The Small Business Administration has tentatively decided to hold a workshop on small businesses and minority opportunities in the world of business. The tentative date is June 18th, 1975. The workshop is scheduled to run a full day, complete with consultants, speakers and special guests. One of the things that will determine the outcome of the workshop is the number of black businessmen that will attend the workshop.

The Cobb County News Bureau, being a minority enterprise in Cobb County, has taken the lead in joining the Cobb Chamber of Commerce and going directly to the Small Business Administration (SBA) for counseling and technical assistance to be better able to manage and expand business operations. We think that more black businesses should become involved in the business world of securing and managing capital.

Most black businesses are owned by one person, the one-man owner and fearful of expansion. And, perhaps, some of the fears black businessmen face are real—at least they used to be. For too long black businessmen could not acquire the investment capital necessary to give a good business possibility a chance to succeed. General only enough money to insure continued indebtedness could be acquired. But some of that has changed.

Black businessmen are now able to secure investment capital, management counseling and technical advice in the starting and operating of a business.

We of the Cobb County News Bureau believe that a SBA sponsored workshop is the number of black businessmen that will attend the workshop.

The downtown area in Marietta is of a dire urgency. For over the last few years, through urban renewal and other "progress" movements, fully 85% of black businesses have been destroyed. The closing of Hunter's Corner is a most recent example of the toll "progress" is taking on the economy of the black community in Marietta. The time has come for black businessmen to organize and put a stop to the sheer destruction of the economic base of the black community.

The Cobb County News Bureau is asking all black businesses in the Marietta Cobb County area to make provisions to have someone from every black business represented in the meeting slated for the 18th of June.

From the June 18th workshop, considering that black businessmen will participate and it will take place, minority businessmen need to organize and become affiliated with the National Business League and/or other business organizations working directly to develop minority businesses in the economy. We must reverse the trend and begin a continued increase in black businesses as black businessmen. We will require that black businessmen get together, set goals and objectives, keep up with zoning and land use in the city of Marietta and Cobb County. Too many black people are giving away valuable land for little or nothing compared to what it is worth on the market — and especially what it will be worth in a few years if held onto. But, as there is no communication among and between black businessmen, there is little chance for the interchange and sharing of information about the business movements in the community. Thus, blacks get left out.

Too few blacks know and make use of organizations that are designed and operated to aid minority businesses. As an example, finding and tapping sources of capital is a central problem confronted by black businessmen who want to start or improve a business.

The SBA aids in this effort. During Fiscal Year 1973, for instance, SBA minority business loans totaled $306.7 million. The average loan size was $2,510. SBA Minority Loan and Development Company Loans. Under the EOL program, minority businesses are encouraged to acquire loans of up to $50,000.00 with terms of 12 years.

Recognizing the enormous potential in the construction field for minority contractors, SBA has developed a bond guarantee program whereby private surety bond underwriters receive a guarantee up to 90% of any loss on a bond issued to a minority contractor. The ceiling on each contract is $500,000.00.

Another program of special significance to minority businesses is the Revolving Loan Credit program. This program enables a business with adequate collateral for its goods and services to negotiate with its bank for a line of credit, using the contract as collateral. The agency will then guarantee up to 90% of the line of credit.

Also, Section 8 (a) of the Small Business Act has been used effectively in recent years to enable small minority businesses to contract with the Federal Government. This provision authorizes SBA to take prime procurement contracts from other Federal agencies and to subcontract with minority firms through negotiations for the required goods and services.

Under the direction of the Assistant Administrator for Minority Enterprise, the Office of Minority Enterprise (OME) monitors all SBA programs in the field and gives support and guidance to local and regional staff members, all of whom have a responsibility to take affirmative actions in behalf of minority enterprises. With the increase in the building industry, more and more black businessmen should consider the construction industry. HUD awards a considerable number of contracts to minority firms.

Black business must become big business. There is no place in America for any and pop operations and one-man shows. The wave of the future is big businesses with bigger and better services and facilities. Blacks cannot allow to be left out of the market place. For this is where the game of freedom — indeed life itself — is won or lost.

