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**WAKE ME WHEN WE GET THERE . . .** Sister Pamela Wooten holds her sleeping daughter while she stops to pose for our roving photographer. Ms. Wooten was seen at the TRADE Station on West Fifth Street on her way home. Thanks Pam!!

(Voice photo by Jim Rouse)

## Racial identity is a problem

Americans of African descent have been identified by a variety of popular and unpopular terms (including unprintable expressions) because "unfree people are named by others; free people name themselves," Dr. Russell L. Adams of the Department of Afro American Studies at Howard University in Washington, D.C., explained in commenting on the recent debate over racial identity during Black History Month.

Writing in the current issue of the new Black Excellence magazine on "Naming The Race," Adams points out that "persons of color" in the United States have been identified as "Colored, Negro, Afro-American and Black," before the Rev. Jesse Jackson suggested using the original term, "African-American," for U.S. citizens whose ancestors came from the new world's second largest continent.

The basic rationale for suggesting this specific change now was that of all the distinct ethnic and cultural groups in America, "blacks" were the only group which did not have a clear geographic reference point in its name (such as Italian-American or Irish-American), Dr. Adams emphasized.

"By adopting the term 'African American,' it is asserted, persons of African descent at last could reject previous ... labels, all of which were applied by others to them, rather than being originated by

them," he added. Of course, black free and slave emigres have always labeled their own institutions such as churches and lodges as African American.

## AREA NEWS

Hats off to Mrs. O'Come Wilson, the world's greatest "gift-giver," whose heart is filled with goodness, joy and happiness for others. This is exemplified in the Annual Junior Ladies Auxiliary Program in March at the Sycamore Hill Baptist Church, pastored by Rev. Howard Parker.

The Chicod Orange Basketball Team won the Pitt Community School's Second Annual 7-9 Co-ed Division Basketball Championship. Kenneth Leary is one of the players, while his mother, Mrs. Patti Laughinghouse Leary, is one of the coaches.

DeDe Carney, one of the new members of the President's Club, chosen, based on her 1988 sales, was honored recently by the RE/MAX of the Carolinas at its Annual Awards Banquet.

Crucifixion/Resurrection:  
Gospel of Matthew — 28:1-6  
Gospel of Mark — 16:1-8  
Gospel of Luke — 24:1-6  
Gospel of John — 20:1-12

## We've Come A Long Way

By: Deacon James Vines

After the funeral of my dear friend, I just couldn't erase the memory of how he looked when they dragged him from the river. I did all that I could to comfort his brother, but nothing I could say did much good. So I decided to look again for a job. This time I was lucky enough to find one. It was just what I needed to help calm my nerves. The job that I found was at a drug store delivering medicine and other things that were ordered.

There were two other delivery boys there whom I knew very well, so that made the job a very pleasant place to work and for a while I was very happy there.

I quickly learned the route and was doing good until one day I got an order to deliver some things to one of the customers whom I had delivered to for a long time. The druggist came to the little room in back where we sat and waited for our orders to be called out us and yelled trip James. So I followed him to the counter where the orders were kept and picked up the one that I was supposed to deliver. It was sprinkling rain so I put on a short coat that I kept in the room for such occasions. I put the coat on and went out the door where we parked our bicycles. I got on the one that I always rode and took off. I soon arrived at the house that order went to. I parked the bike and walked up the steps on to the front porch and rang the door bell.

After ringing it twice I heard a voice say, "Who is it?" and I answered back saying the boy from the drugstore, and she said "Just a minute." So I waited a few seconds and then the door came open and I repeated again, drug store boy. She reached for the package and at the same time said "How much is it?" and I said \$1.75, and she asked me if I had change for a five and I told her I did. So I took the five and gave

her the change and started to leave when she called for me to come back, and she asked me if I had a raincoat. I said "No ma'am." She then said "Wait a minute, I have one here that you can have." She turned and went back to the back porch and came back with a very nice rain coat and gave it to me and said that I could have it. I took the coat and thanked her and went back to the store. Little did I know what was to happen in the next few times that I was sent to this same house.

