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THURSDAY FEBRUARY 18, 1988



PITT COUNTY BRANCH NAACP ... held annual Emancipation Proclamation Celebration New Horizons. Theme—The Struggle: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow was held last Saturday at the Roxy Theatre. Shown with the guest speaker Rev. Claude M. Odom, staff assistant to U.S. Senator Terry Sanford and Chairman of Hertford County Commission, left to right Rev. Mills, Mrs. Odom, Mr. Odom, Mrs. Carney, President Pitt County NAACP D.D. Garrett.

Missing: A freedman seeks members of his family . . .

By Ira Berlin, Steven F. Miller and Leslie S. Rowland

As a symbol of the grim reality of slavery, no scene rivalled that of the auction block. Slave sales exposed the full extent of the slaveowners' power over their human property and laid bare the limits upon the slaves' ability to control their own lives. Whether private purchases between individual owners, sales to itinerant traders, auctions at urban slave marts or sheriff's sales from the courthouse steps—all separated husbands from wives, parents from children, brothers from sisters, cousins from cousins and grandchildren from grandparents.

When at last it came, freedom offered former slaves an opportunity to try to reverse the outcome of the auction block. In the years after the end of the Civil War, freedmen and freedwomen in every corner of the South searched out loved ones from whom they had been separated. Thousands took to the roads, sometimes walking hundreds of miles to find former homes and long-lost kin. Others advertised in newly established black newspapers for relatives about whose fate they often knew little. Black churchgoers served as communication centers, reading aloud at their services the newspaper notices and other queries that arrived by mail or by word of mouth. And hundreds of former slaves sought assistance from agents of the Freedmen's Bureau, a federal agency established by Congress to oversee the transition from slavery to freedom.

Today the records of that bureau are among the holdings of the National Archives of the United States, in Washington, DC. Within their dusty volumes and boxes lie large numbers of letters and other documents from

former slaves who were struggling to reunite fragmented families.

The Freedmen and Souther Society Project, located at the University of Maryland, is a collaborative effort to draw upon these and other remarkable records at the National Archives to write a documentary history of emancipation in the American South. For three years, starting in late 1976 (supported by the university and the National Historical Publications and Records Commission and later by the NEH and the Ford and Rockefeller Foundations), the editors of the project selected more than 40,000 documents—some two percent of the items they examined—from which they are writing *Freedom: A Documentary History of Emancipation, 1861-1867*, a multi-volume history combining interpretive essays and documents. Two volumes have reached print thus far, both published by Cambridge University Press: *The Destruction of Slavery* (1985) and *The Black Military Experience* (1982).

The document that follows—one of hundreds yet to be published—illustrates the efforts of former slaves to reconstruct their families. Its author, an ex-slave in Texas, had been sold away from Virginia as a teenager. Time and distance, however, had neither dimmed his memories of childhood family and friends nor diminished his emotional connection to them.

Twenty-four years after their forced separation, he wrote to his "dearest relatives" through the Freedmen's Bureau, introducing himself to them, not as a boy they had known, but as the man he had become. The text below is faithful to the original except that dashes between the sentences are replaced by periods and paragraph breaks are created, to make the document easier to read.

(Galveston, Texas) May 11th, 1867 Chief of the Freedmen's Bureau, at Richmond

Dear Sir,

I am anxious to learn about my sisters, from whom I have been separated many years. I have never heard from them since I left Virginia twenty four years ago. I am in hopes that they are still living and I am anxious to hear how they are getting on. I have no other one to apply to but you and am persuaded that you will help one who stands in need of your services as I do. I shall be very grateful to you, if you oblige me in this matter.

One of my sisters belonged to Peter Coleman in Caroline County and her name was Jane. Her husband's name was Charles and he belonged to Buck Haskin and lived near John Wright's store in the same county. She had three children, Robert, Charles and Julia, when I left.

Sister Martha belonged to Dr. Jefferson, who lived two miles above Wright's store. Sister Matilda belonged to Mrs. Botts, in the same county. My dear uncle Jim had a wife at Jack Langley's and his wife was named Adie and his oldest son was named Buck and they all belonged to Jack Langley.

There are all my own dearest relatives and I wish to correspond with them with a view to visit them as soon as I can hear

from them. My name is Hawkins Wilson and I am their brother, who was sold at Sheriff's sale and used to belong to Jackson Talley and was bought by M. Wright, Boydtown, C.H.

You will please send the enclosed letter to my sister Jane, or some of her family, if she is dead. I am, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,
Hawkins Wilson

Dear Sister Jane,

Your littler brother Hawkins is trying to find out where you are and where his poor old mother is. Let me know and I will come to see you. I shall never forget the

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A Rare Breed...the Black Republican

BY VINNIE PEELE

Quite often it is assumed that if one is Black then that particular person is a Democrat. Over the past six or seven years it has become increasingly more likely due, in part, to the minority resentment of the Reagan administration. However, within our society there exists a rare breed—the Black Republican—and I happen to be one.

My reasons for being a Black Republican vary from my personal options to my political beliefs. In 1965, minorities were given the opportunity to vote, and at that time Blacks felt a great allegiance to the democratic party due, in part, to the influence of the late president, John F. Kennedy. From this point onward, many Blacks maintained a compliance with the democratic party in the hope that his brother, Robert Kennedy, would eventually become president.

In 1980, when I became eligible to register as a voter, the democratic party was suffering from a defeat in the presidential election. At election time, president Carter had shouldered the blame for a poor economy, gross unemployment, and a hostage situation which plagued his presidency for over a year.

Consequently, my parents as well as my peers were in a 'state of frustration' and the consensus was that this country needed a 'breath of fresh air' in order to get back on the right track.

It overwhelmed me that practically everyone in my environment decided to vote Republican in the 1980 election. I constantly continued to hear about the democratic party being in disarray and that it had lost its effectiveness as a 'candidate producer.' Historically, it is said that Blacks were indeed Republicans and changed course over the years (owing to their fondness for President Roosevelt and Kennedy) to become

Democrats.

The aforementioned reasons, as well as my desire to see a change in America, destined me to become a Republican. I must make it understood that I do not whole-heartedly adhere to all of President Reagan's policies, but I don't disagree with all of them either.

