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## Police receive reprimand

by Billie Jo Whitehead
News editor

ENFIELD - Town commissioners voted to reprimand its police department and create a grievance committee for that department during an executive session Monday night.

The commissioner took that action following a review of information collected during two previous closed sessions with the police department and Police Chief Mike Gaither.

Part of the review included an audit of the special drug fund account following a special meeting held on Aug. 29.

At that meeting, a motion was made by Commissioner Whitaker and seconded by Commissioner Barnhill that the town's auditors audit the special drug fund in the police department for the last two fiscal years. The motion passed by a voice vote.

Town attorney Bill Dickens reported that he had taken the preliminary audit information from town auditors, Turlington Flowers Co. and information from Gaither concerning the special account in the Enfield Police Department, and delivered it to the proper authorities.

During the meeting Monday night, a motion was made by Commissioner Barnhill and seconded by Commissioner Drum that town attorney Dickens send a letter of reprimand to Chief Gaither concerning leadership and personnel problems in his department.

According to town clerk Julian Woody, a letter of reprimand will also be sent to each officer and dispatcher concerning personnel problems and to inform them of the action being taken by the board.

Woody said the town board will create a grievance committee made up of one member from each section of the police department and at least one board member.

He said this committee would be in place so that an officer having a complaint could present it to the committee.

However, this morning Gaither contended there is adequate documentation to show how the money was used. "There is no problem as far as I am concerned," he said.

### Use of drug informant money questioned

Scott Schwebke
Herald Staff Writer

ENFIELD - The Enfield town commissioners have asked Halifax County District Attorney Bob Caudle to look into allegations that the town's police chief failed to follow proper procedures in disbursing about $11,000 from a special drug informant account.

Enfield Town Attorney Billy Dickens informed the commissioners Monday night that information about the account has been turned over to Caudle.

In a related development, the commissioners also voted Monday night to issue letters of reprimand to Chief Mike Gather and the police department's 15 employees.

Town Clerk Julius Woody said the Commissioners believe that Gaither's lack of leadership has contributed to morale problems plaguing the department.

In the last several months a police officer and a dispatcher have each filed federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission lawsuits against the department.

This morning Gaither declined to comment on the reprimand but defended his record keeping procedures, "I've got nothing to hide," he said in a telephone interView. "I just kept my own bookkeeping. I was never presented with any (bookkeeping) guidelines. I kept records of the money received and the money disbursed."

Caudle could not be reached for comment regarding the account.

However, woody said Caudle has been asked to determine if there are any grounds to file criminal charges.

"There is no reason to suspect (anything) but without the proper documentation you just don't don't know," he said.

Enfield Mayor E. Kai Hardaway III said he and the commissioners are concerned about problems in the police department.

"Stability and credibility are a requirement for this mayor (and) for the Enfield Police Department," he said in a prepared statement. "As mayor I will do everything possible in conjunction with the town board to provide the best protection for this community."

Woody noted that allegations about the informant account came to light in August following the town's routine audit by the Tarboro accounting firm of Turlington, Flowers and Company.

"We knew the account had been over there a good while and that the commissioners had not seen any documentation (about how the money was being spent)," said Woody.

The account was established in January 1990 partly from money seized during drug raids and from private contributions. Woody noted that about $11,000 has been withdrawn from the account during the last 18 months. The account presently has a balance of about $1,700 and is being managed by Woody.

Woody said the audit revealed that Gaither was not following proper state and federal guidelines for disbursing funds from the account.

He said checks disbursed from the account were made out to "cash" and that there were not adequate records to determine how the money was spent.

He said when Gaither was confronted with the audit findings he attributed the recording keeping problems to his "lack of knowledge" about bookkeeping.

### SBI asked to probe police fund D.A. wants investigation into use of Enfield drug

Scott Schwebke
Herald Staff Writer

HALIFAX - Halifax County District Attorney Bob Caudle has asked the State Bureau of Investigation to look into the creation and operation of the Enfield Police Department's drug informant fund.

The investigation has been sparked by information provided to Caudle by Enfield's attorney Billy Dickens.

The information concerns the possibility the police department may have failed to follow proper bookkeeping procedures in disbursing about $11,000 from the account in the last 18 months.

The alleged discrepancies came to light following a routine audit of the town account in August by a Tarboro-based accounting firm.

Specifically, the accounting firm maintains the police department has not kept adequate documentation to show how the money was spent.

Enfield Police Chief Mike Gaither says that proper bookkeeping records have been maintained.

Caudle said this morning an initial investigation he revealed some "conflicting information" about the account.

However, he declined to elaborate on the information and said the SBI has been contacted because his office does not an investigative staff.

Caudle said the investigation will review the "total circumstances of the creation and management of the fund."

He noted the SBI will not "focus on any particular person or agency at the outset."

During the investigation records will be reviews and interviews will be conducted. He said. No deadline had been set for completion of the investigation.

This morning, Enfield Mayor Kai Hardaway said the announcement of the investigation will likely warrant a meeting between Dickens and the town commissioners.

He also pledged his cooperation toward completion of the investigation.

"The (police) department functioning at its best is my concern for the people of this community," he said, " As mayor I will do everything possible, along with the town