ALL BLACK BUSINESSPERSONS WHO WILL ATTEND THE ALL-DAY SBA SPONSORED WORKSHOP ON JUNE 18TH, PLEASE CALL THE COBB COUNTY NEWS BUREAU AT 424-0940 AND TELL US YOUR NAME. WE NEED TO KNOW THE NUMBER TO PREPARE FOR THE NUMBER TO PREPARE THE NUMBER TO PREPARE FOR THE NUMBER TO PREPARE WORKSHOPS FOR EVERYONE. Workshops are being sponsored by the SBA. All you have to do is come out and learn how to make more and bigger money. Can we afford not to attend such a workshop in such times as these?

At present we are requesting the Cobb County Chamber of Commerce facility for the workshop.

THE HOUSING MESS

Some Marietta residents are concerned that the effort to secure Day Care through the Marietta Housing Authority may in fact be an effort to do more favoritism hiring by the Housing Authority. Parents should be strongly organized to maintain surveillance and control over the lives of their children regardless of who is in charge of day care in Marietta. The precious lives of little children must not become the sole political objectives of those who seek only their self-interest.

URBAN RENEWAL SWINDLE?

Residents who put up money, one lady as much as $500.00 in the hopes of getting a house that she could pay for, find that the real estate companies handling such transactions are building houses much out of the range of poor residents' abilities to buy. Residents are asking that these real estate companies be investigated and should they be found guilty of unethical policies toward clients their licenses should be taken.

ALCOHOLISM PROGRAM ANYONE?

With all the drunks and winos on the corners each day, it seems that the Douglas-Cobb Alcoholism program either needs to be greatly expanded or closed. Presently, Cobb County is turning out more alcoholics than it is curing. Will someone please help, the very area where the program is located is overrun with alcoholics.

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT IN MARIETTA

The downtown area in Marietta, like downtown areas all over the country is in a state of decline. But also like other downtown areas, it provides an excellent opportunity for re-development. Any downtown development in Marietta should certainly include black businesses, as black businesses have suffered the greatest losses in removal and/or destruction over the past few years of the urban renewal mess.

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The City of Marietta is undergoing tremendous change, socially, economically and politically. The old fears, hatreds and prejudices are dying out. New people with new ideas are moving into the area. New political alliances are being formed and new interests are emerging in this overall climate that may really be called the III Consciousness era spoken of in "THE GREENING OF AMERICA".

This climate and new awakening means unlimited opportunity for those who would seize the time. With blacks constituting a small percentage of the overall population of Cobb County and that population concentrated in Marietta, around the core of the city itself, black businessmen should take advantage of the chance to become involved in real community development. Stores that are closing and going out of business, or moving to suburban malls make room for black businessmen to open stores and shops and shopping centers on and near the "square". Should this opportunity be overlooked the black businessman will have no one to blame but himself/herself.

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By Rev. Isaac Richmond

During the days of First Century Palestine, there emerged a young man on the scene called Jesus. His mind, heart and thoughts were tuned to one He often referred to as the Father. This man Jesus, it is said, went around declaring Himself good for all sorts of purposes. He was found in the strangest places and with some of the most unusual people, the poor in body, the sinners. For this man Jesus was about the business of saving people. This did not win him many friends among those who were saved - for the person who is well needs no physician - but among those who needed him most.

Reading the New Testament carefully and, not just listening to a "proof text" to a sermon, one would have to admit that this book had certain outstanding and distinguishing characteristics. He would have been surpised to find that lawyers and doctors and speaking with authority meant that Jesus not only had something to say, but he knew how to say it to have the greatest impact. He was just. When Jesus came upon that bunch of hypocrisy He wanted to stone the woman. He knew that real teaching had been taught in adulteries, but He insisted that they examine themselves to see if they were clean enough to pass the death judgment on another. It was the way He disposed of liars and hypocrites. Then He went out to the people and showed many things about the ways of men, for He could see through them. He saw the dirtied with the reality that life is a life of bones and no strength. It is a life of bones and no strength. It is a life of bones and no strength.