In the 1984 election, the Democratic candidate-elect for president was Walter Mondale, a Carter crony and ex-vice president. I voted for President Reagan because I didn't want to see America with a sagging economy, gross unemployment, and an unjust foreign affairs policy.

Municipal Response To The Challenge — Part V

THE NORTH CAROLINA JOINT COUNCIL ON HEALTH AND CITIZENSHIP

The North Carolina Joint Council on Health and Citizenship was organized in August, 1960, as a successor to the Pitt County Group—an informal group of volunteer citizens which had been active in the development of a program against ignorance and poverty since February, 1957. The Council was founded by Dr. Andrew A. Best of Greenville as a nonpartisan, nonsectarian, non-profit, volunteer organization. This Council is primarily concerned with the promotion of total health and total citizenship through education.

The Council's constitution includes the following purposes:

A. To provide a forum where ideas, information, and opinions may be co-ordinated, crystallized, and translated into action.

B. To be a center for organizing, harmonizing, and directing action in the attainment of our common aim—the elimination of ignorance and poverty, along with their by-products of illegitimacy, juvenile delinquency, and general maladjustment.

Now in its fourth year of the organized activity, the council has geared its primary program to operate in co-operation with the schools. This program is aimed at increasing the over-all academic attainment of students. It also makes a major contribution through the resulting improvement of the health and hygiene habits of the most underprivileged segment of the population.

A present plan for expanding the council's educational program includes the circulation of four or five council-trained and supervised teachers through a number of schools and communities, teaching health and hygiene, with the provision that participating schools assign one local teacher to the touring teacher to learn from the touring teacher in order to release her the following year to a different circuit of schools and communities, while perpetuating the program in the particular school or community.

Another significant council activity is the sponsorship of a ten-week class designed to increase the competence and achievement levels of students. The weekly class is taught by Dr. Best and his staff. At present, the volunteer enrollment consists of 361 students from 22 high schools in ten counties. Some participants in the class travel more than 100 miles round-trip each week.

Local students from this project dominate the group which qualified to take advantage of new job opportunities which became available as a result of adjustments in the employment policies by local businessmen.

There have been four public mass meetings held in connection with the council's anniversary celebration. Large numbers of white Negro people gathered to hear such prominent citizens as Dr. Samuel D. Proctor, Governor Terry Sanford, Congressman Herbert C. Bonner, and Secretary of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, Anthony J. Celebrezze. More

than 5,000 people attended the rally in Ficklen Stadium in Greenville on November 10, 1963, to hear Secretary Celebrezze. These meetings have contributed in race relations in eastern North Carolina.

ADJUSTMENTS

During the past three years, each of four of the large department stores have hired Negroes in sales positions. The Interracial Committee has sought and is reported to be on the verge of obtaining a package-commitment by hotels, motels, restaurants, and theaters to desegregate simultaneously. Two motels have, in fact, desegregated their facilities and restaurant facilities are desegregated on a special arrangement basis.

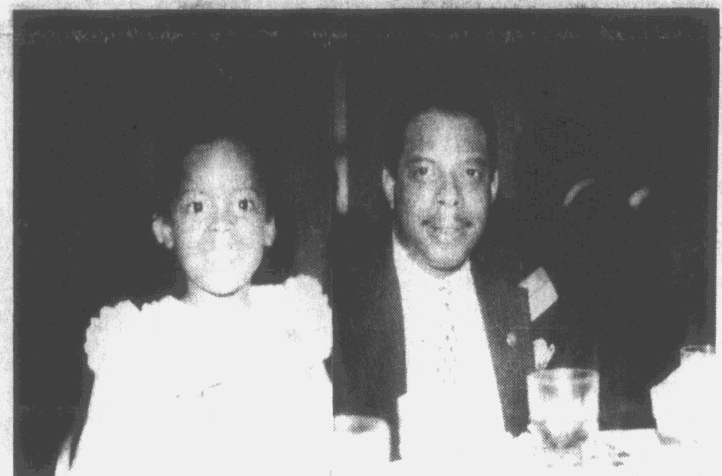
The lunch counters and drugstores have been desegregated, and there are two downtown restaurants which serve Negroes. Another restaurant will serve Negro organizations.

The City has no public swimming pools. The old swimming pool became unserviceable and was filled in. The municipal library is desegregated and is frequently used by Negroes.

The County Hospital is segregated.

There is no token desegregation in the schools, although East Carolina College has some 60 Negroes enrolled. These students take an active part in college extracurricular activities.

The Good Neighbor Council was recently appointed by the Mayor. It is attempting to create employment opportunities for all qualified Negroes.



JOHN MAYE, JR. AND DAUGHTER, CARMEN

Letter to the Editor

The progress of Black Americans has occurred through persistence and determination. For those Black Americans who improved their lot, these accomplishments have happened while too many other Black Americans have fallen into regression and despair. For those who have accomplished and who have not accomplished, the current study in February of the achievements of Black Americans during Black History Month should be inspiration for

everyone—Black, white and all other minorities—to excel regardless of circumstances or plight.

The late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. once stated "that the Black man and white man are inextricably bound together—either we will choose to live together in brotherhood or we will all die together." Presidential candidate Jesse Jackson has been quoted as saying "that the

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Missing family (Continued from page 1)

bag of biscuits you made for me the last night I spent with you. Your advice to me to meet you in Heaven has never passed from my mind and I have endeavored to live as near to my God, that if He saw fit not to suffer us to meet on earth, we might indeed meet in Heaven.

I was married in this city on the 10th March 1867 by Rev. Samuel Osborn to Mrs. Martha White, a very intelligent and lady-like woman. You may readily suppose that I was not fool enough to marry a Texas girl. My wife was from Georgia and was raised in that state and will make me very happy.

I have learned to read, and write a little. I teach Sunday School and have a very interesting class.

When I meet you, I shall be as much overjoyed as Joseph was when he and his father met after they had been separated so long. Please write me all the news

about you all. I am writing tonight all about myself and I want you to do likewise about your and my relations in the state of Virginia . . .

