.

If the situation should get out of hand a big fire develops, Captain Branch advises not to try to fight it. Leave the house and phone the 911 emergency number for help.

Because many low-income blacks live in older housing, they are more likely to suffer from fires caused by faulty or worn-out electrical wiring. People also create their own electrical dangers by improperly replacing blown fuses. Too often, says Branch, people drop a penny in the fuse box without realizing the potential danger created by overheated wiring. Blown fuses should always be replaced with the proper parts.

Another wiring danger, he says, can be caused by hiding electrical extension cords under rugs or behind curtains. These cords sometimes fray and set cloth articles aflame.

Low-income residents also run a risk when they plug too many appliances into a single outlet. This all-too-common practice can also overheat indoor wiring and lead to fire.

"The Fire/Rescue Department is more than willing to go out to someone's house and make a free fire safety inspection whenever we're asked," Branch says. "We'll inspect the property and provide them with a checklist of possible hazards. What a lot of people don't understand, though, is that once we do that, we're not responsible for re-reporting it to anyone else. If someone has a problem his landlord out to fix, it's up to the tenant to report it."

Tenants can report building code violations, including faulty wiring, to the city Development Department's Inspection Division at 830-4467.

The department is also actively promoting its Code Red Smoke Detection Program, which is funded totally by donations from the local business community. Begun almost two years ago, the program provides eligible Greenville residents with free installation and yearly maintenance of smoke detectors.

Installing a smoke detector is the single most effective step that can be taken to prevent residential fires, according to Greenville Fire/Rescue Chief Jenness Allen.

"A smoke detector is one of the best tools we have to save someone's life," Allen says. "According to the latest survey I've seen, from back in 1979, smoke detectors had reduced loss of life by 50 percent. I'm sure it's a lot more than that now because there are a lot more detectors in use."

Greenville residents are eligible for the program if their total family income is \$360 per month or less, or if they receive food stamps or gold Social Security checks. Once smoke detectors are installed, Fire/Rescue workers will come back once a year to change their batteries.

"At least once a year we know we've checked it and the battery is good," Allen says. "We've found a lot of elderly people are especially glad to have it in their homes."

"One reason smoke detectors are so valuable is that loss of life in

homes is most likely between 12 o'clock at night and six o'clock in the morning," Branch adds, "when people are asleep."

The heaviest season for fires is between December and the first of March, usually the coldest months of the year. "We're seeing a real increase in chimney fires and in fire places," the fire prevention officer notes, "especially from improperly installed fireplaces."

Electric, kerosene, gas and woodburning heaters pose numerous threats residents should be aware of. If you use an electric heater, Branch says make sure it has a tip-over shut-off switch and a protective grill around the heating coils. Don't use it in a bathroom or near a sink where electrocution could occur and, if you must use it with an extension cord, make sure it is for heavy-duty use.

Kerosene heaters pose another set of problems. Branch says never use the more volatile gasoline or propane in a kerosene heater -- just kerosene. Then, before refueling it, turn off the heater, let it cool and take it outdoors.

When lighting the pilot of a gas heater, Branch says to light the match first, then turn on the gas -- not the reverse.

Woodburning heaters should never be primed with gasoline or any other petroleum fuel, Branch says, and owners should always let ashes cool before throwing them out. People using fireplaces should always use a firescreen around it and have their chimneys regularly cleaned of creosote, which can collect in chimneys and ignite.

Most important, according to Captain Branch, is to be prepared if a fire should break out.

"Good planning can save lives, there's no doubt about it," he says.

"Every family should have a fire escape plan, know alternate means of escape, and have someone responsible to help children and elderly rela-

tives get outside. Then, there should be a prearranged place where everyone knows to meet. And everyone should understand that no one should re-enter the burning building for any reason."

For your own free fire safety inspection, advice, or more information about the Code Red smoke detector program, contact the Greenville Fire/Rescue Department at 830-4396.

A moment in Greenville's African American History

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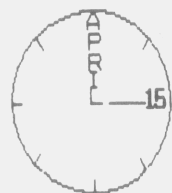
Currently serving as Chairman of the Commission is James L. Ebron. He has been Commissioner since 1984; Vice-Chairman, 1987-88; Chairman, 1988-89. He is Department Head of Special Pharmaceutical Chemicals at Burroughs Wellcome Company.