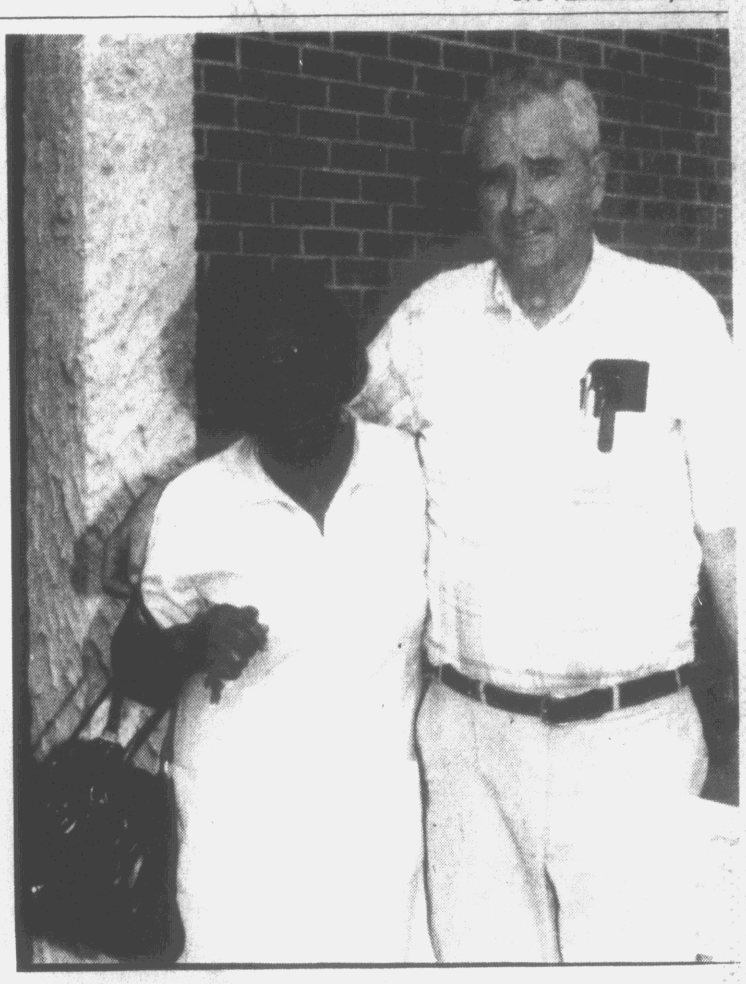


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## Black school board members opinions blatantly ignored

Although the drop out rate for Pitt County Students has decreased by 23 percent, the drop out rate is still too high. For the 1990-91 school year, 288 students have dropped out of school, most being 16 years of age. Sadly and significantly enough, the ratio is extremely disproportioned between Black students and White students. In fact, almost half of the dropouts in Pitt County Schools were Black males!

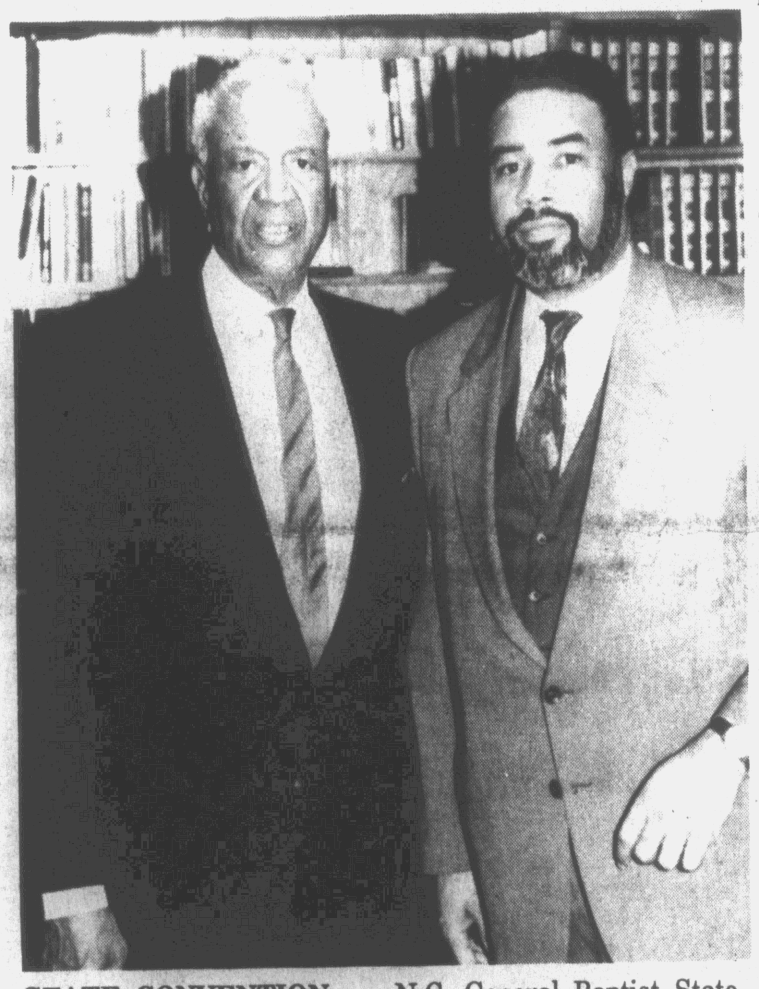
Resolving the problem of the schools drop-out rate, was one major issue proposed at the County School Board Meeting held on November 4. The issue was addressed by Arlene Ferren, who claimed the statistics would have been slightly lower if Agnes Fullilove Community school had not been included. According to Ms. Ferren, backed by Superintendent Floyd, Agnes Fullilove High School increases the state's drop out rate. Floyd is therefore, willing to change state ruling of including Agnes Fullilove; and proposing that the school be closed for a day in order to compare this theory.

Floyd also introduced a proposal through which he hopes students learning of material will be enriched. According to Floyd, "All children can learn, but higher standards must be set for the education system." Floyd believes that by the year 2001, Pitt County Schools will have emerged.

on attendance. According to statistics, each drop out averaged 16.5 absences each. In elementary schools, students faced outer school suspension as a punishment. This punishment according to board member Mary Williams, "is a procedure using attendance to call students to go home and play. A high percentage of Black students receive out of school suspension in elementary school, for disrespecting the teacher." Williams also feels the system creates potential drop out levels for secondary schools; thus creating a problem for society. When Williams presented this theory to Arlene Ferren, it was overlooked and a motion to compare and contrast elementary and secondary schools was denied by the School Board.

Other important topics discussed were religious holidays and death observances. While the board approved 3 excused absences for National Religious Holidays, it denied observance for death observances in the immediate family.