Tell Mr. Jackson Talley how-do-ye and give my love to all his family, Lucy, Ellen and Sarah. Also to my old playmate Henry Fitz who used to play with me and also to all the colored boys who, I know, have forgotten me but I have not forgotten them. I am writing to you tonight, my dear sister, with my Bible in my hand praying Almighty God to bless you and preserve you and

me to meet again.

Thank God that now we are not sold and torn away from each other as we used to be. we can meet if we see fit and part if we like. Think of this and praise God and the Lamb forever . . .

Write as quickly as you can and direct to Hawkins Wilson care of Methodist Episcopal church, colored, Galveston, Texas. Give me your P. Office and I will write again. I shall drop in upon you some day like a thief in the night . . .

Your loving and affectionate brother
Hawkins Wilson

The authors are co-editors of The Freedmen and Southern Society Project at the University of Maryland.



KIA DAWN HARDY

Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Rotary Leadership Conference Award.

She is the secretary of Pitt County Teen Democrats, Secretary of North Carolina Teen Democrats, member of the Medical Explorers and is active in her church.

Kia is interested in studying medicine. Singing, dancing, playing the flute and the piano and reading keep Kia busy.

She will be singing 'You've Got to Have Heart' for her talent presentation in the program. Kia is five feet, three inches tall and has brown hair and brown eyes.

Participates in Rotary Youth Leadership Award Conference

Kia Dawn Hardy, a student at Junius H. Rose High School, will be one of 150 high school juniors from across Eastern North Carolina to participate in a Rotary Youth Leadership Award Conference at the Ramada Inn of Ahsokle. The conference, sponsored by the Rotary Clubs of District 771 and 773, will be conducted February 26-28, 1988.

Discussion leaders will address such issues as Selling Your Ideas, Goal Setting, Leadership Traits, Leadership and Stress, and Looking Like a Winner. Each participant will receive a Personal Profile Analysis by Merle and Judy Fraser of Dallas, Texas. Discussion leaders include Gary Price of NASA's Research Center in Hampton, Virginia; Lou Hampton, Director of the Washington Office of the Executive Television Workshop; Krista Weih, President of Image Investments, Washington, D.C.; and Dr. R. G. Israel of the East Carolina University School of Medicine. The Honorable Clifton E. Johnson, North Carolina Appeals Court Judge, will be the keynote

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Hardy to be in Junior Miss Contest March 5

The Pitt County Junior Miss Program will be presented Saturday, March 5, in Wright Auditorium on the East Carolina University Campus.

Kia Hardy will be one of 18 girls to participate in the program. Kia Dawn Hardy is the daughter

of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby and Mary Hardy. She attends J.H. Rose high school and has been active in the following clubs and activities: Student Government Representative, Drama club, Cheerleader, Show Choir, Soccer, Gymnastics, Helping Hands club,

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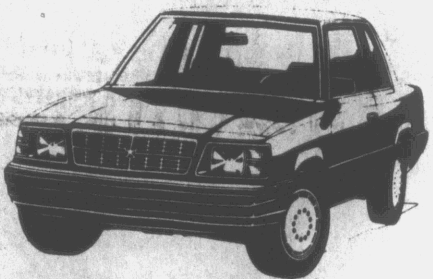
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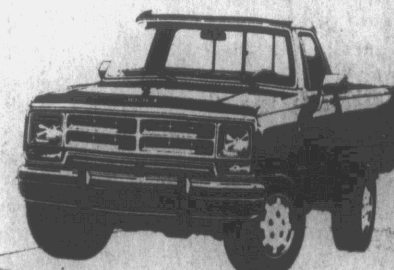
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2. The Black school principals? Which schools?
3. Blacks on the Pitt County School Board?
4. The present Mayor and Blacks on the city council?
5. The president of the local chapter of the NAACP?
6. The president of the local chapter of SCLC?
7. The Black who served several terms on the city council?
8. 'The Youth of the Year' for the Boys Club?
9. The president of the Student Government at Hampton Institute?
10. Blacks who have been 'Teachers of the Year' in their individual schools, 1987?
11. The pastors of the two Baptist churches in Greenville?
12. Blacks whose portraits/pictures are hung in school libraries?
13. Blacks on various Boards in city government offices?
14. Schools named for Blacks and their location? Libraries?
15. Names of assistant principals in schools? Which schools?
16. Blacks in offices of leadership in Pitt County's Central Board of Education?
17. Mayor Pro-Tem in Pitt County towns?
18. Names of Black newspapers?
19. Black writers of news or news editors for the Daily Reflector?
20. Blacks on TV stations as news reporters?
21. Chairman of agricultural extension service for Pitt County? Home Economist?
22. Blacks in the judicial/court system or Pitt County Courthouse?
23. Black lawyers/attorneys?
24. Number of Black teachers in the school your child attends?
25. Streets, subdivisions named for Blacks? What is the contribution of the person whose street bears his/her name?
26. Black businesses—Do you honor them?
27. Names of fraternal organizations' presidents? Fraternities? Sororities? Do you know the names?
28. Black personnel in Pitt County Health Department? Mental Health Department?
29. In the banks, the Savings and Loan Associations—Any Blacks in managerial positions? How many have their own desks?
30. Black physicians/doctors? Dentists? Who owns his own office? How many are on the staff

of Pitt Memorial Hospital?

31. Do you know your national hymn? 'The Negro National Anthem'? of 'Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing'? Who wrote it?

32. Do our children know their heritage? The churches must assume more responsibility. Do you agree?

33. Do you buy commemorative stamps—stamps honoring a Black or a Black cause when you buy stamps from the post office? If Blacks don't buy them, who will?

34. Blacks in offices at Burroughs-Wellcome? Proctor and Gamble? Everready? Carolina Telephone?

35. Ask yourself—What is my contribution to my city, my community, my street?

FAMOUS BLACK QUOTATIONS

1. If there is no struggle, there is no progress.—Frederick Douglass
2. The problem of the twentieth century is the problem of the color line.—W.E.B. DuBois
3. Would America have been America without her Negro people?—W.E.B. DuBois
4. We wear the mask that grins and lies.—Paul Laurence Dunbar
5. No person is your friend who demands your silence, or denies your right to grow.—Alice Walker
6. Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.—Martin Luther King, Jr.
7. If you want to keep something secret from Black folks, put it between the covers of a book.—

African-American Folk Saying

8. Strategy is better than strength.—Hausa Legend

9. Too many Black folk are fools about color and hair.—Mabel Lincoln

10. Say it loud, I'm Black and I'm proud.—James Brown

STRENGTH FOR TODAY

Elisha Douglas's 'Strength for Today': 'Some people live not in homes but in houses. Many individuals living under the same roof and related to each other are not families in the moral and emotional sense of the word but are enemies in all but name. The place many people call home is only a hotel where those who bear the same name come to eat and sleep and go their separate ways.'