Brothers of the cloth, let us come together and give flesh to our words, substance to our arguments, and life to our lives and the lives of the people who look to us for leadership. Many of us have arrogated our responsibility to the ministry. Too many of us have assumed the role of a minister, concern for the case, and living for the Life. But a life devoid of service is an empty life. It is a life of bones and no flesh, lumps and no oil, finishing and no power, pretty motors and no fuel, outside show and no inside integrity, fraudulent smiles to the world and troubled inner spirits. This empty life is the kind of condition that causes rich men with "everything" to shoot themselves, movie stars to commit suicide and people to accumulate all the world's goods only to have to come to grips with the reality that life is more, much more than food and rainment, much more than clothing and good things. The rich men, not as something more than cars and jewelry. Life is peace of mind, for it grips with the reality that life is more, much more than food and rainment, much more than clothing and good things. The rich men, not as something more than cars and jewelry. Life is peace of mind, for it grips with the reality that life is more, much more than food and rainment, much more than clothing and good things.
RICHARD ALLEN

"This land, which we have watered with our tears and blood, is now our mother country," wrote Bishop Rich­ard Allen on November 2, 1804. Allen had been a slave on February 14, 1760, in Philadelphia.

Converted to Christianity in 1777, he began his career as a minister three years later. Allen's master permitted him to preach in his house, and himself became one of Allen's converts. Allen then travelled with Richard Wat­son, a white Methodist minis­ter. Bishop Francis Asbury also gave him assignments to preach, and in 1786, upon coming to Philadelphia, he was invited to speak at the St. George's Episcopal Church and other white churches.

Not the first young clergy­man thought he would be at ease in the white people's church. But the problems facing him because of his blackness became increasingly difficult. He preached with such power and attracted so many of his own people that the church began to send slaves to the galleries to wor­ship. Then, one morning, just as Allen and his friends were being shown to the gallery, the elder began to pray. "We have been here on our knees, when I raised my hand and saw one of the trustees stepping up to the Reverend Abascon Jones off his knees", reported Allen. "Wait until the prayer is over", cried the white minister urged. The trustees refused, calling for help to force the black man to get up. It was then that they left the church in a body. Their with­drawal marked the birth of the African Methodist Epis­tolic Church (AME), founded in 1796 by Allen and Abascon Jones.

By 1831 Allen had attained stature as a convert. At this peak, unequaled until the rise of Frederick Douglass. In laying the foundation for a national denomination, Allen founded the first interstate association of black churches. Despite his blackness, Allen thought in secular terms as well as religious. He threw himself into efforts to develop black educational institutions. He was a principal organizer, with James Forten, of the Free Negro Convention Movement, of which he was elected presi­dent. Allen was particularly interested in the black man's role to become group-conscious; that the initiative for the crusade for final freedom must be within the black community itself in association with symp­athetic whites; that group solidarity be an indispensable element in the anti-slavery crusade.

Allen was elected Bishop of the African Method­ist Episcopal Church in 1816 and continued to preside until his death on March 22, 1831.

PETER SALEM

[This continues our special series on Black Americans in the American Revolution.]

The encounters at Lexing­ton and Concord in April 1775, roused the new England colonists, and in the days that followed, some sixteen thou­sand Americans marched on Boston. But the British had no plans to resist any further British mili­tary expeditions. The Second Continental Congress in Philadel­phia, acting for the Thirteen Colonies, appointed George Washington commander in chief to command all continental forces. But before the General reached the camp forming around Boston, another collision be­tween the Redcoats and the Patriots occurred on June 17, 1775.

The opposing armies raced to occupy the elevations which commanded the city. The colonists were first to reach and fortify Bunker Hill.

The British command­ers realized they must take the hill, and more important, wel­comed the opportunity to break the rebellion efforts for all. They did not believe that the Americans would stand up to a full-scale assault. This contempt for the fighting qualities of Americans was caught up with a pride in the heretofore invulnerable British arms.

A heavy cannonading from both land and sea preceded the action. About this time the Massachusetts Regiment hastened to reinforce the defending patriots. With this reinforcement, Peter Salem (born in Francham, Massachus­etts, about 1750) who was freed as a slave to enlist and who had seen action in the Battle of Concord as a Minute­man, was ready.