A few days passed and I was to go there several times when one day I went there and that's when some unusual things began to happen.

The man at the soda fountain came to the front door and called for me to come in the store that he had a trip for me. It was a lovely day, plenty of sunshine and the temperature was about 75 or 80 degrees. I picked up the order and took off. I arrived at the place of the address on the order, parked my bike, and went on the porch and rang the doorbell. A very soft voice said in an almost-whisper to come in because the door was not locked. I walked in and just to my left I could see her and hear a low voice tell me to come over there. The shades and curtains were drawn and it was almost dark in the room where she stood. I repeated that I was the boy from the drugstore. That's when she

stepped out of the dark room where I could see that the only thing she was wearing was a black nightgown with one of the straps off her shoulder, leaving her bare breast exposed where it could plainly be seen. She then whispered, "Don't be afraid, there's no one here but us."

To be continued.

## Get Off the Couch

Sedentary types—Those ones who tend to spend free time watching the tube or reading are three times more likely to die of a heartattack than women who exercise, according to a study by Lars Exelrud, M.D. of the University of North Carolina. To reduce your risk, try walking a brisk three miles a day (in about 4 minutes) three to five times a week.

Having a tight schedule makes the independent woman feel important.

Eating disorders aren't sudden. They begin with depression, anxiety and loss of control. It's not what you're eating, it's what's eating you.

## Strategic Planning For Pitt County To Carry Us Into the Year 2001

On Tuesday evening, October 18, 1988, approximately 275 citizens representing government, business, and private interests gathered at the Ramada Inn in Greenville to begin a planning process that is vital to the future of Pitt County.

Participants in that event devoted their discussions to two major issues:

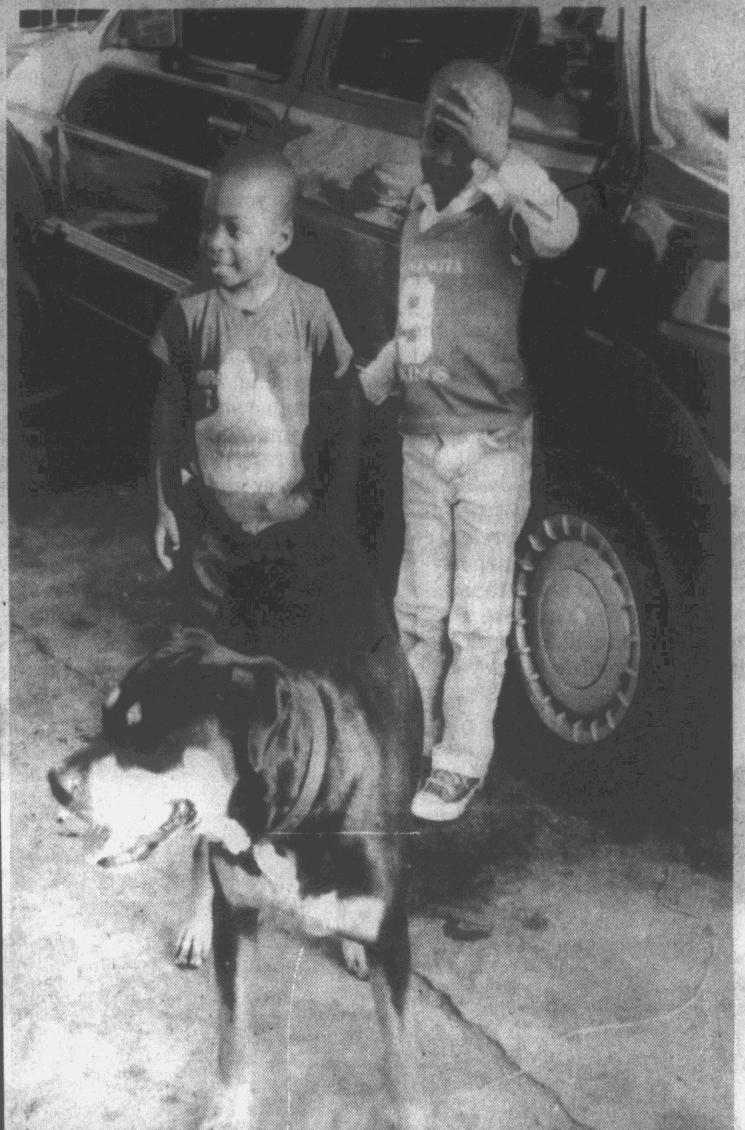
— What are the obstacles preventing Pitt County from realizing its potential today?

