

Hardee completes basic training

Navy Seaman Recruit Tasha R. Hardee, daughter of Bernithia Hardee of 600 Pamlico Ave., Greenville, N.C., recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

During the eight-week program, Hardee completed a variety of training which included classroom study, Practical hands-on instruction, and an emphasis on physical fitness. In particular, Hardee learned naval customs, first aid,

fire fighting, water safety and survival, and 3 variety of safety skills required for working around ships and aircraft.

Hardee and other recruits also received instruction on the Navy's core values - honor, courage and commitment; and what the words mean in guiding personal and professional conduct. Hardee joins 55,000 men and women who will enter the Navy this year from all over the country.

Men and women train together from their first day in the Navy just as they do aboard ships and 3t shore bases around the world. To reinforce the team concept, Hardee and other recruits also were trained in preventing sexual harassment and ensuring equal opportunity.

Even 35 the nava1 service gets smaller over the next few years, highly motivated young people like Hardee, are still finding an opportunity to improve their knowledge and education as they become part of the most highly technical naval force in history.

She is a 1994 graduate of J.H. Rose High School.



GREENVILLE ATTORNEY, ROBERT WHITE, chats with the city manager of Elizabeth City and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Sharpe.
Voice Photo by Jim Rouse

O'Konek promoted to deputy area administrator



CARLA O'KONEK

The Martin Correctional Center superintendent, Carla O'Konek, was promoted to deputy area administrator for the Department of Correction's Eastern Area Office June 2.

O'Konek has worked for the correction department since 1974. She will be supervising 11 prisons in the eastern part of the state.

"The Eastern Area Office is getting a well-qualified, hard working employee," Correction Secretary Franklin Freeman said. "Carla O'Konek has exemplified excellence in her career and will do well in her new position as deputy area administrator."

O'Konek was born in

Southampton County, Va. and graduated from Southampton High School in 1972. She began working for the N.C. Department of Correction at the Carteret Correctional Center as a programs assistant. She worked her way up the ladder at the Carteret prison until she became an assistant superintendent. In 1991, O'Konek became superintendent of Martin Correctional Center.

O'Konek and her husband, Jerry Smith, have three sons.

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Signed:

Janice Daughtry, Business Manager
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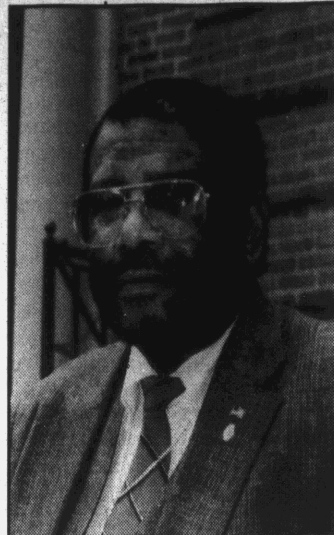
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Shields named superintendent for EPC

The superintendent at Hoke Correctional Institution, Wilford Shields, was named superintendent of the Eastern Processing Center in Vanceboro, effective August 1st.

Scheduled for completion in 1996, the Eastern Processing Center will serve as a point-of-entry for most convicted felons in eastern North Carolina. They will be processed into the prison system before being permanently assigned to one of the state's 94 prisons.

"Mr. Shields' wealth of experience in correction, and the mili-



WILFORD SHIELDS

tary made him the best person for the job," said Correction Secretary Franklin Freeman. "I'm confident that Mr. Shields will do well in his new position."

Shields began his career in 1977 as a correctional officer at Caledonia Correctional Institution. He moved up through the ranks from sergeant to lieutenant, and unit manager. He was assistant superintendent at Gates Correctional Center from 1987-89. For the last six years, he has been superintendent at Hoke Correctional Institution.

After serving 20 years in the U.S. Air Force, Shields retired as a master sergeant.

A native of Halifax County, Shields received an AA degree in criminal justice from Halifax Community College. He completed the two-year public manager's program in 1993.

Composting makes sense

By Mark Owenby,
Agronomist

Agronomic Division, N.C.
Department of Agriculture

As battles rage over new landfills, recycling becomes more and more important. Composting is one of the most effective recycling methods. With minimum effort, homeowners can reduce their garbage volume, protect the environment and save money.

Many items we normally throw away can be turned into nutrient-rich compost. Rather than being hauled to a landfill, items such as yard waste, coffee grounds and old newspapers can become the foundation for a beautiful lawn or garden. Growers who follow a few simple directions can enhance their soil's nutrient content, improve its physical properties and increase its water-holding capacity.