Men and women who are indifferent to each other have not established a home but a residence. What does it take to make a home? The answer is simple—it takes love. We pay our way in the home through life not by writing checks or handing our pay envelopes, but by thinking first of the people around us and putting ourselves aside that may be happy."

KEEPING FAMILY RECORDS

Suppose the IRS 'invites' you to produce your 1985 tax records. Would you be able to find them without a lot of fuss?

Where to Keep Important Papers
Some of your important documents are safest in a bank vault. These are the papers you

don't often need to refer to and that are difficult to replace, such as military discharge papers, stock certificates and the deed to your house. Others, such as your wills and life insurance policies, should never be kept in a safe-deposit box, which might be sealed at the time of death.

Most of your financial records—canceled checks, bank statements, passbooks and tax records—can be kept at home. However, to protect them against possible fire or water damage, store them in an insulated steel box or in a fire-resistant file cabinet.

Several copies of your family records should be made: one for your lawyer, one for your safe-deposit box, one for two family adult members and for a close, trusted friend (perhaps a person who witnessed your will). That way, if an accident or unforeseen illness should befall you or your husband, those in charge will have access to the papers they need.

Finally, place your original record-keeper in the very front of your home file, so you can consult it easily. In this way you will not have to dig through drawers or shoe boxes if a crisis in your family occurs. You have just saved yourself a lot of time and a ton of trouble.

WHAT IS THE PITT COUNTY HYPERTENSION PROJECT?

Hypertension (high blood pressure) is two to four times more common in Black Americans than in Whites. Research has also shown that hypertension and related diseases such as stroke are especially serious problems in eastern North Carolina, including Pitt County.

To better understand the problem of hypertension among Blacks in this region, the National Institutes of Health has funded a new three-year study, the Pitt County Hypertension Project. Pitt County was chosen not only because of its location in eastern North Carolina but also because of the rural/urban mix, diversity of jobs, etc., in the county. The study will be directed by Dr. Sherman A. James, a Professor of Epidemiology in the School of Public Health at UNC-Chapel Hill.

The purpose of this study is to investigate the influences of stress and diet on hypertension in Black men and women who live in Pitt County. Besides stress and diet, other factors of interest will be body weight and general health habits such as smoking and exercise.

From mid-January through May, 1988, the goal is to interview approximately two thousand 25 to

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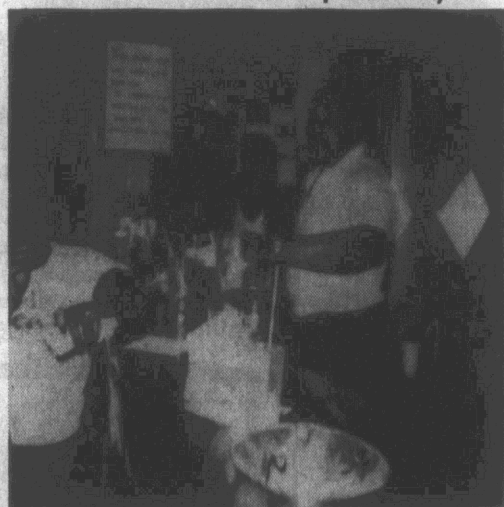
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William E. B. DuBois
The author of more than 20 books covering the history and culture of black people, DuBois was a leading spokesman for blacks in their struggle for equal rights. In 1909 he helped to establish the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), a civil rights organization. He was one of the founders of the Pan-African Congress, a world body that supported the attempts of the African and other colonial peoples to win independence.

Louis Armstrong
Called America's musical ambassador to the world, Armstrong, with his appealing personality and impressive musicianship, became known all over the world in the years 1930 to 1970. He fascinated audiences on three continents with his trumpet playing and singing.

Ralph Johnson Bunche
World statesman, winner of a Nobel Peace Prize in 1950 and the Spingarn Medal of the NAACP, Bunche made outstanding contributions to world peace.

Benjamin O. Davis, Sr.
After serving as a military officer for 39 years with active duty in three wars during the first half of the 20th century, Davis became the first black general in the US Army in 1940. Throughout his 50 years as a soldier, Davis led efforts to eliminate racial discrimination in America's military.

William L. Dawson
A US Congressman from Illinois from 1943 to 1970, Dawson became an influential statesman and the first black chairman of a congressional committee. During the 1940's, he was chosen vice-chairman of the Democratic

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— In 1624, the first black child, William Tucker, was born in the land that later became the United States.

— In 1762, James Derham, the first American black physician, was born in Philadelphia.

— Lemuel Hayes, a black patriot, was one of Paul Revere's Minutemen.

— In 1810, the first black insurance company, The American Insurance Company of Philadelphia, was established.

— Black troops fought in the Battle of New Orleans under General Andrew Jackson in 1814.

— Edward A. Jones was the first black to graduate from college. He received an A.B. degree from Amherst College on August 23, 1826. John Russwurm received a degree from Bowdoin College on September 6, 1826.

— *Freedom's Journal* was the first Negro newspaper published in the United States. It was published in 1827 by Russwurm and Samuel E. Cornish in New York.

— *Clotel, or The President's Daughter*, written by William Wells Brown, was the first novel published by an American Negro in 1853.

— Capital Savings Bank was the first black bank established in the United States, in Washington, D.C., on October 17, 1888.

— Matthew A. Henson was co-discoverer of the North Pole with Robert Peary and four Eskimos. In 1909 he planted the American flag on the spot designated by Peary as the exact location of the Pole.

— Richard Allen, in 1787, founded the African Methodist Episcopal church, which became the first major religious institution for blacks in the United States.

— Prince Hall, one of America's first black civil rights leaders, founded the first Masonic Lodge for black men in 1787.