— What are the ideal strategies needed to carry Pitt County into the future (i.e. into the Year 2007)?

Following that organizational meeting, approximately 80 Pitt County citizens devoted two and one-half days to formulating plans to enhance our livability, our economic growth, and to otherwise insure the quality of life deemed best for Pitt County in the future. One of the products of that planning retreat was the creation of eight work groups who will develop a strategic plan for Pitt County in eight major areas of development.

As a citizen who was originally invited to the organizational meeting in October, you are now urged to make a new commitment to strategic planning for Pitt County by participating in the first joint meeting of the eight strategy teams. The meeting will be held on Tuesday evening, April 4 in the Willis Building on the campus at East Carolina University. The meeting will be called to order at 7:00 p.m., and we expect to adjourn no later than 9:30 p.m.

Your active participation is important to the success of the strategic planning process and to the future of Pitt County. I hope you will make a special effort to attend, and I look forward to seeing you on Tuesday evening, April 4.



**OH NO, ANOTHER FLAT!! . . .** Seems to be the expression of these young mechanics seen at Eaton's Gulf Station on Albermarle Avenue in Greenville. Eaton's mascot, "Terry" is always on hand to help with a friendly bark and a loving lick!!

(Voice photo by Jim Rouse)

## Burroughs Wellcome Co. contributes \$300,00 to Pitt Memorial Hospital



Pitt Memorial Hospital Foundation, Inc.'s fund raising campaign today pushed over \$1.2 million with a \$300,000 gift from Burroughs Wellcome Co., according to G. Henry Leslie, general chairman of the community-wide effort.

The announcement came during a morning press briefing held on the hospital's front lawn, complete with banners, balloons, refreshments and a tree planting ceremony. Burroughs Wellcome Co., donated five trees to demonstrate its commitment to the hospital's growth over the next five years.

The Burroughs Wellcome Co. gift will support the PMH Foundation's Endowment Fund which will allow the foundation to purchase state-of-the-art medical equipment and other needs at Pitt County Memorial Hospital, Leslie said.

"Burroughs Wellcome is pleased to participate in this endeavor supporting Pitt County Memorial Hospital, a facility which has provided excellent services to our employees and to the community in general," said Dr. Gabriel Cipau, vice president of production and engineering at Burroughs Wellcome Co.

"With the changes in technology and the half life of medical equipment combined with rapid growth in new procedures to assist with surgery and diagnosis, we have to replace equipment as needed," according to Dave McRae, president of Pitt County Memorial Hospital. "An ongoing Endowment Fund will allow PCMH to continue to be state-of-the-art as new technologies come on line."

Jack Richardson, President Emeritus of PCMH and Associate General Chairman of the campaign, said, "What we gain from this campaign is a better understanding of how people feel about our medical center—as people buy into being a part of this campaign, they also show us they have an interest in what this

center will do in the future. As we seek support from area businesses and industries, the Burroughs Wellcome exemplary gift stands as a measure of commitment for others to follow.

## One a Day Will Still Keep the Doctor Away

Apples are good to eat. Apples offered for sale right now in North Carolina stores, farmers' markets, roadside stands, anywhere, are good to eat. According to the N.C. Department of Agriculture, there is no evidence of the contrary.

