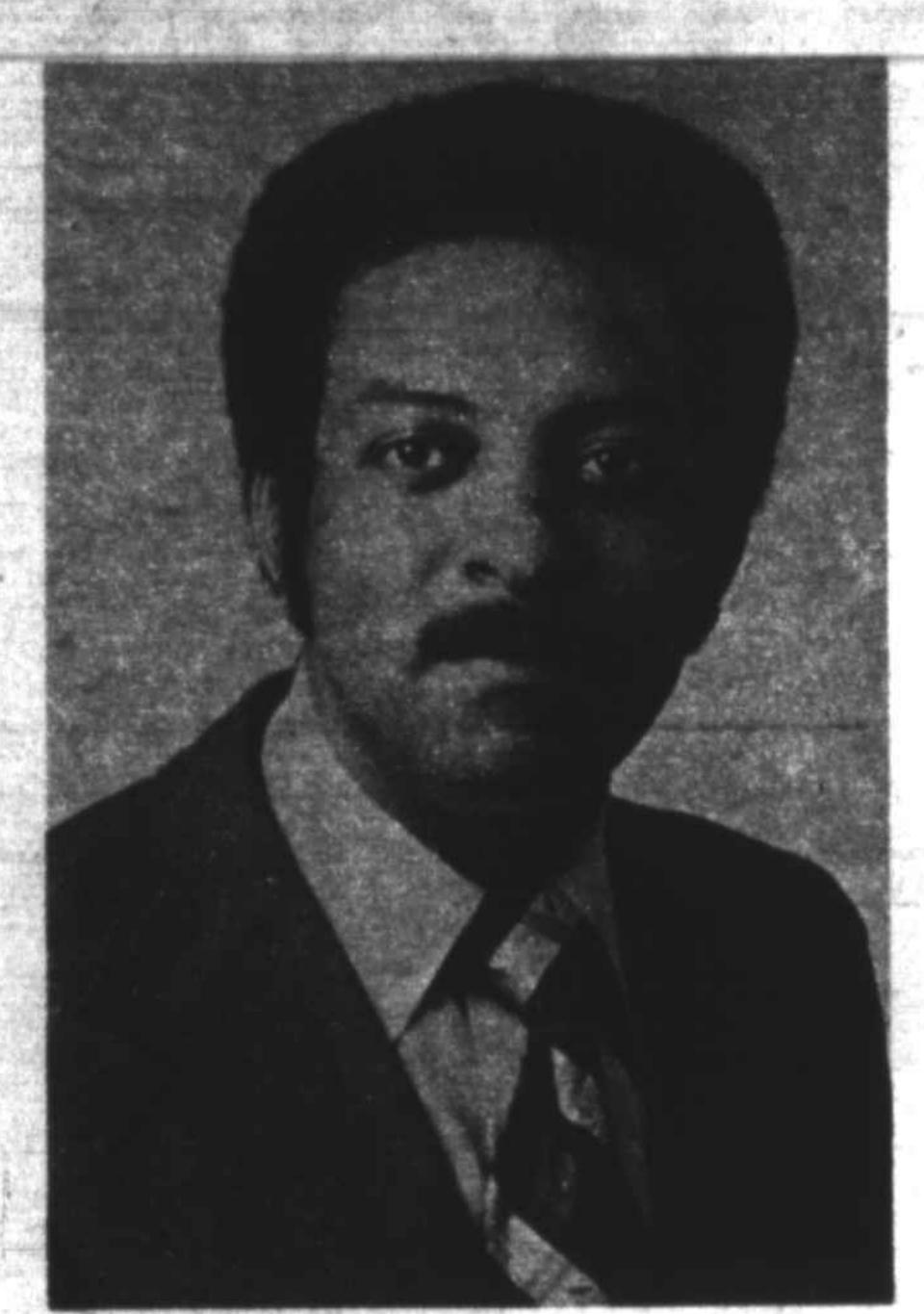
In DAWN Spotlight



Peyton Williams Jr.

The Georgia State Board of Education recently approved the appointment of Peyton Williams Jr., of Sylvania as assistant superintendent for special activities in the Georgia Department of Education.

Williams, currently principal of Central Middle School in Screven County and a member of the Governor's Task Force on Education, will assume his new duties July 1.

As special assistant and advisor to State Superintendent of Schools Jack P. Nix and Deputy State Superintendent of Schools Joe Edwards, Williams will direct activities and programs relating to nondiscrimination provisions of federal legislation such as

the Civil Rights Act, the Fair Labor Standards Act, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, the Rehabilitation Acts, the Family Education—Rights and Privacy Act, Education for All Handicapped Children Act, Emergency School Aid Act and others.

Interior Department Under Secretary Sets Precedent



JAMES A. JOSEPH was sworn into office recently as under secretary of the Interior, the first black person to hold the second highest position in the department.

Secretary of the Interior Cecil D. Andrus presided at the swearing-in ceremony in the department's auditorium.

"We were most fortunate that Mr. Joseph agreed to serve in this position," Andrus said. "He is one of America's most outstanding executives. I am pleased he will be with us."

Joseph brings to his new position a broad experience in economic and social development affairs, and feels strongly about the need for the department to protect human resources.

He is married to the former Doris Taylor of Plainfield, New Jersey. They have two children, Jeffrey and Denise.

Achievements by new legal expert, Georgia school official, federal government aide and state secretary highlighted by DAWN



Shirley G. Steele



Pennsylvania Secretary of Administration James N. Wade signs document transferring Valley Forge State Park to the National Park Service, U.S. Department of the Interior.

James N. Wade

"Would it have been possible for one of my ancestors to have represented the colony of Pennsylvania 200 years ago?", asked state Secretary of Administration James N. Wade at a moving

Mrs. Shirley Greenard Steele, a native of Salisbury and holder of the doctor of jurisprudence degree from Drake University of lowa, who has been admitted to the State Bar of lowa and commended for her work with the lowa Supreme Court by Chief Justice C. Edwin Moore, was recently appointed to the position of assistant attorney general by that state's attorney general, Richard C. Turner.

A 1974 graduate of Livingstone College, Salisbury, N.C. Mrs. Steele's work will consist of representing the state of lowa in civil rights legislation and criminal appeals. She is the first black woman to serve in such a position in the state of lowa.

Mrs. Steele is a widow and the mother of three, Sheryl, 17, Joan, 13, and John, 10.

After 200 years, Valley Forge stands for freedom

historical ceremony at Valley Forge, Pa.

Secretary Wade was representing the state of Pennsylvania—on behalf of Governor Milton J. Shapp —

at a recent ceremony marking the transfer of historic Valley Forge Park to the federal government -"A bicentennial gift from Pennsylvania to the American People, Secretary Wade noted.

In his address before 300 people, including state and federal officials, and spectators in colonial costumes, Secretary Wade said:

"It is significant that I

have been chosen for this role. Pause for a moment and turn back the clock 200 years. Would it have been possible then for any black person — or even one of my ancestors — to represent the colony of Pennsylvania?

"Indeed, this is an occasion for all of us to realize what Valley Forge stands for — the long, cold, hungry, bitter ordeal for every man's freedom."

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