How do you manage this alchemy? One simple method is to prepare a compost heap in which you alternate layers of organic matter with layers of soil. The organic layer should be 6 to 12 inches deep; the soil 1 to 2 inches. Because soil microorganisms require nitrogen to decompose organic material, growers should generally mix 3 to 5 pounds of 10-10-10 fertilizer (or the equivalent) per 100 pounds of organic material.

Growers are advised that not all organic materials are appropriate for compost heap. Avoid pet wastes because they can transmit diseases. Also, do not use meat, bones and dairy products, which can attract rodents.

Once you have completed the initial layers, wet the heap to begin the decomposition process. Apply enough water to moisten the material but do not (over) make it soggy. Turn the pile over every three to four weeks to insure uniform decomposition.

Submitting a waste-analysis sample to the North Carolina Department of Agriculture's Agronomic Division is the most accurate and efficient way to make these determinations. The division's Waste Advisory Section will determine the concentration of 12 essential plant nutrients in your compost and provide easy-to-follow recommendations for the particular usage you specify.

In addition to submitting a compost sample, growers should submit soil samples from the areas over which they intend to spread the waste. A staff agronomist can then compare soil nutrient status to compost nutrient availability and make a recommendation tailored to your specific materials and needs.

For information on soil and compost testing, contact local agricultural advisors or the NCDA Agronomic Division at (919) 733-2655. A waste analysis costs \$4 and soil tests are free.

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Effective Community Programming Focus for AKA Confab

When 2,000 Alpha Kappa Alpha (AKA) leaders gathered here July 13-16, for leadership seminars, the work were the "Our Future" conference. Detroit is implementing a program to prove living where we are international. Evans of Tradit ship skills, tee chairs he Evans said tion will be i up with creat students invence and put fective plan to in our comm focal points. build the fut ence trainin awareness to tion plans wi to understand affecting the i students in m. as well as initiatives to help them excel.

Effective Community Programming Focus for AKA Confab 2-2-2-2 AKA members will also spend six hours mastering tactics and identifying resources which will enable them to spread facts and

dispel myths about HIV and AIDS in their communities. AKA's "in your face campaign," a cooperative venture with the American Red Cross, will focus on limiting the spread of HIV and AIDS in minority communities and helping those who are infected.

Traditional leadership and chapter development will be provided through two-hour workshops on interpersonal relations, parliamentary procedure, government relations, chapter evaluation, etc.

Other features include a six-hour seminar on basic economic skills, an exhibition of the best projects from AKA's PIMS (partners in math and science) camp, and a display of more than 2,000 books on achievements by blacks in math and science.

The basic economic skills workshop will be offered under a Wealth CUM\$ banner—cultivate, understand, and manage \$.

The projects are the "best of the best" selected from entries at AKA's PIMS camp for gifted high school students, held June 18-30 at Michigan State University, East Lansing.

Books for the display will be donated by each AKA in attendance and presented to students enrolled in the Mae Jemison Academy, Detroit.



ELIZABETH CITY UNIVERSITY. Shown at Elizabeth City University at a Chamber of Commerce affair on the campus of Elizabeth City University is: Chancellor, Dr. Jimmy Jenkins, Public Relation Director, Ms. Yvonne Wagner, Vice-president of Development, Mr. Clifton Davis, and guest member. The 'M' Voice salutes Elizabeth City University for community involvement.

It's time for the Black community to draw some new lines

The U.S. Supreme Court decision on racial redistricting was a political one. After several decades in which "identity" politics has shaped the political landscape, and has gone hand-in-glove with the growth of Big Government, a backlash against so-called "special interests" spurred the court's ruling.

Where does this leave the Black community? For 25 years we have pursued a strategy of getting more Black elected officials in office, pushing Black political representation as the key to our empowerment. Within the framework of that strategy, the political / legal pursuit of drawing district lines to favor maximal Black representation was coherent. But from the very start, in my opinion, this strategy was seriously flawed. Since it equated having Black voters electing Black officials with having political power, it necessarily limited the scope of our influence. We are still a minority of the American population. To impact more broadly we, of course, have to participate in coalitions with other voters not just around issues, but at the voting booth itself.

Those Black leaders who attack coalitional politics on separatist grounds or who insist that the Black community has to "get itself together first" are usually disingenuous. Every Black leader and every Black community relates coalitionally to other groups, including those who pretend not to. It's simply a reality of American political and economic life. The question is not whether we should engage in coalitional politics, but who it is we're in a coalition with and what the terms are.