N.C. Agriculture Commissioner, Jim Graham, recommends that North Carolina-grown apples or anybody's apples or juice are wholesome and nutritious. The food and drug laboratory of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture says they are good and so does the federal government.

Our lab has tested 150 samples of apples, apple juice and juice concentrate and found nothing but clean, safe and good products.

Ninety apples tested have shown no Alar; 39 juice samples showed no Alar and 21 frozen concentrate, only 3 showed any sign of Alar. And that was well below the tolerance of 20 parts per million set by the Environmental Protection Agency. One sample of the concentrate showed 1 ppm; 1 showed 3 ppm, and 1 showed 4 ppm. May we emphasize again, this is way below the EPA allowable limit of 20 ppm.

Only 5 percent of the apply industry is using Alar today according to the International Apple Institute. There tests show only 1 to 2 ppm when they find Alar at all.

This writer drank apple juice for breakfast, ate an apple at lunch and hopes to get a piece of apple pie for supper.

Have an apple, they're good for you!!

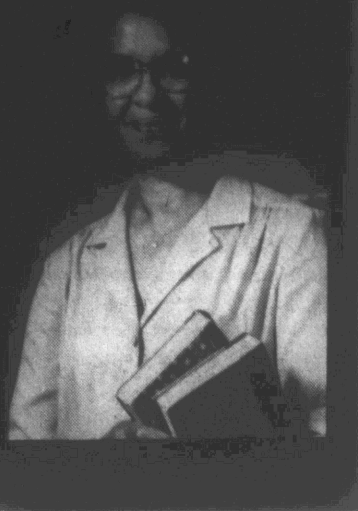


**CONGRATULATIONS!! . . .** Ms. Bertha Smith was the proud winner of the Air Nikes given away at White's Department Store in Downtown Greenville. Radio station "JOY THIRTEEN FORTY (1340)" broadcasted the live remote from the store that has become known as your "Growing Family Department Store." Pictured with Ms. Smith and her son are assistant manager Donna Williams and "super salesman" James Smith.

(Voice photo by Jim Rouse)



## The Mrs. Beatrice Maye Column



### Stress Squashers

1. Be positive about life.
2. Play checkers, ping pong or horseshoes.
3. Develop a sense of the ridiculous. Learn to laugh at yourself. Humor melts stress.
4. Learn to worry effectively. Your attitude and thoughts make you what you are.
5. Don't hold on to dynamite after it's lit. Walk away from unnecessary fights or quarrels. Try to discuss rather than argue.
6. Develop your self-esteem. Go out and eat or to a show. Pin a medal on yourself for work well done. Don't confuse what you do

with who you are. Be positive about life.

7. Watch your spending habits. Don't spend \$20 on a 25 cent problem.
8. Don't buy an airline to visit Uncle Joe. Don't make deals out of everything. Simplify life.
9. Imagine yourself on wheels. Watch your diet, exercise, get plenty of rest, get checkups. You would never abuse your car like you do your body.
10. Celebrate the temporary. Don't wait until you retire to enjoy life. Celebrate now. Life is what happens to you while you make other plans.
11. Ventilate with vigor. Get a

babble buddy, someone who will listen. Talk about your problems, your tensions and concerns. Get a pet if people won't listen.

12. Stay away from leaping contests with kangaroos, cut down your type A personality. Don't compete with everyone all the time. Don't compare yourself with others, only with realistic standards you've set for yourself.
13. Take a trip on a rainbow. Look at all the beautiful things around you on the way. It's a lovely world if you take the time to look at it.
14. Take a trip to Mars, or a trip to the garage, a cave, or the basement, where you can be yourself. Take time every day to relax, to meditate, to be alone.
15. Take slowdown training. Don't be in a rush all the time. Plan more time for everything, including yourself, your work and your recreation.
16. Be an electromagnet, not fly paper. Attract positive things and people but release them easily and naturally if things are not right. Don't be stuck with everything and everyone that's a nuisance or a burden.
17. Learn to daydream. It's OK to fantasize if you don't do it all the time. Tomorrow's dream takes the stress out of today's burdens.