Rhonda G. Jordan has been commissioner since 1985. She is Program Coordinator and Parent Educator at Pitt County Mental Health Center.

Mr. Ebron is the first African-American to serve as Chairman of Greenville Utilities Board of Commissioners, while Mrs. Rhonda G. Jordan is the first African-American female to serve as a commissioner for GUC.

(Editor's Note: It is believed that retired attorney and community leader, Richard Powell, was the first African-American to serve on the GUC Board of Commissioners).

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YEAH, WE KNOW WHAT'S UP . . . These young brothers were seen gathered at Shawn's Convenient Mart #1 on Garland Street in the Kearney Park Subdivision reading **THE 'M' VOICE** and discussing current affairs, such as, sports, cars, school, jobs and of course "GIRLS." They represent a large number of young African-Americans that are determined to make a positive impact in their neighborhoods. "YO! YO! YO!"

(Photo by Jim Rouse)

Rep. Warren has been appointed to House Finance Committee

State Representative Ed N. Warren has been appointed to the House Finance Committee by Speaker Joe Mavretic. The House Finance Committee will play a key role in the 1989 General Assembly. With state tax collections increasing at a slower rate than expected, the Finance Committee will be called upon to make some crucial decisions in meeting the service needs of the people of our state.

Service on the Finance Committee will complement the work of the Appropriations Committee, on which I served for the last several years. I will continue to work closely with the Appropriations Process (both in the House and Senate)," Warren said.

In the past, Warren worked hard to help secure appropriations for East Carolina University's Classroom Building; Radiation Therapy Center, Birthing Center, Health Sciences Library, addition to Brody Building, magnetic resonance imaging equipment, Sports Medicine Building, and land acquisition funds for the Regional Center. Warren also helped secure funding for the Learning Resources Center and new Classroom Building at Pitt Community College, and for the public school systems in Pitt and Greene counties.

Warren was one of the sponsors of the Basic Education Bill. He also sponsored the Bill for Im-

provements in the State Department of Public Instruction by abolishing the comptroller of the State Board of Education.

Warren said he is pleased to be serving on four other committees—higher education, banks and thrift institutions; utilities, and state and local revenues. "I believe that my background will allow me to make a substantial contribution to the work of these committees."

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The Devil can't ride your back if you're not bent over

I believe that one of the main problems in American families today is that respect for each other is being lost. It often happens subtly, as a consequence of seeing each other day after day in all kinds of circumstances. Family members see the behavior of each other that the public seldom, if ever, sees. From my own experience and from the many hours of counseling, I feel I can safely say that where there is trouble in a home, there is little respect for each other in that home.

Unsaved Loved Ones

I'd like to share some scripture verses that will help you gain respect for your mate, your children, or your parents—for those whom you see day after day after day. I've chosen to break down part of the reference chapter of 1 Peter 3 by verses because each is so rich in wisdom.

Likewise, ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; that if any obey not the Word, they also may be won by the conversation of the wives (vs. 1). This relates to husbands who are not saved or who are not living the reality of the Word. The word 'conversation' means 'behavior' in the Greek, and is clearly saying that the wives' Godly behavior will turn the husbands' hearts to God.

While they behold your chaste conversation coupled with fear (vs. 2). The key to winning your husband, your wife, your brothers and sisters, your parents is don't preach to them. When one gets excited about the Word and the changes in one's life, it's easy to go run with the attitude of winning the world by oneself. Young people are especially prone to preaching to parents, not realizing that the parents have seen

them grow up from day one, through all kinds of behaviors and attitudes. Then, suddenly, the children turn around and tell the parents how to live! It's the same with other family members. They remember your tantrums, your hate-filled words, your gossip, your drinking, your critical spirit, your immorality—and now you tell them what is Truth! To these folks, your words are not that important. What they want to see is ACTION, a new LIFESTYLE. (Now as the 'door opens, by all means share Jesus with them. But do so only as the Holy Spirit directs.) Remember, the only revelation an unsaved person can receive is that Jesus is Lord.

Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; but let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price (vs. 3,4). This is a very important principle to know—holiness is not from the outside in, but from the inside out. To accomplish that, one needs a meek (teachable) and quiet (not disturbed by circumstances) spirit. Keep in mind that people will test this New Birth, Holy Ghost baptism you've received. They're looking for how

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many of the old, pre-salvation traits remain to see if you are living what you are talking. An arrogant, rebellious, dominating spirit won't win them; only a meek and quiet one will. Do you recall my opening words concerning respect for others? You're going to have to develop a respect for them even though they have yet to be saved. Don't be arrogant that you're saved and they aren't. Stand in the gap for them through intercession. God is not only a God of individuals, but a God of families. The Heavenly efforts to save your family have increased because of you, because of your accepting Jesus. As a representative of Heaven for your family, you are going to have to start acting like a "Heavenly" person.

For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves, being in subjection unto their own husbands (vs. 5). You are going to have to trust God that your family will come into the Kingdom. Begin to exercise the "faith" scriptures for them, knowing that in yourself you can't draw them in. The Holy Ghost does that! How do you adorn yourself? Through humili-

ty, through "ministering" to the other persons through kind and thoughtful deeds. The Holy Spirit knows exactly the best way to minister to that individual (or individuals). Let Him tell you how.

Even as Sara obeyed Abraham, calling him lord; whose daughters ye are, as long as ye do well, and are not afraid with any amazement (vs. 6). What in the world is this saying! Simply, just as Sara respected her husband and put her faith in the words of Abraham, you must put your faith in God's promises and stand in faith for others' salvation. Then don't act surprised when it happens! Faith already "sees" them in Heaven.

Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered (vs. 7). The knowledge spoken of here is "general" knowledge, not revelation knowledge. Husbands, get to know your wives, learn what makes a woman a woman, and treat her as "fine crystal" with great value. Learn what makes her happy and unhappy. Few things are more important

than this! The reason for this admonition is that God wants families living in harmony. Harmonious relationships add power to prayer!

Turn to Isaiah 60:1-5. What I'd like to share with you is that not only will there be a great revival in God's earthly Kingdom, the Enemy will also be having his revival. There'll be so much turmoil, destruction, and confusion that families will have to be able to go to each other for encouragement. Satan would desire to prevent that unity, and that's why the Satanic pressure against all families today. God's plan, however, is that families serve God together. If you still have unsaved family members, don't be content.

The Vision

In September of 1981, I had an awesome vision from God. It was of entire cities, every city in the world, their streets filled with people whose hands were lifted in praise and worship to God. The crowds were too large for any building to hold them all. And I knew, I just knew, that people were grouped in families. All races, all colors, all creeds were together, having put aside doctrines and dress codes in order to simply worship God. And they all had one thing in common—their families were saved and they were beckoning for Jesus to come.

I share this next related thought with you with all humility, but with Godly inspiration. I know that I know that I know that revival is not going to happen until the church has dealt with segregations. Nobody wants to talk about it but I must touch on the subject. Turn to John 17:22,23: *And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me. Until the issue of race is resolved, the manifestation of God cannot come. I know this is a sensitive topic, but we cannot close our eyes to it. 1 John 4:20,21 perfectly sums it up as John speaks to Christians about Christians: If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar; for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he*

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In this world there are many paths. But since our God is one there is only one path that leads to him. Finding the straight path is not hard, staying on the straight path is difficult. Why? Allah teaches us in the Quran that Satan is an avowed enemy to mankind. He has sworn to remain an obstacle to our salvation until we are raised up on the day of judgement. Biblical history shows whenever Allah gave guidance to a people, Satan would cause them to forget it. Father Abraham and his people were not so far removed from Noah and the flood that they should have forgotten the wrath of their Lord upon the wrongdoers of His creation. But they did forget, except for Father Abraham and a few of the elect.

Today is not different from yesterday? Father Abraham's people could not bring themselves to believe in the supremacy of God. They refused to believe that one God has power over all things. So they divided His power among several gods. The deeper they went into their false worship the harder it became for them to distinguish truth from falsehood. Satan made their false worship fair seeming to them and caused them to doubt God's eternal love and mercy and His power to forgive all sins. the Quran says: *O Ye who believe! If ye fear Allah, he will grant you a criterion (to judge between right and wrong), remove from you (all) evil (that may afflict) you, and forgive you; for Allah is the Lord of grace unbounded.* Holy Quran 8:29.