Since the strategy to increase the number of Black elected officials first evolved in the early 1970s, our singular political partnership has been with white liberals in the Democratic Party, who saw great political benefit to themselves from this arrangement. Even the passage of the Voting Rights Act in 1965, by a majority Democratic Party Congress, was both a product of our fierce struggle for civil rights and a practical recognition on the part of the Democratic Party that the empowerment and activation of Black voters would shore up national party strength, particularly in the South. Consequently, the accelerated process of redrawing district lines to enhance Black participation and representation was strongly supported by the white liberal Democrats. Given that those districts would surely yield Black Democratic Congresspersons, it helped secure the continuing Democratic majority in Congress. Once elected, these Black Democrats would act as a voice of the Black community in government. But more importantly, from the party's point of view, it established an expanding chain of Black elected Democrats who could be counted on to pull Black votes for white Democratic statewide and national candidates. This plan worked.

Now to the problem. Thusly situated, Black voters, encouraged to reinforce our Black "identity" by electing Black Democrats, had arguably become more "Democrat" than Black. Militant rhetoric about electoral self-determination and Black empowerment notwithstanding, we had given up our

political independence and our ability to coalitionize with whom-ever it made sense, because we

"belonged" to the Democrats. Then, as political polarization in the country intensified and the white liberals found themselves at

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Quote:
"The political philosophy of Black nationalism means that the Black man should control the politics and the politicians in his own community; no more."

Malcolm X

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DAWN HARDWARE IS A VERY happy young lady these days!!! She was recently awarded a United States National Collegiate award in Administrative Office Technology. This is a prestigious honor very few students can ever hope to attain. Dawn is the daughter of Elaine and Bobby Holloway and the granddaughter of Gladys Foster and Mary Taylor.

Voice Photo by Jim Rouse

The Tyson fight: A TKO for the Black community

By Dr. Lenora Fulani

There has been a lot of hype in the New York media recently about whether Harlem should have welcomed Mike Tyson home from prison with a parade or the cold shoulder.

Journalist and activist Jill Nelson spearheaded the campaign to shut down the Mike Tyson "homecoming." In the New York Times on Saturday, June 17, Nelson explained this position in an article entitled, "Not Ready for Redemption" which protested the use of the Black community "as a backdrop to promote and celebrate Mike Tyson." The problem with Nelson's remarks and her campaign is that it overlooks the fact that the Black community is indeed the backdrop to Black men coming home from prison every-

day—in many cases having committed violent crimes, rape included. They are not heavyweight champion of the world. Nor are they Malcolm X. They are just our sons, fathers, husbands, brothers and neighbors.

Whatever my feelings about rape, in general, and the abuse of Black women, in particular (and, believe me, they are unequivocally enraged), as a Black woman I am not prepared to lay down conditions under which a Black man—any Black man—can be considered "redeemed" and thereby eligible for re-admittance to our community.

The issue is not Mike Tyson, either. Tyson is one young Black male with a lot more going for him than most, in or out of prison. If he

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Clayton In Response to the redistricting decisions

Ofcourse, I am disappointed that the Supreme Court, in the case of *Miller vs. Johnson*, used the United States Constitution and the Equal Protection Clause—the very document that gives us rights—to take certain rights away. Racial minorities, particularly in the South, will suffer as a result of this decision. I remain committed to representative democracy. And, I am confident that the District I represent, the First Congressional District in North Carolina, will not be affected by *Miller*.

It is my belief, based upon a reading of *Miller* and preliminary judgments, that my Congressional District, as currently drawn, can withstand the standards set out by the Supreme Court. Indeed, I would expect the Court to affirm the state legislature's action and the Lower Court's decision in my case. I would have preferred the Court to have disposed of the cases of *Shaw vs. Hunt* and *Pope vs. Hunt*, the North Carolina cases, without further consideration. However, the Court, in its wisdom, decided to take a second look

at those cases, and we expect consideration in October. Nonetheless, the First Congressional District, I believe, is a community. There are many common interests. The population is homogenous, with cultural, social and economic similarities throughout. The District can withstand the strict scrutiny test and its creation was based upon a compelling state interest. While there may well be challenges, we will be prepared to meet those challenges.

The Court, through *Miller* has unfolded a new chapter in the ongoing struggle to expand the franchise for racial minorities. Three decades ago, with passage of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, America opened a new book on the most precious right that we possess—the right to vote. Through the Voting Rights Act, this Nation recognized that special efforts were needed to ensure that minorities have an opportunity to meaningfully participate in the voting process and to elect candidates of their choice.

In Louisiana and Georgia, as in

North Carolina, where redistricting resulted in the election of the first two African American representatives—including myself—since Reconstruction, challenges were launched against the redistricting. For five years, the validity of these newly drawn districts has been at issue. Now that the Supreme Court has spoken, the struggle to secure equal and fair voting status for minorities moves to another stage, another chapter.