### Some Tips On Getting Along With Your Boss

1. Listen. Bosses like people who don't have to be told things twice.

2. Be concise. Time is a manager's most precious resource, so brevity is essential.
3. Be diplomatic. A good approach is to offer your boss options.
4. Solve your own problems.
5. Make your boss look good. Point out his or her strengths to others. When your boss looks good, you look good; when he is promoted, your chances for promotion improve.
6. Accentuate the positive.
7. Don't stay late; come in early. Coming in early says, "I'm eager to get started", while staying late says, "I didn't get things done." Put in extra hours at the beginning and not the end of the day.
8. Keep your promises. When you find you cannot deliver, alert your boss as soon as possible.
9. Know your boss. "Knowledge is power", Francis Bacon said. Learn your boss's background, company history, work habits, career goals, and likes and dislikes.
10. Don't get too close. You and your boss aren't equals in your organization. Anyone who bases his standing in an organization solely on his relationship with his boss has rooted himself in thin soil that can easily be washed away.

The best thing you can do for your boss is to do your job well. Still, a good relationship should help both of you to be more effective, generating in the process, blessings and benefits for all.

### What Ever Happened to Common Courtesy

- ...Nobody holds a door open for a lady any more.
- ...If a person is kind or generous, it's an event.
- ...People have become more self-centered. "It's me against them", one observer explains.
- ...I find it impolite when people who don't know you call you by your first name.
- ...Advice: Smile and look for the ones who are going to be courteous.

### Everyday Manners In Public Places

**Doggie bags.** Some restaurants serve enormous portions of food which their customers can't possibly finish. When this happens it is appropriate to ask the waiter to have uneaten portions wrapped for you to take home. I think it shows prudence and foresight to take food home rather than to allow perfectly good food to be thrown out in the restaurant kitchen.

**Simple introductions.** Men should always stand, and most women too, when being introduced to older people or to high officials. A man always stands when being introduced to another man or a woman, and today at small gatherings more and more women feel comfortable standing when the men stand to be introduced to a newcomer. I think it shows both consideration and a special interest to stand and devote your full attention to someone new.

**Tipping.** A tip of some sort is mandatory in restaurant dining.

To leave no tip at all is a vengeful gesture. Since waiters and captains make their living from tips, I think it is unduly harsh to omit a tip completely.

**How Much to Tip.** A waiter is tipped between fifteen and twenty percent of the meal, including drinks, before taxes.

**Tipping in a Beauty Salon.** If you spend about twenty dollars for a haircut; tip the stylist who cut your hair and combed it out four dollars if you're delighted with the results, three dollars if you're not overjoyed but still look good.

For a permanent or a hair coloring your tip should not be under five dollars.

The guideline for beauty-parlor tipping is fifteen to twenty percent for any service they provide.

Whether or not you visit the salon only a few times a year or you have a standing weekly appointment, your tips should remain consistent. Don't pay less if you visit less often. They are still putting out the same quality work for you.

If the owner of the shop has cut your hair, he or she doesn't receive a tip. Often the owner charges more for a cut, so there is no reason to tip, though on your way out show your appreciation with a thank you.

**AUTOMOBILES.** A woman is not expected to wait for a man to get out of the car and trot around to open her door for her while she sits there like some delicate hothouse flower. Women no longer need to appear helpless, just as men no longer need to act