Coincidentally, the death observance was proposed by one of the boards three black member, Donovan Phillips. According to Phillips, " a child undergoing the trauma of death should not be traumatized further, by being kicked out of school." In general, while an excused absence is excused from punishment, it is still counted [illegible] end of the sch[illegible]



**STATE CONVENTION. . .** N.C. General Baptist State Convention was held in Greenville. The 124th annual session of the Greenville Baptist State Convention and the 42nd annual session of the State Laymen's Convention was held last week at Cornerstone Missionary and Sycamore Hill Baptist Churches. Shown with Cornerstone Baptist Church Pastor Rev. Sidney Lock is Dr. Gardner Taylor, one of America's most renowned great black preachers and teachers.
Photo by Jim Rouse

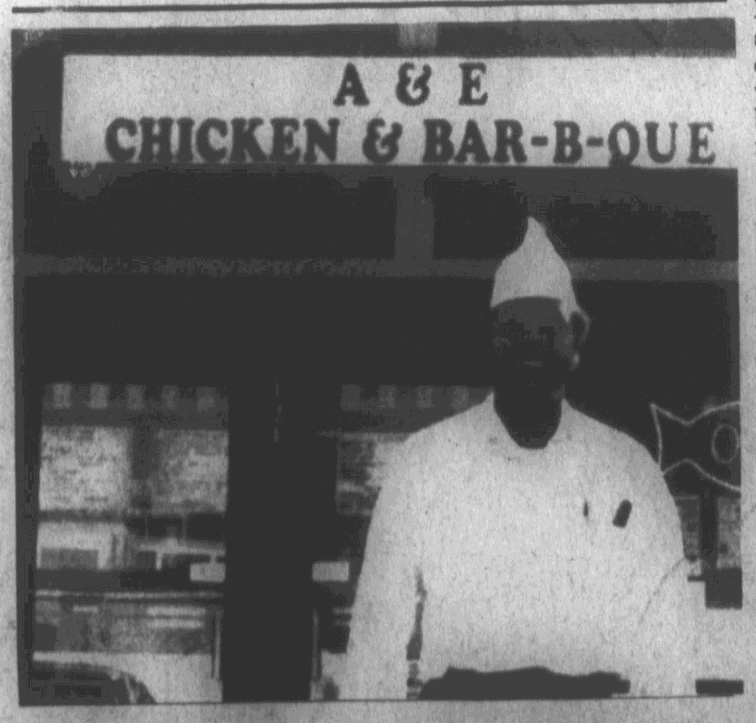
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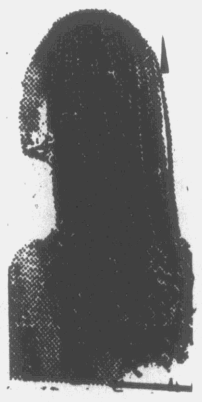
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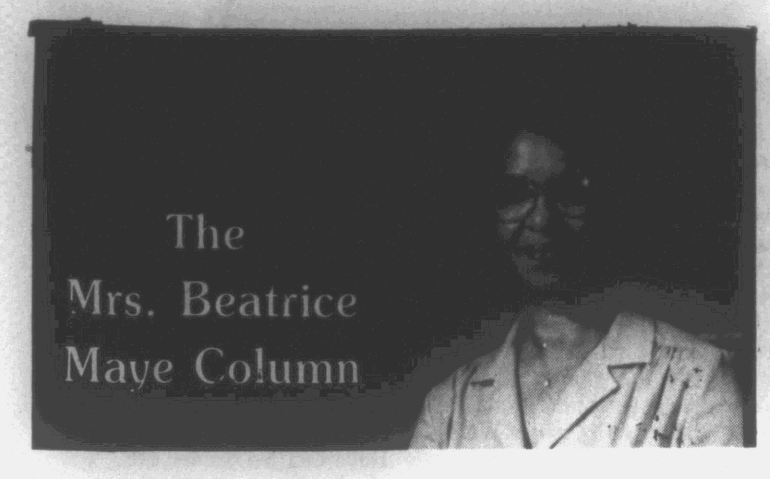


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He gage this acrostic:

F. . . Fight
E. . . Encourage
L. . . Lead instead of lag
L. . . Love instead of hate
O. . . Obey, instead of reject
W. . . Witness, not judge
S. . . Serve, do not shrink
H. . . Help, do not harm
I. . . Invite, instead of ignore
P. . . Pray versus complain

Feat on hope, love and fellowship.

Nu Alpha Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity will have its Annual Achievement Week Banquet, Friday, November 15, at 7 p.m. at the Moose Lodge.

Among the honorees for 1991 will be the pastor of Sycamore Hill Baptist Church, Rev. Howard Parker.

Donations: $12.50. Contact Willie Morris or James Ebron.

Robert S. Cherry, 47, Lincoln Avenue, Danbury, Connecticut, the son of Mrs. Almeta Cherry, gave Sycamore Hill a check for $1,000 on the new church Sunday, October 27. Thank you Mr. Cherry.

Among the many excellent articles in the November issue, the 1991 of Ebony magazine is "How Do You Know When You Have Found Mr. or Mrs. Right?"

Some statements from it:

Similar backgrounds, similar views and morals. Compatibility. Be not fooled by superficial measures, such as appearance, wealth and station. Is he or she kind, caring, concerned and unselfish? Look for a confident, classy, independent person. Your heart must say yes; you can't get her out of your mind. The right mate should have the same ambitions as you.

Share similar ambitions on marriage, families and careers. Take time to know your potential mate. Do some research. How do they get along with their parents? Who are their best friends and what kind of people did they date before they met you? How do they handle stressful situations?

Can you really talk to your lover? Does he or she listen to what you have to say? If you and your lover can't communicate well before you get married, chances are you won't do any better after tying the knot. Laughter is one of the keys to happiness and a long relationship. Laughter and relaxation are very important. Is your choice of mate an intellectual equal? If not, you're headed for a whole lot of trouble.

Spiritual compatibility is important. Don't look for popularity. Look for upright qualities: honesty, intelligence, the love of culture and virtues, good morals. If you are happy with your sweetheart most of the time, then you might have found a good choice for a mater. Why would you want to marry a person who makes you angry most of the time? Or who can't cope with your intelligent group?

Written by Lynn Norment

Some Current Facts:

North Carolina students ate smoking less pot and trying less cocaine than they did years ago, but more of them are drinking beer and smoking cigarettes on a daily basis.

Social Security recipients in January will see the smallest cost-of-living increase in their benefits in five years: 3.7 percent, the government said Thursday, October 27. The increase will show up in the January 31 benefit checks to Social Security recipients and the December 31 checks to SSI recipients.