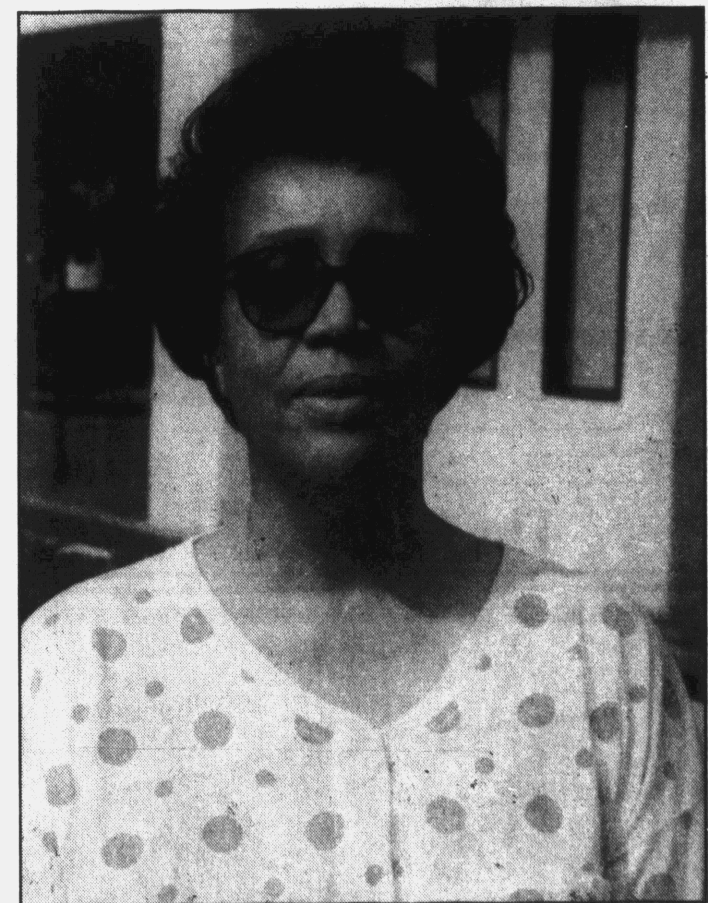
At stake in this ongoing saga, however, is more than congressional seats. City and county officials, state legislatures and even local school boards will be affected by this decision.

The Court examined this issue through terms such as "rational basis", "strict scrutiny", "compelling state interest" and "substantial factor", yet, at stake was the cornerstone of our Democracy—the right to vote. The people of this Nation have sacrificed, waged war and shed blood in defense of the right to vote and to participate in government. Surely the creation of so-called "irregular districts" to

promote regular voting by all citizens is no less and no more than a commitment in defense of democracy.

As indicated, the 1966 Voting Rights Act began a new book on voting rights. New chapters were written by Congress in 1970, 1975 and 1982, strengthening the 1965 Act. As a result of today's decision, Congress and state legislatures will likely write still another new chapter.

The people of South Africa stood in lines for days and days in order to exercise their right to vote. Some, unable to walk, came in wheel barrels, in order to exercise their right to vote. Today, with these decisions, groups of individuals have been discouraged and led to believe that they may not be full participants in our Democracy. But, this Democracy will stand. Its weakness is also its strength. We recognize that this is not an end. It is just another chapter. America is divided. Fortunately, our Constitution embraces, indeed encourages, differences.



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odds with the Black community, they deserted the coalition and left us powerless. In New York City, after Mayor David Dinkins intervened into a volatile confrontation between Blacks and Jews in Crown Heights in 1991, white Democrats — with the help of the so-called Liberal Party — crossed over in sufficient numbers to elect as mayor a white Republican, Rudy Giuliani, whose public policy makes the recent Supreme Court decision on redistricting look pro-Black. On a national level, the Democratic Party has been backpedaling from its support for Black issues for more than a de-

New Lines

cade, while its network of Black elected officials continues to pull the vote for the party and we continue to vote for the Democrats. This week the Congressional Black Caucus met with Presidential Clinton to discuss the implications of the Supreme Court decision for affirmative action and the federal budget. They reportedly expect the President to be fair. How fair? As fair as he was to Lani Gunier? But what clout, what leverage do we as people have over the President in these present circumstances? None whatsoever. For as long as we are organized as loyal Democrats, he may pander

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Tyson

chooses to share some of his money with some community organizations, so be it. If a bunch of photographers want to show up and take pictures of it, so be it. But frankly, nothing turns on whether Tyson is or is not on a road to "redemption."

