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## NEWSLETTER

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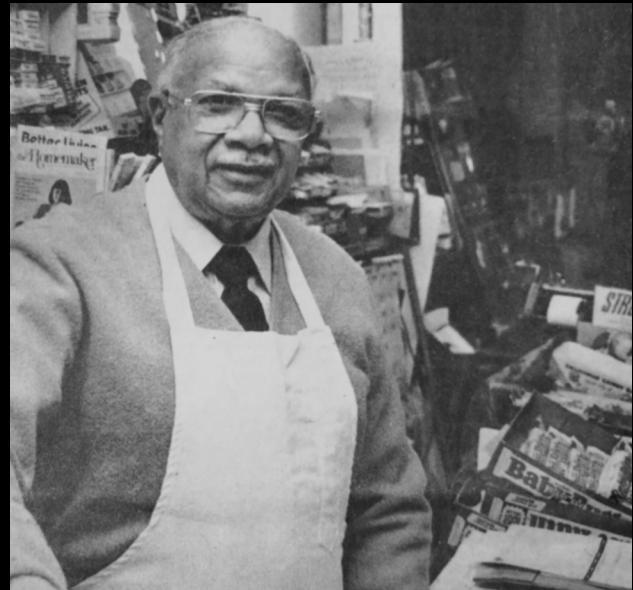
# Lash Raised the Bar for Community Service

The month of February is nationally recognized as Black History month. While there are many historical figures and events that can be discussed, this month's focus will be on local history and milestone events. The last name of the man acknowledged in this article is significant because one of the Head Start/Early Head Start locations of the Salisbury-Rowan Community Action Agency, Inc is named in honor of his service to the community.

**Wiley Immanuel Lash** was born in Salisbury in 1908. He began his studies at Howard University in 1927 with aspirations of becoming an attorney. By the age of 21, he began sharpening his political and social skills. Lash would help the professor launch voter registration drives that promoted awareness about candidates and the importance of being heard at ballot boxes. Lash became a charter member of a minority organization that petitioned for better streets, lighting, water, and recreation centers for children.

As the Great Depression began to hit the country, the Lash family had a chain of seven grocery stores in Salisbury that were feeling the impact. Only able to save four of their stores, Wiley Lash returned to Salisbury to help with the family businesses. Being determined to succeed, he graduated from Livingstone College with a sociology degree in 1934.

During the late 30s Salisbury only had a few public places for people of all ethnicities to gather due to social segregation codes. However, the Lash grocery stores were integrated from the first store that opened in 1910. According to research, their stores



*Wiley Lash was a Businessman, Political Activist, Humanitarian, and the First African-American Mayor Of Salisbury.*

became a central hub for people of all backgrounds to meet (Anderson). Many people would visit the store to ask about resources available within the community.

Wiley Lash served in many community roles during his lifetime to make the world a better place and help those in need. He served on the boards of Livingstone College, National Resources & Community Development, Hospice, Head Start, Rufty-Holmes Senior Center, Community Service Council, Salisbury-Rowan Human Relations Council, and Chamber of Commerce to name a few.

Wiley Lash became the first African American mayor of Salisbury in 1981 at the age of 72. His vision as mayor was to expand on the relationships between Black & White citizens in the county, a cause which he remained dedicated to until his death on November 3, 1995.

Anderson, Natalie. "Wiley Paved the Way": Locals Reflect on Impact of Lash Grocery Store." Salisbury Post, 14 Feb. 2021, [www.salisburypost.com/2021/02/14/wiley-paved-the-way-locals-reflect-on-the-impact-of-lash-grocery-store-owned-by-citys-first-black-mayor](http://www.salisburypost.com/2021/02/14/wiley-paved-the-way-locals-reflect-on-the-impact-of-lash-grocery-store-owned-by-citys-first-black-mayor).



*Wiley Lash shown here with other City Board Members*

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**Author's Note:** Through history, we can learn how past societies, systems, ideologies, governments, cultures, and technologies were built. Sadly, there is an immense amount of history that was never documented or recorded concerning African-Americans when certain dates are reached. This fact makes genealogy research extremely difficult and many people desiring to learn their ancestry run into a dead end when going past the 1900s. -Robert Houpe



# The Defining Years of Advancement and Progress

There are many milestones in local history in which movements for equality were made, organizations were founded, and buildings were erected. This article will reflect on several important milestones in local history.