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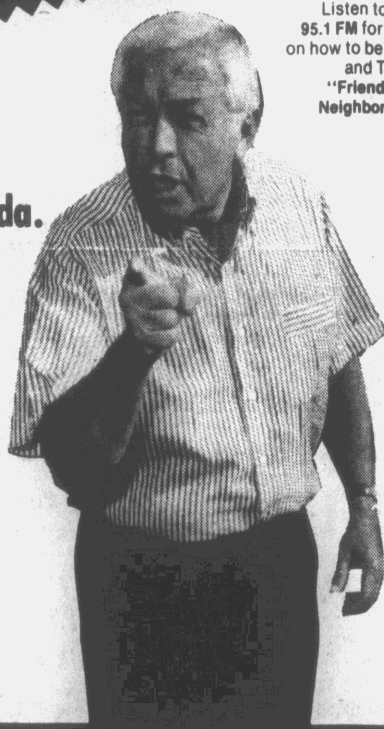
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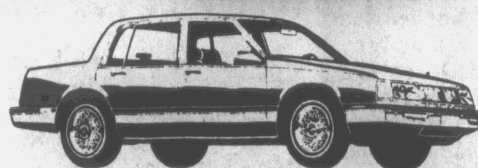


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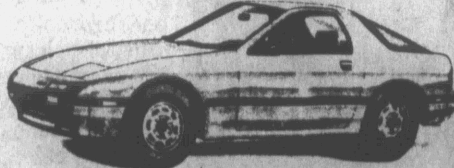
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## City Of Greenville EASTER HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Citizens of Greenville, please be mindful All City Of Greenville Governmental Offices will be closed Friday, March 24th in observance of the Easter Holiday.

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## Journalist needs to re-think his blackness, stop misguiding

Fresh from his televised appearance before the Eastern Airlines strikers, Jesse Jackson went directly to the next televised hotspot — a student protest at Howard University where 2,500 students had occupied the administration building.

It was vintage Jackson selling Jackson. He successfully promoted his 1988 Democratic Party line that the Republican Party was the sole repository of white racism and labeled the ousting of Republican National Committee Chairman Lee Atwater from the university's 30-member board of trustees as a moral victory.

Atwater, who became a convenient umbrella for years of pent-up student frustration over campus crime, housing, and student loans, was just as lame in his Republican defense. Being as pure as the driven snow, all this official of "the party of opportunity" wanted was a chance to serve the black community by raising money and scholarships for Howard and getting internships for the students at the White House, Atwater intimated.

Both Jackson and Atwater reeked of political partisanship; both were conveniently shielded from the truth by their shared objective of controlling the black vote. However partisan, their ambitions were at least motivated by an understandable objective.

But it was a black columnist for The Washington Post whose motives are suspect, at

best. Courtland Milloy, who has written previously that black people are incapable of economic self-sufficiency, interpreted the student activism as "Revolution by Flunking Out."

The Howard students, he wrote, suffered from the delusion that what they were doing was meaningful. "What black students should really be outraged about is the fact that so many of them are flunking out of school," charged Milloy.

To prove his point he quoted from an article in "Harper's" by an English teacher at a white college in San Jose (previously, to prove his point that blacks were too brain dead to run a business, he used a white teacher at the University of Maryland as his reference).

The black "drop-out rate is 72 percent," despite the white colleges' attempt to help them. Rather than demonstrating, they would be better off "reading and studying," Milloy quoted the teacher as saying. After all, blacks have "the highest drop-out rate and lowest grade point average of any group in American universities," Milloy further quoted his source from San Jose University.

And, Milloy stressed, the students at Howard cannot justify this academic failure by denouncing Atwater's presence on the board of trustees. "The issue, for now, is the proliferation of mediocrity among black college students, and what to do about it," the Black Sage of The Washington Post proclaimed. He seems to suggest black students are stupid ("mediocre," he says) because of activism and retarded because they are activists.

## "Love's Labour's Lost" to be presented at ECU

Shakespeare's comedy, "Love's Labour's Lost," will be performed at East Carolina University Monday, April 10, by The Acting Company, a touring drama company which has presented some half a dozen classic plays on previous visits to the campus.

The performance will begin at 8:00 p.m. in Wright Auditorium.

The Acting Company's Shakespeare production is part of ECU's 1988-89 Performing Arts Series. Tickets for the general public are \$14 each, \$7 for youth, and are on sale at the Central Ticket Office in Mendenhall Student Center; telephone (919) 757-6611, ext. 266. Telephone ticket orders may be charged to major credit cards.