— John Rock became the first black admitted to practice law before the US Supreme Court in 1865.

— By inventing a coupling device, the Jenny Coupler, for railway cars in 1896, Andrew J. Beard is credited for making an important advance in railroad safety.

— The first black woman to graduate as a trained nurse in America was Mary Eliza Mohoney. She paved the way for admission of other black women to professional nursing. She graduated from the New England Hospital for Women and Children in Boston.

— Dr. Daniel Hale, in 1893, performed the first successful heart surgery in America. He was founder of the National Medical Association, an organization of black physicians. He also founded Provident Hospital in Chicago, the first U.S. hospital organized by blacks.

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ABDUL ROUSE III

Black Americans

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presidential candidates for more than 25 years.

Charles R. Drew

A medical researcher and surgeon, Drew developed, in 1939, an effective method of storing and preserving large quantities of blood plasma in what became known as blood banks. The discovery made it possible for the first time to have blood fluids stored and available for use in medical emergencies.

Duke (Edward Kennedy) Ellington

Blending smooth melodies with unusual harmony and rhythmic effects, the composer and musician pioneered modern jazz in the first half of the 20th century. He won the Spingarn Award of the NAACP in 1959 and the Presidential Medal of Honor in 1969.

Medgar Evers

An outspoken civil rights leader from Mississippi, Evers encouraged registration of black voters and promoted the use of economic boycotts to protest violations of civil rights.

Lorraine Hansberry

Broadway's first black woman playwright, Hansberry saw her work A Raisin in the Sun, win the New York Drama Critics Award in 1959 and later become a popular motion picture.

Martin Luther King, Jr.

The youngest American in history to win the Nobel Peace Prize, King received the honor in 1964 for his dedication to achieving equal rights for blacks in the United States by following a program of nonviolence. King form-

ed the Southern Christian Leadership Conference in 1957 to carry the civil rights crusade throughout the United States.

Dorie Miller

A military hero on the first day of World War II, navy messman Miller shot down four enemy planes during the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, December 7, 1941. He was awarded the Navy's highest honor, the Navy Cross.

Julian Bond

Elected to the Georgia House of Representatives in 1965 at age 25, Bond was at first denied his seat because he strongly objected U.S. involvement in the Vietnam War. A U.S. Supreme Court ruling helped him gain his seat back. Re-elected, he worked to organize blacks into a strong political force and fought for improved housing and higher minimum wages.

Andrew Felton Brimmer

Working to create a stable economy without rapidly rising prices, economist Brimmer in 1966 became the first black to serve on the Federal Reserve Board, the agency controlling the nation's money supply.

Edward W. Brooke

The first black senator elected in the 20th century, Brooke supported every civil rights bill in Congress. He won election to the U.S. Senate in 1966 and 1972 from Massachusetts.

Jackie (John Roosevelt) Robinson

By becoming the first black to

play major league baseball in 1947, Robinson opened the way for black athletes to participate in all major sports in America.

Walter White

Able to move freely throughout the South in 1920's because of his white-like appearance, White was able to gather evidence on lynchings of blacks in southern states and wrote about his findings in three books. His convincing evidence was a major factor in lobbying for passage of a federal anti-lynching law.

Richard Wright

With publication of his dramatic novel *Native Sun* in 1940, author Wright opened a new ear of American literature followed by other black writers whose realistic stories centered on the life of blacks in America.

Whitney M. Young, Jr.

Developing a "domestic Marshall Plan" for blacks to include them in the mainstream of American life, Young created numerous projects that were later included in President Lyndon Johnson's 1964 anti-poverty program.

Marian Anderson

The first black singer to appear at New York City's Metropolitan Opera (1955).

Arthur Ashe

The first black member of the U.S. Davis Cup team, tennis player Ashe helped break color barriers in athletics.

James Baldwin

A popular spokesman for the civil rights movement beginning in the 1950's, author Baldwin was

recognized for his sensitive study of the personal and social problems of black Americans.

Jane Matilda Bolin

Appointed a justice of New York City's Domestic Relations Court in 1939, Bolin became the first black woman judge in the United States.

Shirley Chisholm

In 1968, Chisholm became the first black woman to sit in Congress. From New York, she held the highest elective post in the United States ever won by a black woman.

Benjamin Oliver Davis, Jr.

Following in the footsteps of his father, a US Army career officer and combat pilot, Davis became the first black general of the Air Force in 1954.

James Farmer

Director of the Congress of Racial Equality, a nonviolent American black protest organization, Farmer led the first sit-in and stand-in demonstrations in 1942 opposing segregation in restaurants and theaters.

William H. Hastie

In 1949, Hastie became the first black ever appointed a federal judge in the United States. He also served as the first black governor of the Virgin Islands.

Aileen Clark Hernandez

Elected in 1970 as the first black president of the National Organization for Woman (NOW), Hernandez sought to make the group more meaningful to the needs of working women, especially the ethnic and racial minorities.

Jesse Jackson

Nationwide programs to increase black economic strength and provide more jobs for black people were developed in the late 1960's and early '70's by Jackson, director of the People United to Save Humanity (PUSH).

Percy Lavon Julian

A scientist, Julian won worldwide recognition in the late 1930's for his discovery of an inexpensive way of manufacturing cortisone, a drug used in the treatment of many diseases. Credited with the discovery of physotigmine, a drug used in treating glaucoma, he became a leading medical research authority in the United States.

Elizabeth Duncan Koontz

The first black educator to be elected president of the National Education Association in 1968, Koontz created a new awareness of the need to fight for educational improvements. In 1969, President Nixon appointed her director of the Women's Bureau of the Department of Labor.

Thurgood Marshall

The first black to serve as an associate justice of the Supreme Court, Marshall was appointed in 1967. He was also the first black to serve as solicitor general of the United States, acting as the government's chief legal spokesman from 1965 to 1967.