There are more black men in jail today than there are in college. With one in four black males in prison, on probation or parole, and murder the leading cause of death among them, the black community is facing a crisis that affects all of American society.

Mark your calendar. November 17-23 is American Education Week. The theme is "Schools and Communities: Partners for a Strong America." What better way to promote that partnership than to invite community and business leaders into the classroom to work along side a teacher?

November 10-16 is Children's Book Week, November 17-23 is Drug Abuse Week and November 24-30 is Thanksgiving Week.

Black History Month is February 1992 The theme will be "African Roots Explore New Worlds: Pre-Columbus to the Space Age." Mark this date.

You can never give a child enough love and affection. Don't we adults need the same? there'd be less unhappiness. Keep your mind on what you are doing. Being on time is an obligation of courtesy and respect for others.

What is your Invitation Quotient? (I.Q.)

Have you spoken to anyone since church services this past Sunday to share with him or her what Christ and his church mean to you? Do you often speak to someone who has been absent from the services to express your concern for her or him?

Have you invited a newcomer to the community to your church any time within the past four months? The past year? Have you encouraged or invited anyone who does not attend any Sunday school or church to visit your with you? During the past month, have you introduced yourself before or after worship to anyone you did not know, and extended your personal word or greeting and welcome?

Last Sunday, did you take the time to greet the people who sit around you in worship? Do you pray for the ability to use such opportunities as God presents them to you? Do you pray that the Holy Spirit will guide you in your outreach concerns?

If you answered from seven to five with a yes response, you are doing far more than the average church member. If you answered four or less with a less, you unfortunately fit into the category of the majority of Christians. The sad thing about being in the majority, is that the majority of churches are declining in membership.

If we want our churches to be alive and vital, then we must increase our I.Q. We must be warn and open to newcomers in town. We must be concerned and understanding to our unchurched neighbors. We must be persistent ion our invitations to those who have been away from the church. If we want our churches to grow, we must become personally involved.

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Some thoughts:

Education can make you smart, but God only can make you good Live for thy neighbor, if thou wouldst live for God. God's grace makes new creatures out of the best and the worst of sinners

Fools can make money, but it takes a wise person to know how to use it. Compassion is the capacity to put love into action. Make Sunday your strong day and the rest of your days will not be weak days. Man's rules should never replace God's requirements.


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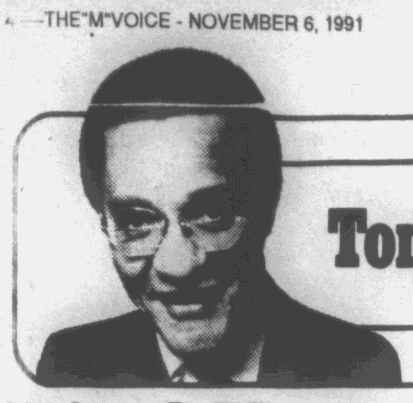

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# Tony Brown's Comments

## It's OK to change your mind

Al-Nisa Barbara Banks, Dr. Preston Wilcox and I go back to the days of the dawning of today's Black consciousness.

All of us, although agreeing on the central premise of Black unity, are highly independent in our applications of that belief.

Ms. Banks is the editor and publisher of The Challenger Newspaper in Buffalo. Dr., he prefers "Brother", Wilcox runs Afram, an information service of Black issues in new York. He lists his address as "Harlem, N.Y." and signs his letters "Harlem Lover."

Everyone who knows Brother Wilcox loves him because we all know how he has shunned ego-fame and corrupt-Negro fortune to share his mind and wisdom with those in most need of self-respect.

I haven't talked with either of my friends since Justice Clarence Thomas' nomination and subsequent confirmation. However, I suspected they would not support his confirmation.

In a letter to Justice Thomas Wilcox confirmed my suspicions "I'm the same guy who earlier opposed your appointment, but when you chose to confront Anita Hill's specious charges you made me an offer I could not refuse."

Wilcox said, "You join a long line of African-American men who had the wherewithal to say no to those who would call upon you to celebrate your own oppression and to assign to them the responsibility for defining your own human nature. You used your intelligence as a weapon - and you didn't separate thinking from feeling and action."

"You were not sitting there alone in the Senate Caucus; David Walker, Nat Turner, Frederick Douglass, Marcus Garvey, the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, Malcolm X, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., etc., were there with you.

"The attacks upon you were presented as charges of sexual harassment in order to conceal the rope in a public lunching. Thanks for exposing the hole care of those who leaked the report and those Democrats who used party politics as a smokescreen to conceal their own racism."

Ms. Banks joined 70% of the Black population in her editorial: "There were a lot of African-Americans who opposed Thomas from the day George Bush nominated him. But that opposition was based on his record of conservative views. I don't think even his harshest Black critic would have wished upon him the public humiliation he suffered, just to see him defeated - and certainly not at the hands of a Black woman."

May I, in part, disagree with my friend. Black operatives of the White liberal left and feminist groups were slinging dirt with the best of them.

Banks continues, "Feminists and liberals all over the country are calling Anita Hill a heroine. But a heroine she is not. A pawn is more like it. A tool, and in an extreme sense, a traitor to her ace is more accurate. A Black woman who is obviously suffering from historical amnesia best describes her condition; a condition which made it easy for her to be used by bra-burning white girls who don't have the guts to castrate the real sexual harassers. No. It's easier to let Yale-trained Anita do it to Yale-trained Clarence for all the world to see.

"The tragedy of Professor Hill's decision to share her freakish accusations with the nation is that she played into the pervasive stereotype of Black male sexuality. And whether she realized it or not, Black women as well."

One man in a letter to an extremely left New York Black paper wanted to know where the Black leaders hid after they threw Thomas to the lynching tree of White Democrats and feminists.

"Clarence Thomas was lynched publicly and with Blacks fashioning the noose. Only because he expresses a view point popularly held!" he explained.

Theodore Kirkland wrote in The Challenger: "While the United States Senate's Judiciary Committee, composed of all White males, lynched Judge Thomas, president Bush's choice for the Supreme Court on national prime-time television, the NAACP, the Congressional Black Caucus, Jesse Jackson and other Black national leaders stood by trying to convince the Black masses that what they were witnessing was not a racist lynching but politics."