It is a non-issue. And while Nelson is entitled to her opinion, in my opinion, the Black community gets nothing at all out of the elevation of non-issues to hyped-up media controversies.

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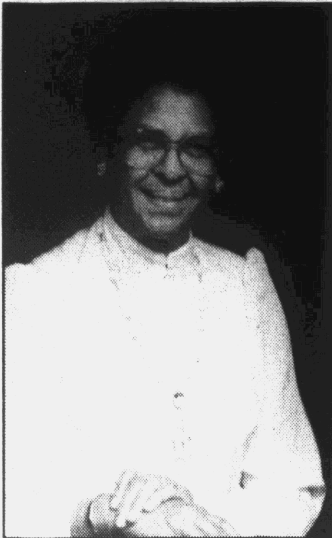
to any agenda with impunity, while counting on our votes. In the wake of the Supreme Court's decision some Black academics and activists have argued that the decision is ultimately a positive one because it will spur the flaccid civil rights milieu to rejuvenated action. I'm all for civil rights action. But, I think it would be a serious mistake to respond to the court decision in knee-jerk fashion by attempting to give new life to a dead coalition with an

ineffective strategy and unwilling partner. I think we have to seek new partnerships and new political alliances outside of the Democratic Party. I think we need to reach out to the national Perot voter and other white non-liberal constituencies. I am now working with them in the Patriot Party and elsewhere. They are not anti-Black, so much as anti-Big Government. The extent to which our political wagon has become hitched to that overgrown and arrogant

liberal Big Government has made us a target of the current populist revolt. If we were to create voting partnerships with these constituents around issues of democratic reform and government accountability, we could be responsible for putting far more than the 40 Black Representatives we currently have in Congress. Far from diluting our political power, our influence would be significantly expanded. I think the entire Congressional Black caucus should run for re-

election in 1996 as independents, not as Democrats. They should announce that plan now and start using the leverage that would produce for them in Congress and with the President. And we, as a community of voters and Americans, should reconstruct our political allegiances and become independents. That is where the power lies. To contact Dr. Fulani, call 1-800-288-3201.

from the desk of Mrs. Beatrice Maye



BEATRICE MAYE

To the editor -

A Tribute -

Twenty-five years ago when one of the five newly constructed high schools was built, the Reverend Ernest McNair became North Pitt High School's first assistant principal.

"Success is more a function of consistent common sense than it is of genius". (Al Wang) - Reverend Ernest McNair's success as North Pitt High School's retired assistant principal can be partially contributed to his quiet, rarely raised voice or his giving orders, for he has turned around troubled students as well as watched many students succeed. Yes, he has changed lives.

Has anyone thought of the number of shoes he has worn out walking those halls, the campus and/or the classrooms daily?

A committed and dedicated man has given so much to that school and community these 25 years. How was he honored? Unbelievably, a replacement will be hard, for his caring and nurturing will be sorely missed by administrators, teachers and students. And he did it unequivocally without noise, fret or fume. Reverend McNair, we salute you!

(Mrs.) Beatrice Maye

PCMH team launches Water Safety Campaign

Every year more than 30 children in our state die in water-related incidents, and many others suffer permanent brain damage after being injured in the water. The Child Protection Team of Pitt County Memorial Hospital is launching a campaign to increase awareness of the dangers water presents for children.

"The number of near-drownings we see here, as well as the children who became significantly handicapped from them, prompted this campaign," said Jennifer Smith, pediatric social worker at PCMH and member of the Child Protection Team.

The team is distributing 10,000 brochures—funded by the Children's Miracle Network Telethon—to pediatricians, health departments, early intervention programs, day care centers, hospitals and other destinations throughout eastern North Carolina to give tips on keeping children safe in and near the water, whether in a lake, pool, bathtub or bucket.

"We all think we know what to do, but it's being there, being in charge, and being alert that's important," said Smith. She said the bottom line is to never let a child near water without "the world's most effective safety precaution: you."

The Child Protection Team is made up of hospital and community agency representatives who deal with child protection issues on a regular basis and whose goal is prevention.

For copies of the water safety brochure, contact Smith at 816-5816.

RACISM

RACISM is the mistaken belief by some people that their group, or race, is better than others. They think that other groups are "different."

As a result of racism some groups in our society have more privileges than others. Racial discrimination—which means giving houses, jobs or educational opportunities on the grounds of race - is against the law. But racial abuse happens in many places: on the bus, in the playground, and even in the classrooms.

Prejudice means deciding in advance what someone is like instead of finding out for yourself. Prejudice comes from fear and suspicions. Some people are prejudiced against those of another race.