Asa Phillip Randolph

Labor leader Randolph organized the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters in 1925, one

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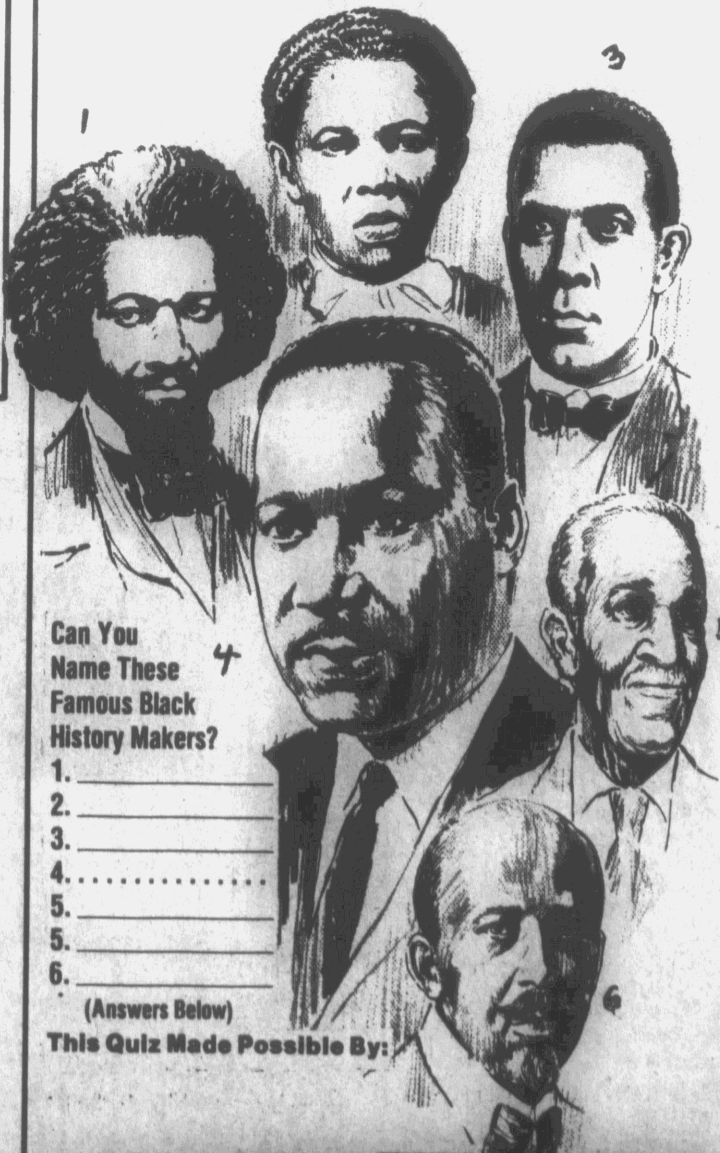
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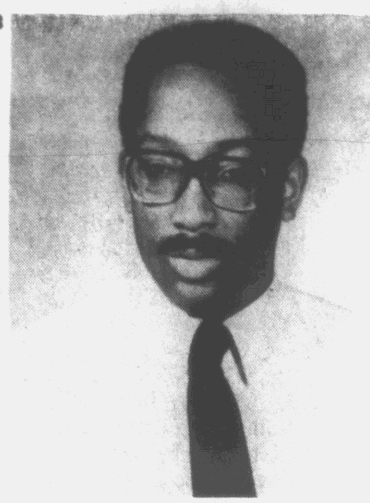
Hardy

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speaker on Saturday, February 27.

Conference participants, selected by local Rotarians in conjunction with school officials, were chosen because of scholastic achievements, school and community involvement, and a desire for personal growth and development," said Conference Chairman Clayton Lewis.

Kia Dawn Hardy is the daughter of Bobby and Mary Hardy, 139 Forest Acres Drive, Greenville, N.C.

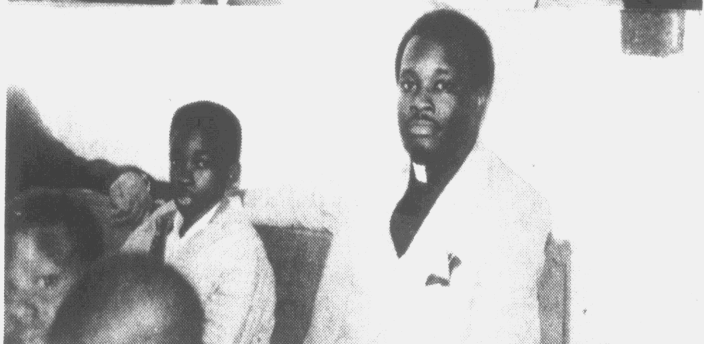


DONALD BARNES ... has been a member of Sycamore Hill Baptist Church since 1965. His association with this church started with Sunday School and the Boy Scouts. He is currently active in the Boy Scouts as an assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 131. Barnes is a graduate of C.M. Eppes High School and North Carolina A&T University. He is currently employed with TRW, a major automotive parts supplier, as a production planner. Barnes is married to Vonzella Smith Barnes and they are the proud parents of two daughters, Tenille and Ashli.

Black Art Exhibit on display at Cornerstone

Cornerstone Missionary Baptist Church located on Allen and Statonsburg Road will commemorate February as Black History Month with a visual art exhibit featuring the works of prominent Black artists. The exhibit, which is on display throughout the church, will highlight such artists as Ernie Brnes, Varnette Honeywood, Brenda Joysmith, Malcolm Brown, Charles Haywood and many others. Many of the paintings on display are seen on the "Cosby Show", "Amen" and "227".

Mrs. Alyce Hilliard and Reverend Irvin Moore, Jr. have loaned many of the featured paintings from their private collections. Those interested in purchasing reprints from the exhibit should contact Mrs. Hilliard or Mrs. Maurice Nixon at Cornerstone, 752-7501. All are invited to come view this eloquent display of Black Art from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM weekdays and Sunday mornings during the month of February.



PROGRESSIVE F.W.B. CHURCH YOUTH PRESENTS ... Ready or Not, He's Coming last Sunday at their church with members and choir made up the entire cast above. Remarks was done by Sister Betty Barrett and Bishop Tommy Davis, Pastor and son look on with enjoyment. The 'm' Voice salute the spirit that we receive while taking pictures. We wanted to shout with joy. Keep up the good work at PFWB.