Now that the polls are out and it's safe, Jesse Jackson and his link know what's safe to say.

But when we needed integrity, we had to turn to those who stand for something. Wilcox and Banks were there. I'm glad I was there with my friends.

Tony Brown's Journal TV series can bee seen on public television in Greenville on Channel 2 (WUND).

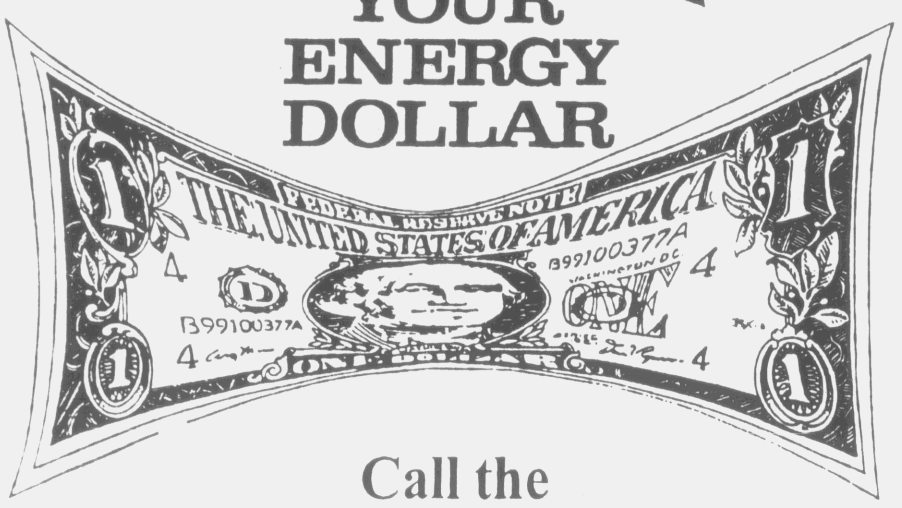

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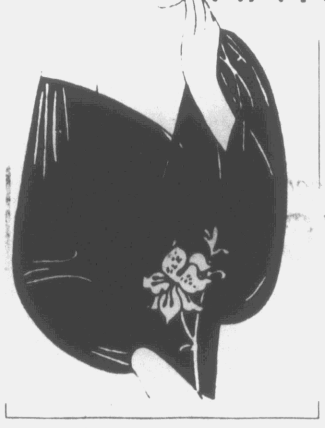
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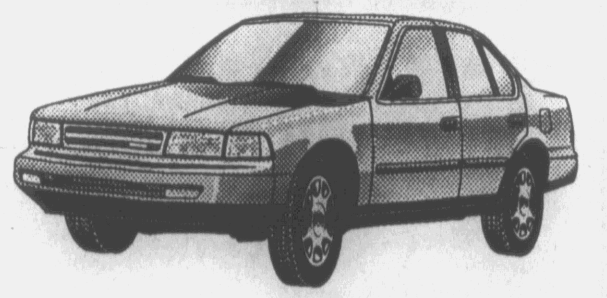
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# Women's Call to Excellence

by Melanie McNeill
Staff Writer

"We come to have a good time in the Lord." That was the confidence spoken by Mother Betty Muborn, at the 6th Annual Women's Leadership Convention. The convention was held on Saturday, November 2, at The Anointed One's Church, in Ayden, where Sister Ruth Peterson is the Pastor. The convention was filled with messages on peace, confidence, and a call to excellence.

According to Sister Hazel Royal ( Abundant Life Miracle Center), "We must be teachable to move in God's word, as well as courageous, and sensitive. Royal went on to discuss the fact that 42 percent of Black households are now headed by women; "to be sensitive, is to help your people, our role models are disintegrating." She then went on to give her text on Excellence, ending with these words, "Hear instruction, be wise and teachable."

The worshiping of God continued with several more texts, given by, Pastor M.L. Simmons (Rocky Run Undenomination Church, New Bern); Pastor Catherine St. Clair (Love, Faith and Victory, Washington); and Evangelist Helen Williams (Anointed One's Church, Ayden). The combining of these gifted preachers talents, is enough to make any Christian ready for battle.

This convention was not only equipped with the message, however, it contained the most in entertainment. Such entertainment included a fashion show, (coordinated by Sister Lottie Hickman (Anointed One's Church), listening enjoyment provided by the fabulous Dunn Sisters, and a wedding! Yes a wedding, what better time to have the joining of a union, then "a call to excellence"? The congregation was invited to attend the wedding of Juanita Laverne Mills, to Mr. Charles Earl Page. The ceremony was officiated by Ruth Peterson, Pastor and Helen Williams, Co-Pastor.

What an amazing and enjoying time to share God's message of love, peace and confidence; while uniting women in Christian leadership. The convention touched on everything needed to be a well-balanced Christian woman.



**West Greenville Community Development Corporation sponsors annual economic development conference and banquet**
**Saturday, November 16**
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**Purpose:**
To educate citizens of Pitt County and surrounding counties on the availability of economic resources, on a public and private level, and to celebrate those economic development activities that are currently being undertaken throughout the state.

**Who Should Attend?**
State and local officials, community workers, health care professionals, small business persons, educators, community development professionals, the clergy, and anyone concerned with poverty issues in Eastern North Carolina.

**About the Conference. . .**
the workshop sessions will cover a variety of subjects including future trends in education, economic vehicles, housing, micro enterprise development, international air cargo industrial park complex, community reinvestment, infant mortality and other health issues. Legislative updates will also be addressed.

Registration will be from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Workshops will follow, and the banquet will begin at 7 p.m. and feature a special cultural presentation.

Each year WGCDC presents various national, local, and youth artists at its annual banquet. this year's highlight will be a joint presentation between members of NC-ACT Theater Company and the Hartford Connecticut producers of "Many Colors of a Woman": a jazz and classical concert held annually, and a local classical vocalist.