A stereotype is a fixed idea about what people are like. For example, racial stereotyping means that some teachers expect all black children to be athletic. Stereotypes are bad because they can limit how you see others and how you see yourself.

Very young children are not racist. They trust and accept anyone who is loving toward them. You are not born with attitudes or prejudice. They are taught and learned. Racist ideas get passed on when people talk to others or write or draw pictures. Parents teach their own attitudes to them.

Some people today think that they will benefit from being racist. They may be afraid or jealous of other groups. They may blame difficulties in their own lives or other people. They may have learned from their parents to resent and mistrust people from other groups. Anybody can be racist.

Racism creates mistrust between people. Apartheid is based on racist ideas that blacks and whites are different and should live and develop separately because whites are superior.

Racism can bring about hatred, murder and war. Everyone must learn about and understand the problems and causes. The more you know about other people and they know about you, the less you will be divided by racism.

Stand up with dignity and refuse to let other people annoy you. Everyone needs to learn ways of surviving. You do not have to put up with racial discrimination or bullying. If you need help, ask for it and work out the best way of challenging the people who are upsetting you.

From: "Let's talk about RACISM" by Angelo Grunsell

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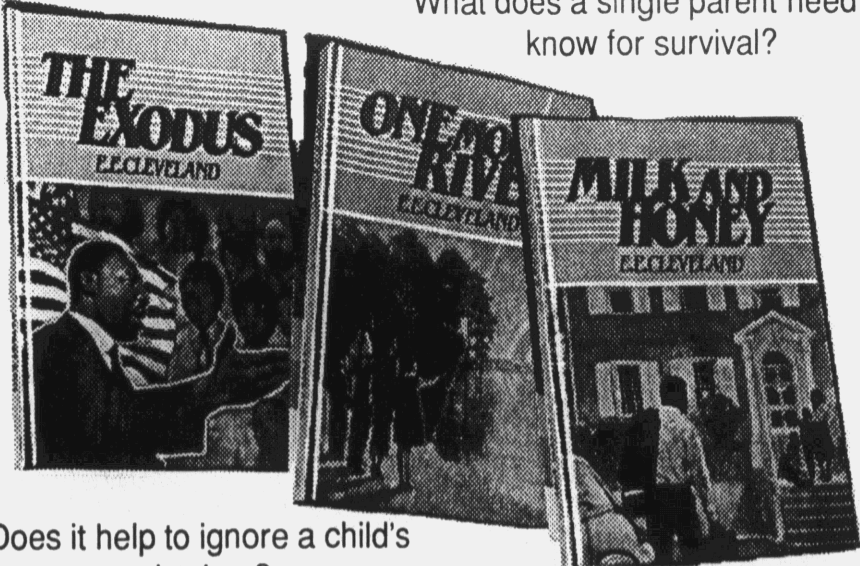
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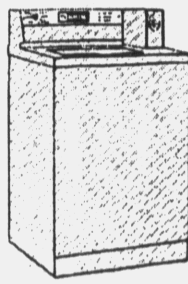
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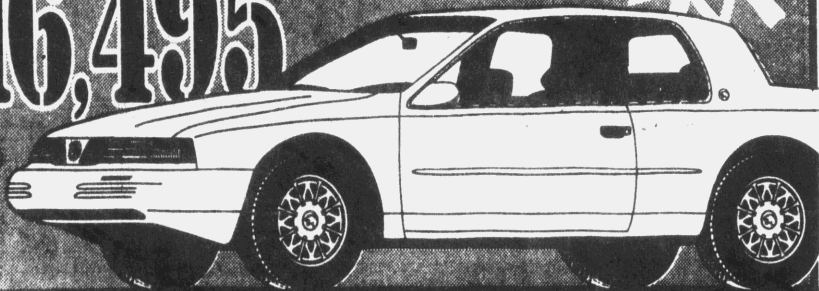
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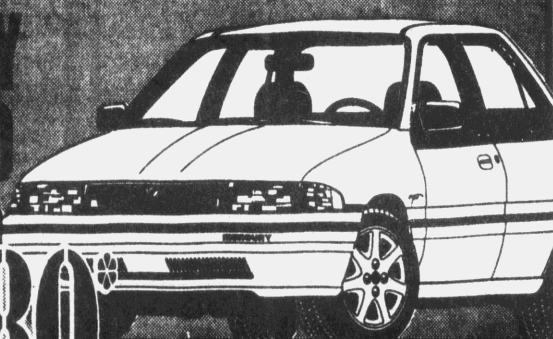