"Love's Labour's Lost" is an early Shakespeare play considered by modern scholars to be the first mark of the dramatist's great genius. It concerns the effects of a vow to swear off women and worldly pleasures taken by King Ferdinand of Navarre and three of his nobles.

Their plan is upset and high-spirited frolics ensue when the Princess of France and her ladies appear on the scene. The result is humorous deceit, surreptitious delivery of love sonnets, music and dance. As the drama concludes, the young men and women are faced with the death of the Princess' father and the need to enter the audit world or reality.

A comic subplot in "Love's Labour's Lost" offers satiric portraits of a schoolmaster, a clergyman, a constable and a Spaniard.

The Acting Company, the only permanent, professional repertory theatre company touring nationwide, was founded in 1972 by John Houseman and Margot Harley. Since then, the company has traveled over 412,206 miles, performing 62 plays in 45 states, to audiences totaling nearly two million people.

Veterans of Acting Company tours have gone on to become sought-after professionals. Two noted performers who have appeared at ECU with previous Acting Company engagements are Kevin Line, featured in the films, "The Big Chill" and "A Fish Called Wanda,"; and Patti LuPone, star of the Broadway musical "Evita."

The current Acting Company membership consists of 15 actors from leading American profes-

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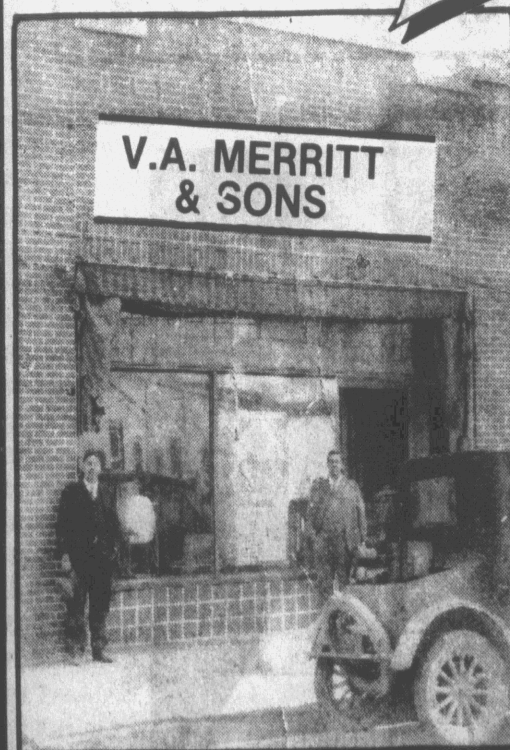
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**THANK-YOU'S.** If someone has been nice enough to ask you to dinner, it is thoughtful to phone the next day or send a short thank-you note within a few days.

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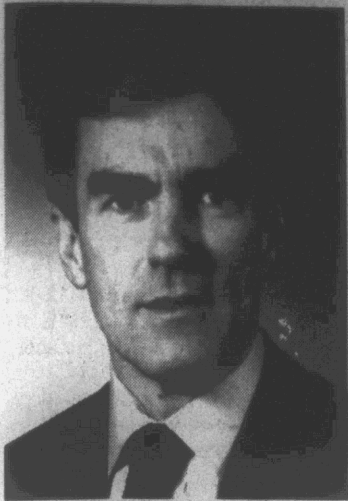
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Jack W. Richardson, former president and CEO, has been named president emeritus of PCMH.

McRae has been a member of the PCMH administrative staff

for 13 years and chief operating officer since July 1988. He is vice chairman of District VI of the North Carolina Hospital Association and a member of the American Hospital Association and the Healthcare Financial Management Association. McRae is also a fellow in the College of Healthcare Executives. He is active in Rotary International, the Pitt-Greenville Chamber of Commerce, United Way and Immanuel Baptist Church in Greenville.