Conference Co-Chairpersons:
Delphine Parker and Greg Carter

**About the Speakers. . .**
The keynote speakers include:
Billy Ray Hall, President of North Carolina Rural Economic Development Center
Edolphus Towns, Chairperson of the Congressional Black Caucas
Other presenters include:
Representatives from -
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NC Department of Economic and Community Development
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For more information contact Barbara Fenner, Executive Director, WGCDC, 800 West Fifth Street, Greenville, NC 27834 (919) 752-9277

# Mrs. Makka charges xtians to rededicate themselves

By Victoria Anum

Wife of the state military Governor, Mrs. Pauline Makka, has enjoyed Christians to dedicate their lives to God.

Mrs. Makka gave the charge during a courtesy call on her by guest ministers Rev. Ruth Peterson, Pastor of Anointed Ones Church, Greenville,and Rev. Catherine St. Clair, co-pastor of Love, Faith and Victory Mission, Washington.

The ministers were guests of New Anointing Chapel, Makurdi.

Mrs. Makka said she was not bias about the church denomination and identified with any church that preaches Christ in spirit and in truth.

She expresses satisfaction over the lives of women who have gone into the ministry of preaching to save souls, adding that having Jesus Christ is the greatest thing in one's life irrespective of wealth, power, or position.

She welcomed the spiring up from churches as a yardstick to check the evils in the society but condemned churches whose objective was to sap money from the less privileged members of the society.

While commending the New Anointing Chapel for their efforts in reaching people, she told them to extend their work in rural areas and uproot idolatry in the area.

She presented gifts to the ministers.

Rev. Ruth Peterson commended her and said, "we have heard of the wonderful things you have done for the people of this state." She prayed that God would lead and guide her in all her endeavors.

She presented a copy of the Bible tot he wife of the governor.

# "CARING IS SHARING" food drive to be conducted

From November 4 to November 20, city employees will conduct a "Caring Is Sharing" food drive. It will take place at the Town Commons ending with a mass collection service from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, November 20.

Last year's food drive was a great success with a total of 455 canned food items collected. The city then distributed these items equally among three agencies who serve the less fortunate people of our community. These agencies - Greenville Community Shelter, Pitt County Council on Aging, and St. Gabriel's Catholic Church - work tirelessly to help the homeless and other needy individuals, and they are acutely aware of their needs.

This year's food drive, though similar to last year's, will have a few activities. To gain more support and involvement for the food drive, the city wants to call on the help of all citizens, areas businesses, and organizations.

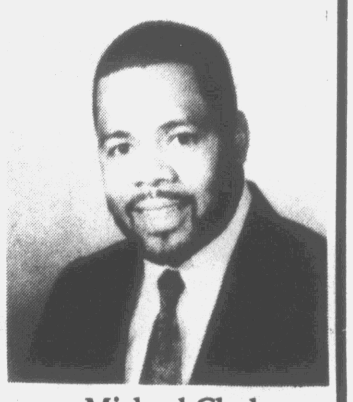
Along with canned foods, the city also wishes to collect items such as breakfast cereals, jellies and jams, bed linens, bathroom tissue, household cleaning supplies and other non-perishable food items and essentials.

So, those who will participate are to bring all the collected items to the town Commons on November 20.


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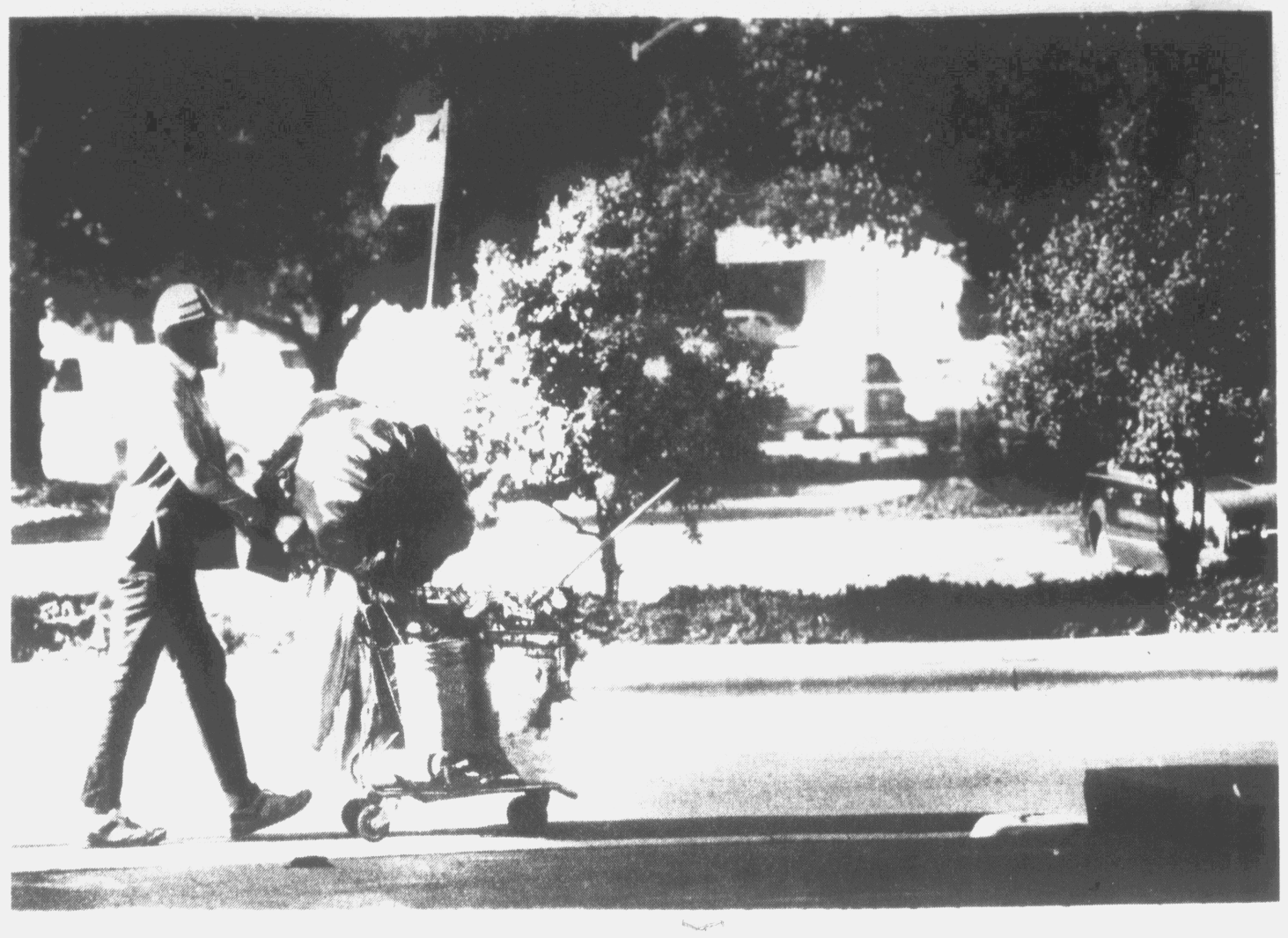
*(African for "God forgives")*