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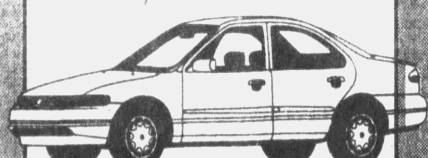
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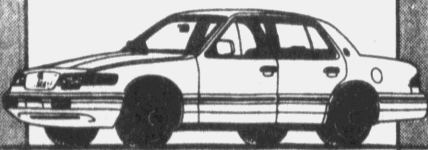
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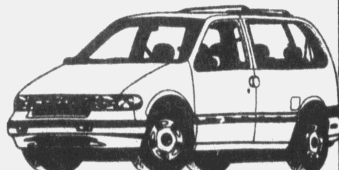
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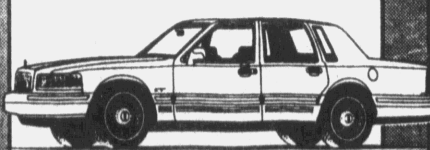
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Solving the Problems in our changing world

By Fay Phillips-Best

Christian Friends:

After carefully reviewing different comments and statements coming from many individuals concerning the problems in our changing world, it filled me with the desire to address some of those issues as I will attempt to do in this letter.

According to the Word of God, the churches and Christians should take an active role in solving the problems at hand. Quite often people state the problem, and point fingers at other groups or organizations, yet they are not putting forth any effort to find a solution.

The people who aren't skilled should be targeted and given direction as to how and where to receive the training needed to secure a job. Once a person completes his or her skills, groups should be established to locate firms or jobs which might hire that particular individual.

It is know fact that the Christians are so busy finding fault of one another and judging each other, they are failing to fulfill these obligations. The scripture tells us to "Give ye therefore and teach all nations whatsoever I have commanded ye".

The Muslims, Jehovah Witnesses and Mooneys may not acknowledge Jesus as Lord and Savior, yet they fulfill in many ways the things we omit as Christians; two most important things, love and togetherness.

One thing I have observed about the Muslims, they follow the direction of their leader, whereas they do not fight nor argue with his vision or leadership. Failure to follow is not anything new among Christians, for Moses, Jesus and even Martin Luther King, had problems with the people that followed them.

It is common knowledge they achieve their goal because they went on in spite of the die hards and complainers. Those of us who

know what the job consist of must ask those willing to go on and do the job which needs to be done.

Christians who know the way must help those who need help with managing money, caring for their young and helping find shelter that is decent for every one in need.

On Saturday, October 22, Mt. Calvary extended it's outreach ministry with a Community Fellowship Day. The following Sunday, was dress down day, anyone to come dressed just as you like. blue jeans and tennis shoes accepted.

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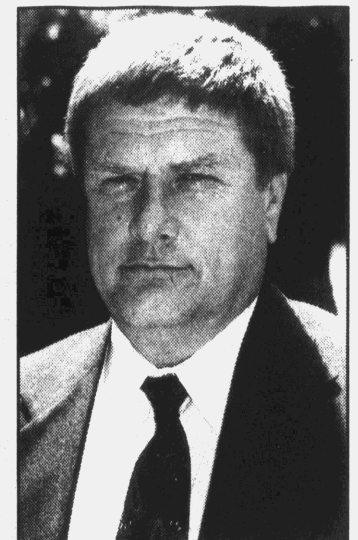
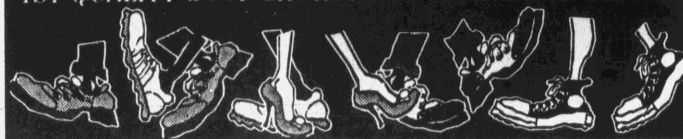
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ROBERT W. SMITH

Smith named superintendent

Robert W. Smith, a long-time employee of the Department of Correction, has been named superintendent of Eastern Correctional Institution. Smith was promoted from the Eastern Area Office in Greenville where he was the deputy area administrator.

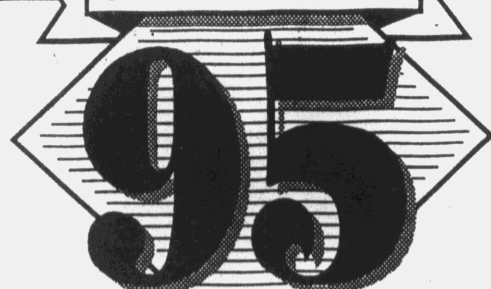
"Bob Smith is a solid, career employee who has done an excellent job," Correction Secretary Franklin Freeman said. "The department is blessed to have dedicated, hard working employees such as Mr. Smith, who I know will head Eastern Correctional Institution with the utmost professionalism."