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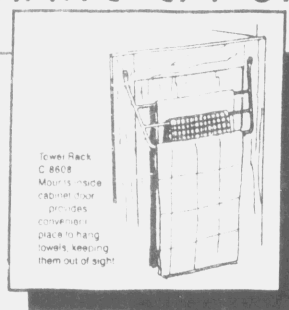
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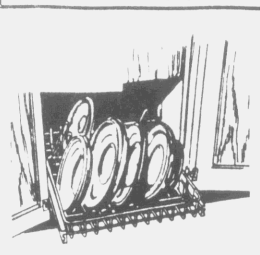
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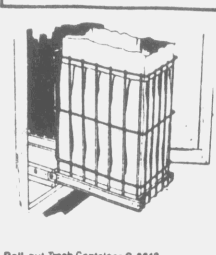
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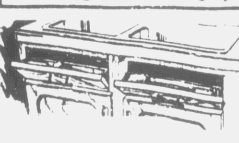
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Black Americans

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Carl T. Rowan

In 1964, Rowan became the highest-ranking black in the US government when he was appointed head of the US Information Agency.

John H. Sengstacke

Founder and president of the Negro Newspaper Publishers Association, Sengstacke established a chain of weekly newspapers for blacks that influenced Afro-American political and social thought in the US for over 30 years.

Roy Wilkins

An outspoken officer of NAACP for over 40 years, Wilkins helped lead the fight against lynchings, and led in the civil rights struggle and the protest movement of the 1960's and 1970's.

Gwendolyn Brooks

In 1950, she became the first black writer to win a Pulitzer Prize for her collection of poems, *Annie Allen*.

E. Sims Campbell

First black cartoonist and commercial artist to appear in major magazines.

In highlighting historical events, it is impossible to include every important name, date and activity. This list provides only a small number of names of influential and important black Americans during the 1900's or any other period of history.

An all-inclusive list would consume hundreds of pages in any publication. For further study and information contact school or public libraries for additional reference and resource material.

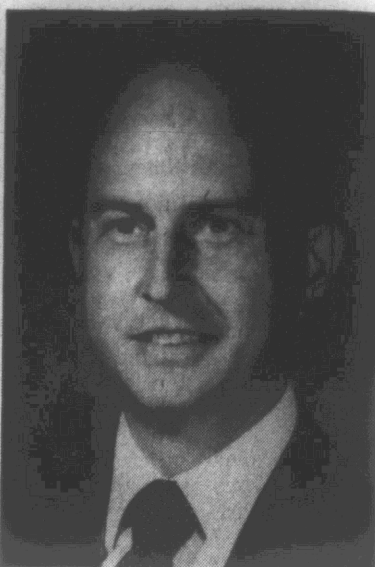
Mother of the Year

This year the Mother of the Year Contest will conclude on May 7 in Pitt County. The NAACP was first organized in 1909 by blacks and whites who wanted to join together for the advancement of the "colored" people.

There are six regions in Pitt County; each has a Vice President and will have an assistant assigned to work with his/her area. Below is the list of areas and workers involved. Listed are the regions/townships and vice presidents with the assistants to be announced at a later date.

1. Winterville, Arthur, Chicod—William Elbert
2. Greenville—Rev. Farney Moore
3. Ayden, Grifton, Swift Creek—Josephus Burney
4. Farmville, Fountain, Falkland—James Cobb
5. Bethel, Belvoir—Willie M. Carney
6. Grimesland, Carolina, Pactolus—Clarence Moore

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JIM YOUNG

Young named PC chairman for Rufus Edmisten

Dr. Jim Young of Greenville has been named Chairman of the Pitt County Campaign of Rufus Edmisten for Secretary of State. Young, who is Director of Institutional Development at Pitt Community College, has for several years been active in Democratic Party politics at both the local and state levels.

He was actively involved in the 1984 Edmisten for Governor campaign and in 1986 worked with the Pitt County Committee for Terry Sanford. He has assisted in the Pitt County Democratic Party in

planning and implementing various local functions and has provided counsel to such organizations as the Pitt County Teen Democrats on organizational structure and development. A former candidate for Pitt County Commissioner, Young currently occupies a seat on the Executive Committee of the Democratic Party of North Carolina.

In discussing proposed strategy for the Edmisten campaign in Pitt County, Young described, "a relatively low key but well organized approach built upon key leadership at the precinct level."

"We already have a good county-wide network of individuals who were active in the 1984 gubernatorial election. We are currently adding strength to this structure in each precinct, and intend to have a full complement of committed supporters in all 25 precincts within the next few weeks."

"A major focus of the campaign," Young added, "will be to inform the public about the role of the Secretary of State's Office and the ways in which this office affects their daily lives. Many people have limited knowledge about this office, and they need to be better informed. Rufus Edmisten has a credible career of public service in North Carolina and valuable Council of State experience from his two-term tenure as Attorney General. This record will serve as the basic foundation of his campaign for Secretary of State."

Farming Figures Add Up

Saleem al-Uqdah formerly known as Claude Atkinson Jr. was born in Greenville. He graduated from C.M. Eppes High School, Class of 1964. He is an accountant and also a farmer.

The seasonal nature of both his professions allows him to combine them to form his new business, Mecca International Accounting & Tax Services at 418 N. Marietta St., he said.

The tax and accounting service will be open all year, al-Uqdah said, but during the summer months he also may have a farmers market-style business in the basement to sell the corn, beans, tomatoes and other produce grown on his 25 acres of leased farmland in Filbert, SC.

"I'm not sure exactly what I will do yet," he said. "But I plan to combine the two somehow."

That plan is also the reason he chose the name Mecca International for his business, he said.

"In the Islamic religion, all things are centered around Mecca," he said. "Everything here is centered around the tax service."

That's turning things around a bit. It was the farm that provided the capital to start the accounting service, said al-Uqdah, who received his accounting degree from Belmont Abbey College in 1983.

The busy tax season usually starts in late January when peo-

ple receive their W-2 federal income tax withholding forms from their employer, al-Uqdah said.

The pace of the business varies, he said — a rush at the beginning of the season, a rush at the end and a steady flow in between.

"If a person thinks he will get a refund, he usually tries to get his forms in early," al-Uqdah said. "But if he thinks he'll owe, he usually waits until closer to the deadline."

That timing works out perfectly if you're a farmer, he said. Tax time gets all the attention it needs and so does the land.