Several times the Redcoats were repelled in their assault on Bunker Hill. On one attack Peter Salem reportedly fired the British commander of a national standard. Fighting side-by-side with their white comrades many black Americans, Devent­ander Ames, Caesar Bason, Caesar Brown, who was killed in action that day; Seymour Burr, Titus Colburn, Grant Dickerson, Charleston Eads, Pomp Fisk, Prince Hall, who was later to become a pioneer Black Masonic leader and an active abolitionist; Cuff Haynes, Cato Matthews, Law, Samson Talbert, Cato Tufts, Caesar Wetherbee, and Cuff White­man, who was also at the Battle of Lexington and Con­cord.

Another black patriot re­ceived a special commenda­tion for his heroism at Bunker Hill. The citation was signed by fourteen of his white fellow

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KENNESAW VILLAGE RESIDENTS ORGANIZE

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An official from HUD, Mr. Crawford Hix, has been out lending "assistance" to the organizing of a tenants association. Mr. Hix is in the area of "technical assistance" from HUD, the agency that has given its approval to the housing conditions in the Kennesaw Village Apartments. Mr. Crawford expressed concern for "working something between tenants and management". His solution appears to be a long and drawn out process of "getting everybody together". Tenants expressed feelings that they are already together, and that the need is immediate action on recreational facilities, playground equipment, repairs and upkeep, and open communication about things like leases, rent assistance, and who wants a street!

Tenants had stated in an earlier report that the city of Marietta would clean the street if the owners of the apartment complex would dedicate the street to the city. It seems that management would be more than glad to dedicate the streets, but now it appears that the city does not want the streets - or did not want them in the first place. Somebody is not quite squaring on the street deal.

From reports brought by people in housing complexes, public housing and in Urban Renewal tracts, the Department of HUD is not living up to its full responsibility in making certain that housing and living conditions are up to par. The HUD department approved Kennesaw Village Apartments in their present form, without any provisions for recreation and play, and other services that one should be able to take advantage of in a living environment.

A case in point is that of a woman who gave $500.00 to a real estate agency in Marietta on the assumption that she would get a house built to her specifications and within her income level. As soon as the real estate agency got the right to build the house they put it in a market-value level instead of the ability of the low-income person to pay. That person to date is uncertain about her house.

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The Cobb County News Bureau urges all black businesspersons in the Marietta-Cobb County area to make provisions to attend the Small Business Administration sponsored workshop to be held on the 18th of June. The workshop will be designed to involve black and other minority persons in the business world. But the workshop will not be limited to black businesspersons. The workshop is for all persons interested in operating or considering going into business. A wealth of information will be provided, along with speakers and consultants - and the entire workshop is paid for by the SBA. Cobb News will be one co-sponsor of the workshop, and minority representation will be on the panel of speakers and consultants.

The workshop will be a day-long session with appropriate breaks for meals and refreshments. You should come prepared to spend the entire six hours during the workshop, so as to get the full benefit of the seminars. Make plans to have someone attend your business on June 18th. Full participation is needed in order for the workshop to be a success.

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officers and men, including Colonel William Prescott - ("Don't fire until you see the whites of their eyes."). the field commander of the battle: 
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Under repeated assaults and because their ammunition was exhausted the Americans retired. Although the British carried the day, it was a Pyrrhic victory: the king’s casualties were about one thousand one hundred and fifty out of a total of two thousand five hundred men engaged; Patriot losses, about four hundred out of one thousand six hundred. The "invincibility" of British arms had been exploded and a republic was born.

After Bunker Hill, Peter Salem continued his military service for seven years, seeing action again at the crucial Battle of Saratoga in 1777. Back to civilian life, he settled in Leicester, Massachusetts, plying his trade of basket making, and in 1783 married Katy Benson. Subsequently returning to Framingham, he died on August 16, 1816.

In John Trumbull's great historic painting of the Battle of Bunker Hill, in the Rotunda of the Capitol at Washington, D.C., Peter Salem is one of the conspicuous figures. In 1982, the town of Framingham voted to place a memorial stone over his grave and appropriated one hundred fifty dollars for the purpose. The Daughters of the American Revolution honored his memory in 1909. They acquired possession of the site of his home in Leicester, beautified the spot and caused to be placed in a stone fence by the roadside a large boulder bearing this inscription: "Here lived Peter Salem, a Black soldier of the Revolution".

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