**1865 The Freedmen’s Bureau Established:** Congress passed an act to establish a Bureau for the Relief of Freed men and Refugees to provide food, shelter, clothing, medical services, and land to displaced Southerners, including newly freed African Americans.

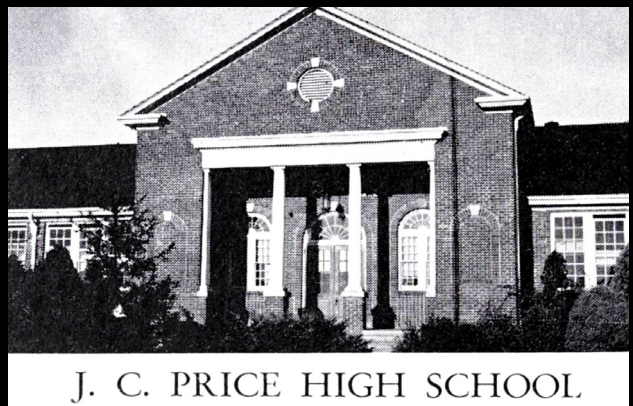
**1868 Rev. J. W. Hood Appointed Assistant Superintendent:** A major advancement during this time. Although he was hampered by racial hostility and the lack of black teachers, he increased attendance to 49,000 students in 1871.

**1879 Hood Theological Seminary Founded:** Named in honor of James Walker Hood on the Livingstone Campus. Building erected in 1882.

**1920 Monroe Street School Begins:** on the Campus of Livingstone College.

**1922 Monroe Street School moves:** The school relocated from the campus site to the 1100 block of West Monroe Street.

**1924 The Hurculese Smith House:** Was located at 916 Horah Street as a hospital for African-Americans utilized until 1932.



**1926 Monroe Street School Renamed:** In honor of the first president of Livingstone College, the J.C. Price High School.

**1932 Price High School Transfers to New Building:** The high school moved to the current location of the 1300 block of West Bank Street. Now the main office for Salisbury-Rowan Community Action Agency, Inc. At the time the building was erected, it was the only public high school building in Salisbury for African-Americans. In 1967 the school integrated with Boyden High School. The 1970-71 school year was when both were renamed to Salisbury High School at the current location.



## Who was J.C. Price?

Dr. Joseph Charles Price was born in Elizabeth City in 1854. His birth was seven years before the Civil War began, which was the year of 1861. His father was a victim of slavery at the time of his birth; however, his mother was free in which J.C. Price was fortunate to inherit the same social status.

It was during the middle of the Civil War that Price’s mother decided to relocate to New Bern, NC so her son, then 9 years old, could attend Saint Cyprian Episcopal School. This school is believed to have started secret operations around 1845 because during that time it was frowned upon and considered needless for people of color to be properly educated. The church that founded the school dates back as far as 1826.

Price continued his education studying law while attending Shaw University in Raleigh, NC. He was awarded a scholarship to attend Lincoln University where he was voted to be the leader of his class and valedictorian. Price was described as being, “Large, graceful and of commanding presence, his language was faultless, and his intellect was

keen. He swayed audiences with eloquence and a mellifluous voice” (Kellogg).

In 1881, a prominent Salisbury attorney, James M. Gray, advertised property for sale in the September 1, issue of *The Carolina Watchman*. The property named Delta Grove, featured a beautiful home with nearly 40 acres of land located on Old Plank Road. The property was purchased a short time later by two Black businessmen led by J.C. Price. This property is known today as the Livingstone College campus.

Dr. J.C. Price knew that people of color needed education and skills to earn a living in the Reconstruction Era after the Civil War. His wisdom and ability to be forward-thinking is still being utilized today as students attend the college for higher education.

Kellogg, Robert. “Livingstone’s Origin” [Salisbury, NC]. Salisbury Post, nd, pp. 3E-4E.



*Huntington Hall* was the first building used on the campus of Livingstone College. This building was used as a dormitory for college students until it burned down in 1918.