*Osayaba is my name*
*And I am not from here.*
*Where I'm from things are different*
*People don't hold grudges against each other*
*We know forgiveness frees the soul.*
*Hatred, fear, and ignorance destroy it.*
*Vanity blinds man to humbleness.*
*Making pride one of humanity's greatest weaknesses*
*The enemy of us all seeks to exploit that weakness*
*But I who am called Osayaba will not allow it!*
*Sergio Willis*

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*(That won't go away)*

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*Being rejected by those you seek to aid.*
*Thats the story of my life. . .*
*Can this be how Jesus felt?*
*Despite this pain I feel*
*I still expose myself in my quest to help others.*
*Because to lose hope is to lose one's self.*
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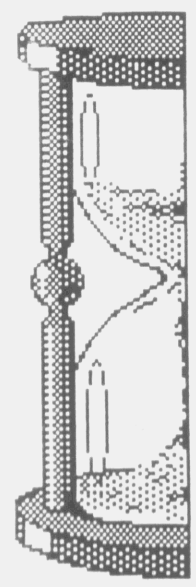
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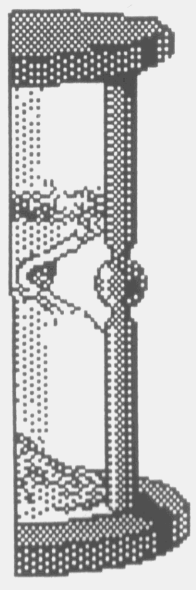
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**Tuesday, November 12, 1991**
Farmville High School

**Wednesday, November 13, 1991**
D. H. Conley High School

**Thursday, November 14, 1991**
Ayden-Grifton High School

**Monday, November 18, 1991**
North Pitt High School

**Wednesday, November 20, 1991**
Pitt County Office Building

**Each meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m.**

For more information, please contact the
Pitt County Planning Department
1717 W. 5th Street, Greenville, NC
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**Jeffery G. Ulma, Executive Secretary**
**Pitt County Planning Board**



PASTOR'S APPRECIATION... Pictured above are Mr. and Mrs. James Corbett, Pastor of Community Christian Church and Mr. Corbett's guest speaker, Mr. and Mrs. Dexter Winfield, former assistant pastor of Faith and Victory Church.

# USDA penalizes 12 North Carolina grocers who participated in the food stamp program

**During the third quarter of 1991, from July through September, the U.S. Department of Agriculture penalized 12 North Carolina grocers who participated in the food stamp program. In the eight Southeastern states, 114 grocers were penalized for violating food stamp program rules.**

**During the prior quarter, 160 Southeastern stores were penalized. Eleven of those were in North Carolina. Last year USDA's Food and Nutrition Service took administrative action against 452 grocers in the Southeast.**

**Third quarter statistics show that in North Carolina, six stores were disqualified for periods up to three years. Five stores were permanently disqualified for trafficking, and the remaining one store was assessed a fine in lieu of disqualification.**

**Investigations revealed that some grocers allowed the purchase of non-food items with food stamps and some exchanged food stamps for cash. Food stamps can be used legally only to buy food, garden seed and plants used to grow food, said Gerald D. Holt, officer-in-charge of the USDA FNS Raleigh field office.**

**Approximately 7600 retail firms in North Carolina are authorized to participate in the food stamp program, which annually accounts for nearly $310 million in food assistance to low-income families and related administrative costs.**

**A disqualified store may not accept food stamps during the disqualification period. To resume participation in the program the grocer must apply to USDA for reinstatement. In addition to meeting authorization requirements, the grocer is required to present a collateral bond or irrevocable letter of credit of at least $1,000 to the Raleigh field office. If the store is sold, a new owner may apply to accept food stamps.**

**USDA encourages the public to report violations of the food stamp program by calling 1-800-424-9121, the toll-free number for USDA's Inspector General in Washington, D.C. The number is posted as participating grocery stores. Also, violations can be reported to the nearest Food and Nutrition Service office. In the Southeast, FNS offices are located in the capital city of each state and are listed in the government pages of the telephone book.**

## Health fair held at the Plaza Mall

In commemoration of National Patient Education Week, Pitt County Memorial Hospital sponsored a health fair at the Plaza Mall on Saturday, November 2, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

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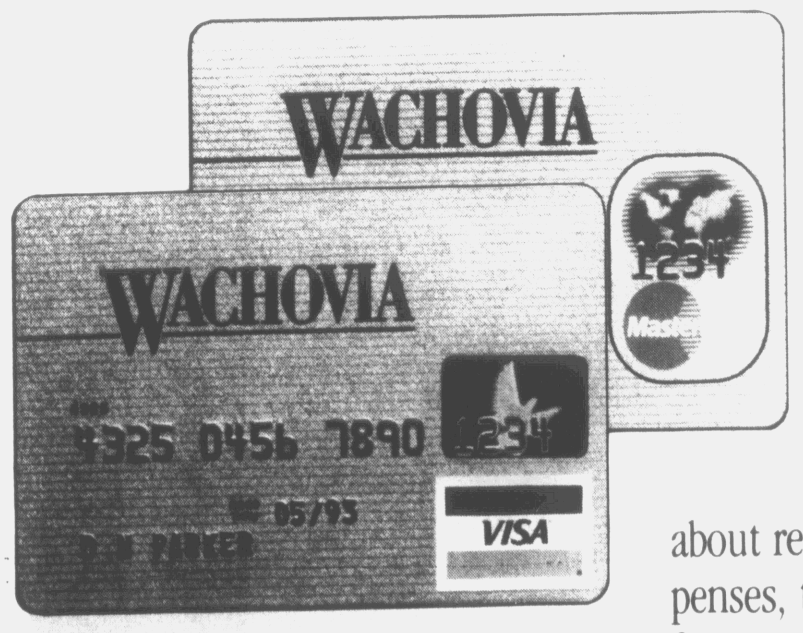
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# Museum of Art will sponsor the Southeast Juried Artist Exhibition