God alone knows the right way that leads to Him. He has never left us alone to find the path without His guidance. Scientists are today verifying that the knowledge of God has always been with us. From the beginning, God made Himself known to us through His prophets and His books. Those who sincerely seek God recognize His guidance and follow it. Those who follow falsehood can never be guided aright, nor can they guide to the right. *These are they who buy error for guidance, so their bargain brings no gain, nor are they guided.* Holy Quran 2:16

When our African ancestors heard the call to Islam they submitted. Many of our slave foreparents were Muslims. It was the slavemaster who forced his religion upon us. Though we grudgingly accepted it and modified it to suit our needs, it is still the slavemaster's religion. If it was the truth that was forced upon us there would be no argument here. However, when you study Christian history you find that millions of Christians were persecuted because they believed in one God and refused to worship God in a Trinity. They were persecuted because they said Jesus was only a prophet and not the son of God nor was he God. They were persecuted by pagans who wanted to mix falsehood with truth.

The African people have a duty to question the validity of any religion. We have been enslaved and colonized to such an extent that the knowledge of our origin has been nearly destroyed. Our foreparents walked the path of God but Satan through extreme trials and tribulations has caused us to forget it. We have been made to become like the people of Hosea—a people destroyed for lack of knowledge.

Challenge #1 — Is Jesus God? continues

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East Carolina University Program, Project Pals to benefit our community's adolescents with offenses

By KAREN SIMMONS

ECU News Bureau Dependable adults who do not have a criminal record are currently being recruited for an East Carolina University program that will match them on a one-to-one basis with Pitt County adolescents who have committed a status offense or exhibited delinquent behavior.

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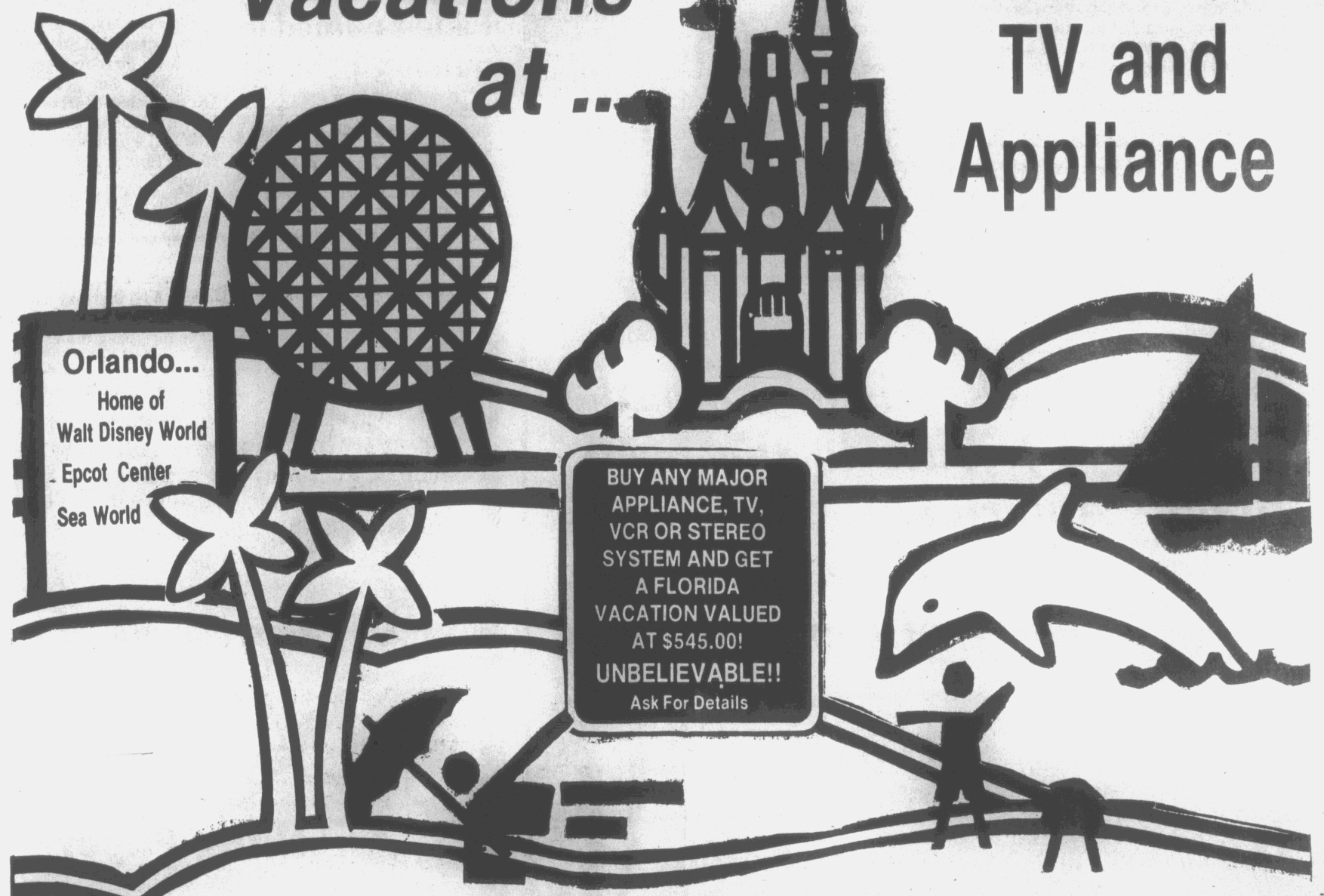
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(This photo was submitted to The 'm' Voice Staff)