"January, February, March, there's not much to do around a farm," he said. "In this area we tend to have a late freeze, so it's best to wait until May to plant."

Tax preparation prices vary depending on the complexity of the filing, al-Uqdah said. It costs about \$18 for him to fill out a 1040 EZ and state form. An itemized 1040 will cost about \$60. The most complex situations can run \$115 and higher.

"It really depends on a person's situation," he said.

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Tickets can be purchased from any member of ENCR-ABSW, Scott's Cleaners, Wooten's School of Music, and Coutour Unisex Hair Designs. For further information contact: Ann Speight at 757-0549.

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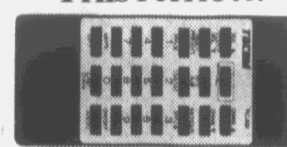
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Letter to the Editor

American society is not a blanket of one fabric, but rather we are a quilt with many different colors, shapes and size. It is vital, therefore, we conclude forthrightly that we are bound together as citizens of the human race.

Past accomplishments in-

dicade, for example, that for every Jackie Robinson there was a Branch Rickey, that for every Admiral Perry there was a Matthew Hensen, that for every Harriett Tubman there was a Horace Greeley and a John Brown, that for every Glenn Miller there is a Dan Blue, that for every George

Wallace there is a Martin Luther King, Jr. and a Robert Kennedy and that for every Doug Williams there is a Joe Gibbs. When we as Americans can look beyond the surface of skin color, we should realize that we are a common people in spirit. The same "G's" of God, Glory and Gold" which brought the

pilgrims to this land are the same opportunities and principles for which we all aspire today. Let us begin to achieve this excellence during February of 1988 and hereafter so that peace, justice, righteousness, truth and love will be the cornerstones of our life on this earth. "Let there be peace, and let it start with me."

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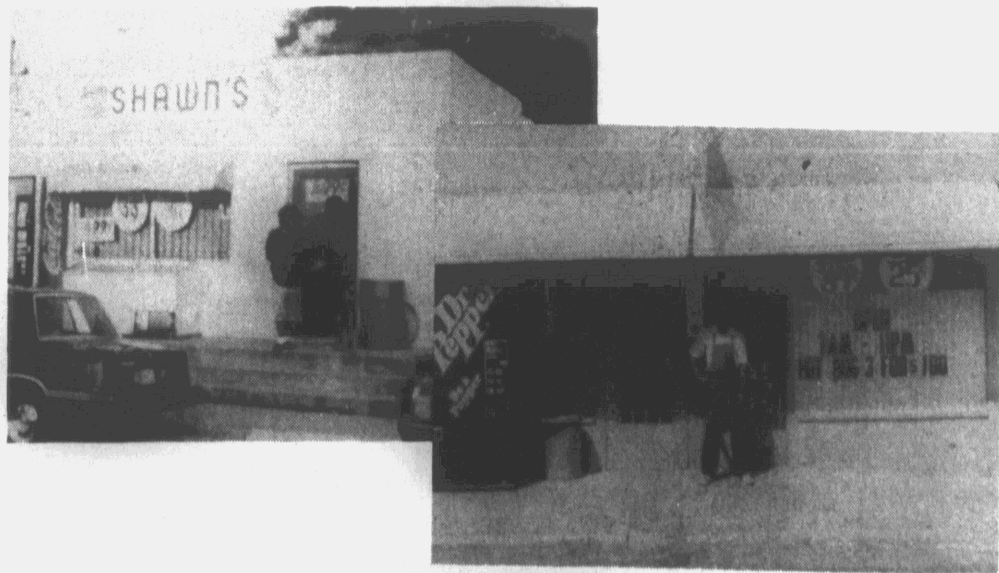
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Letters to the Editor

TO: EDITOR: I see from your February 4-10 edition of The "M" Voice that Bill Dansey is running for the State Senate. Being a friend of Bill's since he came to Greenville with nothing in his pocket and driving a 1941 Ford, I have found over the years that he has been a help, not only to me but to the Black community. From your article, most people will know that Bill was on the City Council. He was very instrumental and responsible for establishing the Eppes recreational property by obtaining a \$1.00 lease from the City School

Board. As a member of the Recreation Commission he was able to acquire a \$26,000 grant through a police program and the Eppes property was known as the Eppes Police Club, originally. Thanks to Bill, we not only have the Eppes property, but the swimming pool, in addition Bill, along with John Taylor and Clarence Gray, was responsible for the funding and the construction of this pool which is located at the Guy Smith Stadium. A friend of mine, Ray Rogers, mentioned to me, also, that Bill,

when he was United Fund chairman, made him the first Black division chairman in the United Fund's history. Ray's wife reminded me that if it had not been for Bill Dansey the Meadowbrook project would not have been funded and that her mother currently would not have the housing which she now enjoys since Bill ramrodded the Federal grants that provided for the restoration of the Meadowbrook area. Also, Bennie Roundtree or Jessie Daniels may remember when Bill helped the Gladiator off

Albermarle Avenue. In talking with Ed Carter, he told me that Bill visited him at Burroughs Wellcome and was responsible for his appointment to the school board in 1972. I am pleased to finally see that we have somebody who can communicate with the Black community and can be totally trusted to deal with us above-board and on a fair and equitable basis. I am totally supporting Bill Dansey for his state senate race and would urge others to do so too. Mrs. Atkinson Moyewood Projects

Dear Sir: My name is John W. Richardson. I am the assistant principal at West Bertie Elementary School. I reside in Bertie County (Aulander, North Carolina.) It is my pleasure to endorse Mr. James Rouse who is a candidate for the position of County Commissioner in your district. I have known Mr. Rouse all of my life. We attended elementary and high school together. Mr. Rouse has the ability to relate effectively to the public. He accepts responsibility readily and carries out his duties with efficiency and dispatch. He seems to have the

ability to sense the needs and feeling of others and make others feel that they are a contributing part of the whole picture. In that field of community realtions, especially, Mr. Rouse was able to bring positive community involvement that had been absent before his positive approaches brought results. In short, Mr. Rouse has proven himself to be an outstanding community person, and one you would do well to consider seriously for County Commissioner. Sincerely, John W. Richardson

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