The Greenville Museum of Art will sponsor the Southeast Juried Artist Exhibition and Sale on November 16 and 17 at the Hilton Inn in Greenville. The exhibition will feature the work of artists throughout North Carolina presenting a variety of media—painting, sculpture, glass, ceramics, jewelry, textiles, and printmaking. The show will also feature demonstrations of artists at work.

The exhibition will be open on Saturday, November 16, from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m. and on Sunday, November 17, from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. The admission price is $3 for adults, $2.50 for senior citizens and $2.50 for children.

For more information on the exhibition and sale, contact Gail Hunt at the Greenville Museum of Art at 919-758-1946. The exhibition and sale is being coordinated and produced by the Greenville Museum of Art with the support of a grant from the Pitt-Greenville Convention and Visitors Authority. Proceeds will go towards the education programs at the Greenville Museum of Art.

# Obituaries

**MOYE**

Mr. John Payton "Chicken" Moye, 96, of 303 Roberta Drive, Ayden, died Thursday at his home. Funeral services were conducted Sunday at 2 p.m. at Little Creek Church of Christ Disciples of Christ Church in Ayden with his pastor Elder Clifton Howard officiating. Interment followed in the Ayden Cemetery.

Mr. Moye was the son of the late Mr. Augusta and Mrs. Polly Payton Moye. He was born and reared in the Ayden community of Pitt County where he lived most of his life. He was a member of the Little Creek Church of Christ Disciples of Christ Church and the Church's Mother Club.

Mr. Moye is survived by six sons; Roy Moye of Greenville, Johnnie L. Moye of the home, Alex Moye, R.C. Moye and Hubert Earl Moye, all of Ayden and Curtis Moye of Grifton; two daughters, Mrs. Obelia M. Hicks of New Haven, CT and Mrs. Catherine M. Ormond of Ayden; one sister, Mrs. Armissie M. Pridgen of Hartford, CT, 58 grandchildren, 102 great-grandchildren and 34 great-great-grandchildren.

**BURNEY**

Mr. Leroy Burney, 56, of 2119 West Bellevue Street, Philadelphia, PA died Monday at Pennsylvania Hospital in Pennsylvania. Funeral services were conducted Monday at Cathedral of Faith Missionary Baptist Church in Philadelphia. G. Frank Page Funeral Home was in charge of services.

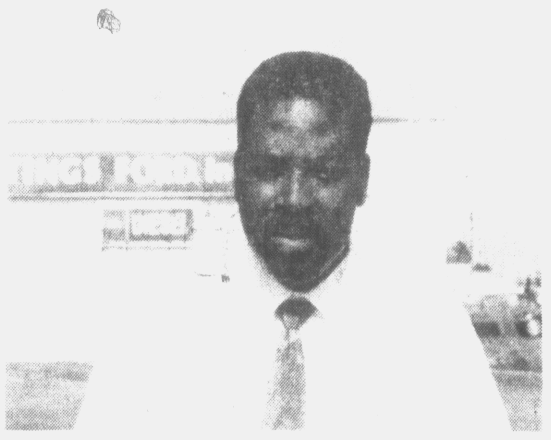
Mr. Burney is survived by four daughters all of Philadelphia, PA; four sisters, Mrs. Leatha B. Rouse of Kinston, Mrs. Dorothy B. Wilkins of East Orange, NJ, Ms. Geraldine Burney of Newark, NJ, and Ms. Lorraine Burney of Snow Hill; five brothers, Levi Burney of Lindenwold, NJ, A.J. Burney of Red Bank, NJ, Hubert E. Burney of Philadelphia, PA, George L. Burney of Newark, NJ and Jimmy Burney of Rahway, NJ.


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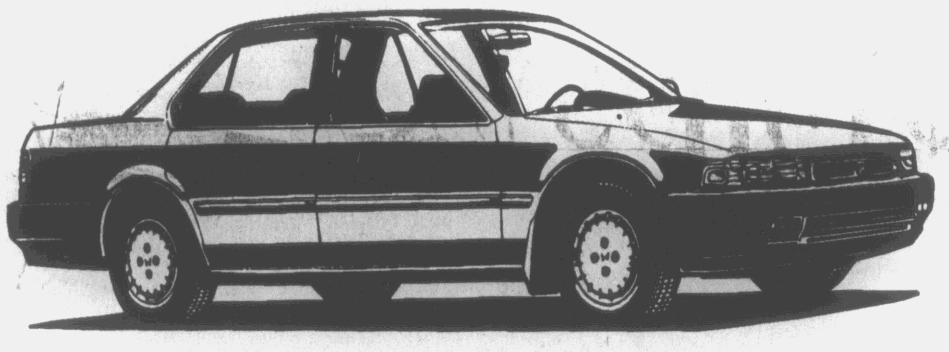
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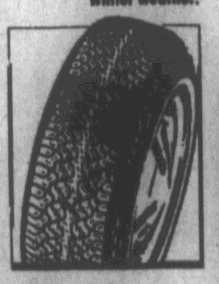
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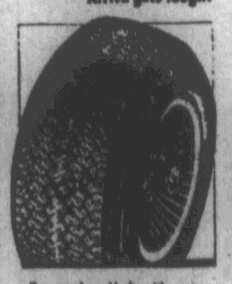
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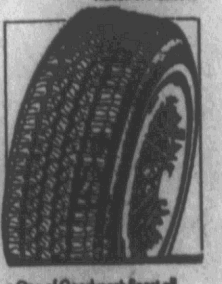
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