*“The resilience of the Salisbury-Rowan Community Action Agency, Inc. is a direct result of you, our valued employees. Your dedication, commitment and service to this agency is most appreciated, and we would like to take this time to recognize and celebrate you. I would also like to take this moment to welcome aboard our newly hired employees!”*

**-Dione Adkins-Tate  
Executive Director**

## EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

Name	Years
Wynola Hawkins	30 years
Brittany Holland	3 years
Michele Cannizzaro	2 years
Serita Jordan	1 year

## NEW EMPLOYEES

Maya Candy	FDS
Cassandra Cole	Lead Teacher
Stephen Collins	Health & Nutrition Specialist

## SERVING OUR COMMUNITY

### SERVICE OF COMMUNITY TOP PRIORITY

In the aftermath of the unprecedented health crisis faced by our community and our entire nation due to COVID-19, The Salisbury-Rowan Community Action Agency, Inc. continues making the service of the community top priority, from providing early childhood education through our Head Start/Early Head Start Program or tuition assistance for employment skills training through our Self-Sufficiency Program, we are dedicated to helping people, help themselves.

**HEAD START/EARLY HEAD START PROGRAM:** The comprehensive child development program is designed to meet children and family needs, providing a solid foundation for the child and parent to grow together. The primary goals of the Head Start/Early Head Start programs are to provide the best child development practices for children birth to five years of age. Head Start provides a comprehensive child development program that

addresses the physical, cognitive, mental, social, and emotional development of prenatal, infants, toddlers, and preschool participants. The program services Rowan and Davidson counties.

**FAMILY SERVICES:** This Self-Sufficiency program assists those who choose to make a change in their life. For families and individuals enrolled in this program, the agency provides comprehensive supportive services to secure employment or increase their income, obtain education and /or vocational training, make better use of their income, obtain and maintain standard housing, and build a strong work ethic. The program services Rowan and Cabarrus counties.

**CSBG CARES NC:** CARES assistance is provided to individuals and families who have income below 200% of the poverty rate, and whose economic circumstances have been adversely impacted, or has immediate needs due to COVID-19. Applications for assistance can be completed online at [srcaa.com](http://srcaa.com). The program services Rowan, and Cabarrus counties.

## CHEESY TUNA MELT CAKES

Indulge yourself with this recipe that features a crunchy exterior leading to a soft potato and tuna filling with a warm melted cheese center. This hearty recipe is a delicious appetizer that you can enjoy anytime.



### DIRECTIONS

1. Using a fork, pierce the skin of the [adjustable]5/[adjustable] potatoes all over.
2. Microwave each potato for 2 minutes, turn and microwave for 2 minutes until the skins start to wrinkle and the potatoes are soft. Set aside and allow to cool.
3. To a large mixing bowl add the potato and mash until smooth. Add the tuna and mix well. Add the lemon zest and lemon juice, mustard, mayonnaise, green onions, corn, salt and pepper.
4. Take 3/4 cup of mix and form into a flat round. Make a deep well in the center of the cakes and place a cube of cheese.
5. Re-form the patties so the cheese is well covered into 3 inch diameter by 1 inch high cakes. Refrigerate for 30 minutes to allow the cakes to set.
6. Add the egg and panko to shallow bowls. Dip the patties into the egg, then into the panko.
7. Add oil to a cast iron skillet and heat over medium heat until it starts to ripple. Add the patties and cook for 2 minutes each side.
8. Add the the mayonnaise and lemon to a small mixing bowl and mix well. Drizzle over the finished cakes.

### INGREDIENTS

- 5 medium russet or gold potatoes
- 6 ounces (170 grams) sustainable tuna in water, drained
- Juice and zest of 1 large lemon
- 1 tablespoon yellow mustard
- 2 tablespoons mayonnaise
- 2 tablespoons fresh chives, finely chopped
- 1/2 cup (90 grams) canned or frozen corn
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 1-1 inch cubes of good melting cheese
- 1 egg, beaten
- 1 1/4 cups (150 grams) panko breadcrumbs
- 1 cup (236 ml) vegetable oil
- 1 cup (230 grams) mayonnaise
- Juice of 1/2 lemon



**Prep Time:**  
30 Minutes

**Cook Time:**  
10 Minutes

**Total Time:**  
40 Minutes

**Yield:**  
6 Cakes

**Serving Size:**  
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