Richardson will continue to be responsible for the hospital's subsidiary corporation, East Carolina Health Services. He will also represent the hospital in national, state and local health care organizations. He currently serves on the boards of Blue Cross of North Carolina and the North Carolina Hospital Association as well as the advisory board of the American Hospital Association. The 'm' Voice congratulates McRae and salutes Richardson for the many years of commitment to quality health care for Eastern North Carolina.

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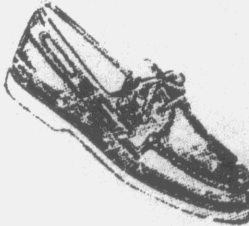
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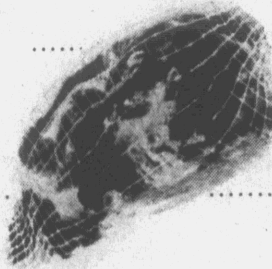
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We know, of course, that the future is not ours to see, but we maintain that the course of future events

can be determined by what we do today.

History tells us that if the fathers of this country had accepted the tyrannical rule of George III as the sign of the times, there would be no United States of America today.

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Had the Jews accepted Hitler's holocaust at the opinion of the world, many more would have been terminated. Instead the Jews countered with a firm resolve: "Never again."

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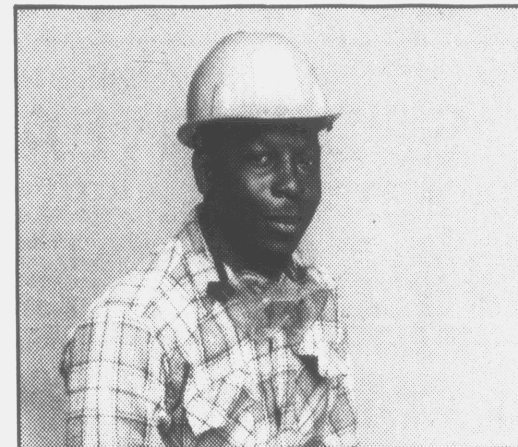
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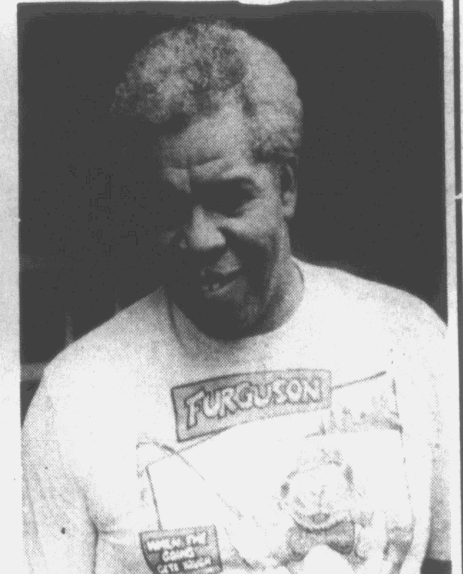
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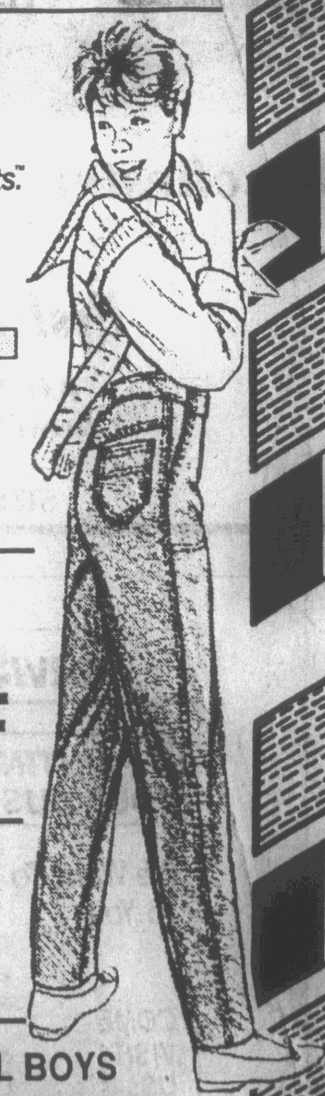
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