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'Tis better to light a candle than to curse the darkness'

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Mrs. Rhetonia P. Chisholm celebrated 95th birthday on October 18

## Someone to be thankful for. . .

R.P. Chisholm has given much to her family and community

**Editor's note:** Each Thanksgiving The Tuskegee News profiles individuals or organizations that have contributed to the community and for which we are thankful. Spotlighted this year is Mrs. Rhetonia Perry (R.P.) Chisholm.

By GUY RHODES  
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As an educator, elected official, cemetery caretaker and volunteer, Mrs. Rhetonia Perry (R.P.) Chisholm has put her heart and soul into making Macon County and Tuskegee a better place.

Born Oct. 10, 1920, Mrs. Chisholm recently celebrated her 95th birthday and was joined by friends and family. As a testament to her tenacity, Mrs. Chisholm was back in her home on Tuskegee's Chisholm Street after spending 14 months in Magnolia Haven Nursing and Rehabilitation Center for an illness.

"I can do everything for myself, except drive," Mrs. Chisholm points out.

Her sons, Charles Jr., who works at the Tuskegee V.A. Hospital, and Euclde, an employee of the Utilities Board of Tuskegee (UBT), usually drive their mother where she needs to be.



Photos by Jacquelyn Carlisle

State Rep. Pebblin Warren, right, and her husband retired Macon County Sheriff David Warren wish Mrs. R.P. Chisholm a happy birthday.

A life-long resident of Macon County with the exception of a couple of years, Mrs. Chisholm graduated from Tuskegee Institute in 1944 when one of her professors was Dr. Charles Gomillion, who taught her history. Dr. Gomillion headed the Tuskegee Improvement Association (TIA) that was instrumental in the local civil rights movement.

She majored in home economics with a minor in science. But

she didn't immediately go into the education field because of what she considered a matter of principle.

"I had a teacher at Tuskegee Institute that gave me an 'A' in swimming and I never saw the swimming pool," she explains. "I was going to report her to Dr. Patterson (TI President Frederick Patterson), but was talked out of it by some other instructors. My mother had bought me a one-piece swim suit. I felt like I was cheated and to this day I can't swim."

Instead of teaching she went to Detroit where one of her brothers was living.

"I passed a test to be a secretary with flying colors, but the man told me that with my education I shouldn't work for

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Mrs. R.P. Chisholm joined by her 1944 Tuskegee Institute classmate, Johnnie Kirkland, right, and cousin, Yvonne Vaughan, left, at her 95th birthday celebration.

## Carver Elementary School celebrates Thanksgiving



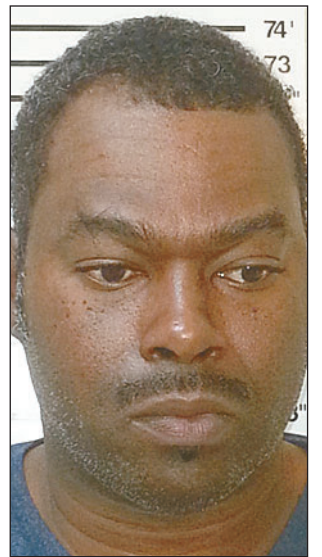
Mrs. and Miss George Washington Carver, Kenneth Moore and MaKayla Jones, both in third grade, in front of a Thanksgiving decoration at the school. Above is another of the Carver School decorations.

## Birmingham man held on local charge of attempted murder

The Tuskegee Police Department have arrested 43-year-old Chris Wimbush and charged him with attempted murder in connection with an assault that occurred on Saturday, Nov. 7.

According to Tuskegee Police Chief Lester Patrick Lester Patrick, at approximately 6:41 p.m., Tuskegee Police received a complaint of a woman having been assaulted at the 200 block of East Oak Street.

Upon arrival contact was made with a female on the ground suffering from an injury. It was later learned that the victim and her husband, both residents of Birmingham, had been engaged in a verbal dispute that turned physical, resulting in the victim suffering an injury to her neck.



Chris Wimbush

The 44-year-old victim was treated on scene and later transferred by Life Flight helicopter to Columbus Regional Hospital in Columbus.

On Sunday, Nov. 8, Tuskegee Police investigators traveled to Birmingham and arrested Wimbush and he was transported to Tuskegee and placed in the Macon County Detention Center where he was held on a \$75,000 bond.

## Dillman submits signatures for run as an independent for Commission Chairman

By GUY RHODES  
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Long-time Notasulga resident Frank Dillman turned in a required petition and the paperwork required to qualify as an independent candidate for the position of chairman of the Macon County Commission.

Dillman turned in the paperwork with 284 signatures to Macon County Probate Judge Alfonza Menefee at the Macon County Courthouse on Friday, Nov. 20.

Dillman refers to himself as a "watchdog" of county government and for many years he has been a columnist for The Tuskegee News since the inception of a community reporting page four years ago.

The last independent candidate to qualify in

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Macon County Probate Judge Alfonza Menefee, left, shakes hands with Frank Dillman, who submitted signatures to run as an independent candidate for the Macon County Commission chairmanship.



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