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Confessions of a pusher: A true story as told to C.A. Dawson

BY: C. A. Dawson

NOTE: Some language may be offensive but this is how the story was told from source.

"When I first started selling the dope (heroin) I really didn't want to do it but the money was damn good. I was making (my profit) \$900 a day," the junkie said.

He further stated, "The fools (junkies) would come and buy it like a baby in a candy store. They would bring me hot (stolen) meat and expensive gold jewelry by the bags full for one or two packs of the white powder. I would then resale the merchandise to my big spenders for triple what it costs me."

"I was good, damn good!", the junkie said as he reflected. "Looking back, it was only two bad things about it: First of all, I see now I was only helping people kill their minds and bodies; secondly, if you do the crime you got to do the damn time," he exclaimed.

"You weren't getting the time back then like you get now. These bitches out here selling now are bigger fools than I was. They're dishing out 20-100 years now for a few packs of dope."

(Contributing Writer)

"The kids out there selling now let that money and gold make them feel like hot stuff and they get caught in the game. They'd better take it from a former pro. You gonna get 'slow walked down'."

"I saw a bitch O.D. (overdose) right in front of my eyes, with a needle I gave her and the two packs of dope I had just sold her."

"I just have one thing to say to you foolish young pushers out there: It's a game you always lose one way or another."

"Play basketball, go to school, or get yourself a damn job."

Note: This true account of a drug infested community was recorded from the unnamed 'Junkie' by free-lance writer C. A. Dawson.

Fisher named to nursing post

(Continued from page 1) been active in a number of community organizations including serving as president-elect of the Durham Day Care Council, a resource and referral agency for Durham County. She also was active in the sickle cell blood donor campaign in Durham. She plans to become involved in community organizations in Pitt County.

Fisher and her husband, Houston, have two daughters, Jessika, age 10, and Audrey, age 4.

Project Pals to benefit youth

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behavior and grow into responsible citizens.

"Youth can make changes in their lives when they experience an atmosphere of acceptance and stability," says Sharon Lerner, director of Project PALS (Preparing Adolescents for Life Skills). "These youth are in need of a caring, stable influence in their lives. All it takes is a little time—just a few hours each week and a lot of sharing."

Only 20 Pitt County youths between the ages of 7 and 17 will be accepted for the program. "If we accepted more, we wouldn't be able to monitor them as closely," Lerner said. "We're going to try and work very closely with those 20."

Referrals are expected to come from the juvenile court system, schools, agencies, parents and concerned adults. "Our young people battle such pressures and temptations that they need all the positive direction and support that they can get," said Eve Rogers, chief court counselor for the 3rd Judicial District. "I think the PALS program is a splendid opportunity for this kind of support."

"I know this program is needed by virtue of the nature of our work," she added. "We work with youth who oftentimes do not have the benefit of a strong positive role model who they can relate to one-on-one. This is particularly true for young males."

Project PALS was funded by Community Based Alternatives (CBA). "CBA is a section within the N.C. Division of Youth Services," said Mavis Williams, a regional consultant for the division. "Our purpose is to develop alternatives to training schools for juvenile offenders in various counties of North Carolina."

According to Williams, CBA provided \$30,031 in state funding to establish the program. The ECU School of Education is providing necessary services such as supervision and office space.

Volunteers who are interested in being matched with an adolescent will be asked to fill out a three-page form, provide two references, and attend two training sessions. "One session will deal with such things as communications skills and relationship building techniques," Lerner said. "The other will provide information on the juvenile court system, drugs and alcohol, things to help the relationship."

Psychology, criminal justice, sociology and social work majors at ECU are being encouraged to volunteers if they are willing to commit at least nine months to the program. "The only problem is that a semester lasts three months, and I need a longer commitment than that," Lerner said. "After three months, the kids you are working with in this type of program are just beginning to accept that person. Then if the relationship is broken, you are doing more damage than good."

In addition to 20 one-on-one volunteers, who will be expected to spend at least two hours a week with the youth, Lerner is also seeking assistance from individuals as well as area clubs and organizations.

"There are other ways people can volunteer in this program, such as providing transportation, sponsoring a group activity, fund raising, or offering special services such as tutoring or tours of a company or business office," Lerner said. "A club can sponsor on a one time basis what we're going to call PALS for a Day, when all 20 adult volunteers and kids can come together for a supper, bowling, or any kind of activity."

For more information on Project PALS, or to make a referral, contact Sharon Lerner at the ECU School of Education/Division of Services, Speight Building, Greenville, N.C., 27858, (919) 757-6164.

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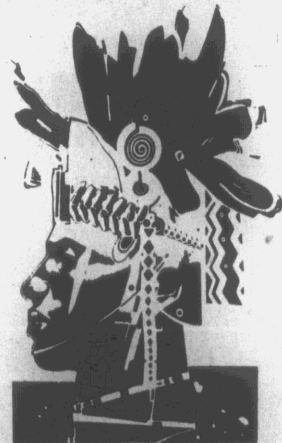
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hath not seen? And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also. In the vision, I saw all races and nationalities of families. I saw miracles happen of which we have yet to even conceive because of the worship and because of the love. Until churches and preachers start breaking down the walls that have so far hindered the healing among races. Revival cannot "hit" in the way God desires. You may not agree with this, but I believe the scriptures will bear it out—there must be love and unity in the Body for revival to come. Unity "among our kind" and unity "among their kind" won't "cut it." I also know that as God begins to more intensely deal with the Church concerning this matter, many Christians will refuse to go along with it! I'm referring now to Spirit-filled believers who will refuse, saying, "We're carrying this Christianity too far." But through this issue, the world unsaved will see either Christian love or hypocrisy.

Turning the Hearts of the Fathers

Luke 1:17 says: *And he shall go before him in the spirit and power of Elias, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.* Do you see where this problem lies, spiritually? It's with the men! But God says He will send an anointing into the earth to challenge men to get their families in order. It will mean more than just seeing that the family gets to church on Sunday morning. It'll mean a home

in such a Godly order and lifestyle that Jesus would be welcome at any time. The home—the place where Christianity becomes a tested reality...the place where respect for each other must be lived out.

It's time to get committed, folks; it's time to see to it that our families are moving in God! But it's a decision that only YOU can make. I encourage you...take a close look at your family relationships, seek God's wisdom in healing any breaks, cast aside the pride that has kept you from walking in love, repent for any hardheartedness, and cast off the depression or anger or resentment that has kept you and your family "bowed over." Get your family to arise and stand up straight in God. Remember, the devil can't ride your back if you're not bent over.

Rep. Warren

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"The state and local Revenues Committee will offer me an opportunity to work with the local elected officials. As a former county commissioner, I understand the needs of local communities and the challenges they face today to provide needed government services. As it becomes harder for local communities to meet these needs, it will become more necessary for them to be addressed at the state level," Warren said.

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Greenville community is plagued by swindlers ripping-off the elderly

by: C. A. Dawson

Recently in the West Greenville area of the city, the black community has been plagued with rip-offs on the elderly by area junkies.

The junkies come through the neighborhood with food and clothing stolen from area merchants and sell them for half price or less to the residents of the black community.

Not being able to pass up a good deal (probably because of the high prices of merchandise in stores), the residents purchase the merchandise from the junkies.

After several trips to the area, the junkies' faces then are known to most of the residents and this is when they began to prey on the elderly.

In one instance last week, two of these junkies visited the home of two elderly residents. With their faces being known to the residents they were allowed inside the home.

After entering the home, the junkies informed the residents that they had a vehicle parked

around the corner with \$200.00 worth of steaks and hams for \$50.00.

Thinking they could not beat this deal, the elderly residents immediately gave them \$50.00 in cash. The junkies took the money, left, and never returned.

Some of you probably will say the elderly residents deserved this for attempting to buy stolen merchandise. That's wrong. It is rough on the elderly in this area trying to make ends meet and temptation is always there.

Why did these residents not call the police in? They are afraid and they think it's wrong for them to attempt to purchase stolen merchandise.

After talking to several residents, this situation has happened 8 times in this one community in one month with the elderly losing over \$800.00.

The Answer:
Don't purchase stolen property, and by all means never give anyone cash money for something you haven't seen.

Kappa Red And White Ball!!

The Greenville Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity is sponsoring a Red And White Ball, on Friday, February 10, 1989. This event, which will last from 8:00 p.m. until 1:00 a.m. will be held at the Holiday Inn, Greenville, on South Memorial Drive (Hwy. 11). Tickets are on sale for \$10 per person, \$15 per couple, or \$10 per person at the door. Price includes heavy hors d'oeuvres and free beverages. See any Greenville Alumni Brothers for tickets or more information.



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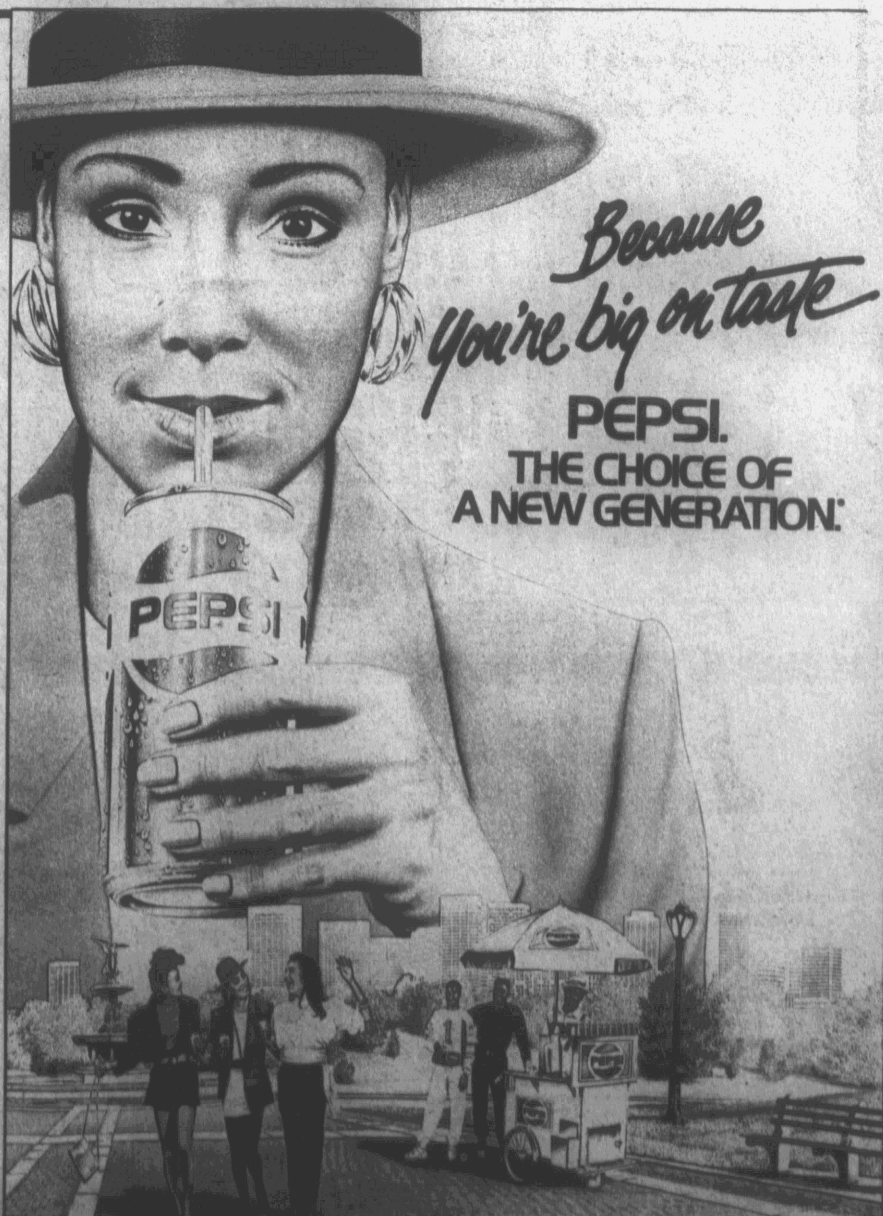
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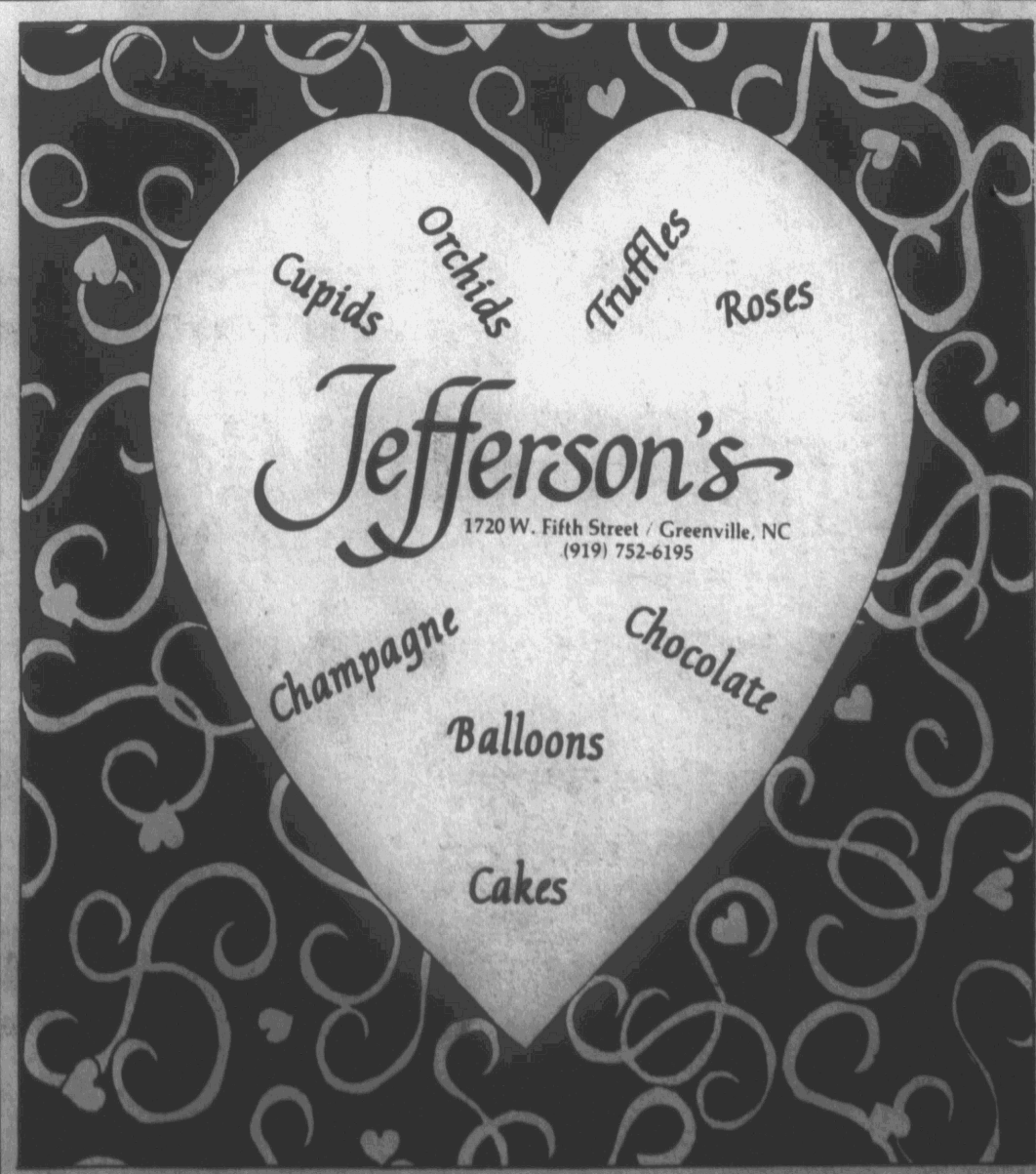
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