Smith has been with DOC since 1971. He was born in Beaufort County and graduated from J.H. Rose High School in Greenville in 1965. He earned a B.S. degree in social work and corrections from East Carolina University in 1979.

Smith started with DOC as a program assistant in the Eastern Area Office. He moved to Greene Correctional Center where he was a case analyst. In 1976, he returned to the area office as a program director. In 1983, he was promoted to assistant superintendent for programs at Eastern Correctional Institution. He became superintendent at Tillery Correctional Center in Northampton County in 1988 before once again returning to the Eastern Area Office in 1991 as the deputy area administrator.

Smith's wife, Claire, is the assistant superintendent for programs at Fountain Correctional Center for Women in Rocky Mount. They live in Greene County.

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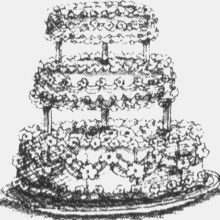
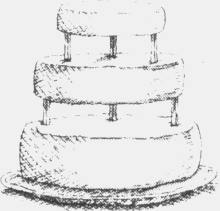
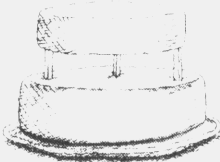
Her Life

Phyllis Hyman was born in Philadelphia, raised in Pittsburgh. She was the eldest child of seven children born to Louise B. and Phillip H. Hyman. After moving to Miami, Phyllis came to New York and in 1976 she recorded three songs for Norman Connors' "You Are My Starship" album. That project led to eight successful solo albums. Phyllis was also a featured vocalist on albums by Pharoah Saunders, McCoy Tyner, Barry Manilow and others as well as on several soundtracks. In addition to her concert performances, she appeared on numer-

ous television specials, talk shows and in major motion pictures. In 1981 she was nominated for a Tony Award for her work on Broadway in Duke Ellington's "Sophisticated Ladies." Phyllis is survived by her father; six siblings: Ann, Jeannie, Sakeema (Kym), Rasheed (Mark), Anita and Michael; many nieces and nephews and of her loving supportive staff and friends. In addition to her birth family, many others around the world became her family. We thank you Lord for Phyllis. The essence of who she was brought together so many. In the midst of our sorrow, we are comforted knowing she is at peace.

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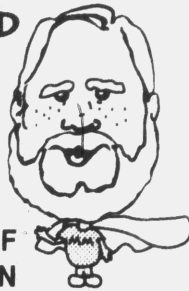
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Letter to the editor

Dear M Voice,

It seems that every summer the media are filled with stories of how some young black male has lost his life due to senseless violence at the hands of another black male. It has many of us asking the familiar questions: Why is there so much violence in our communities and what are the solutions?

I think the problem is that our youth are in search of a knowledge of themselves and their culture that has been denied them by the

current educational system. Our youth have not been taught about the contributions of such strong black leaders as Marcus Garvey and H. Rap Brown because their philosophies are considered "controversial." Therefore, Hollywood seized the opportunity to feed our youth lies since we did not provide them with the truth.

As part of the solution my organization The L.O.S.T. (Leaders of Systematic Transition) Generation recently announced a program for our city called Operation

M.E.D.I.A. (Mass Education Developing Intelligent Africans). This summer we are asking our brothers and sisters to make good use of VCR's, tape recorders and etc. in an effort to distribute positive information to our youth. With just a little effort we can teach our children about their past to light their way to a brighter future.

Paul Scott
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Community News

OICA to hold 31st Annual Convocation

On Monday, June 12, Opportunities Industrialization Centers of America (OICA), founded by Rev. Leon H. Sullivan, announced the holding of its 31st Annual Convocation in Raleigh, North Carolina August 13 - 16. Mr. Kenneth Duffan, Chairman of the Convocation Committee for OICA, announced that Opportunities Industrialization Centers (OICs) from across the United States and around the world will convene in Raleigh. Although the conference is generally held in much larger cities, the decision to have the Convocation in North Carolina was based on the exemplary work of North Carolina OICs in the reduction of unemployment. These OICs are in Elizabeth City, Greenville, Kinston, Rocky Mount and Wilson.

Through workshops, plenary sessions and seminars conducted by national, state and local experts, the Annual Convocation will motivate OIC staff, boards and volunteers to continue to provide job training and strive to do a better job in the employment training field. It further creates the opportunity for OICs to heighten

their visibility and expand their private industry partnerships.

Speaking on behalf of the North Carolina OICs, Genotie Penney-Boone, Chair, Board of Directors of Rocky Mount OIC, noted that this is a big event for North Carolina. In addition to the economic impact the conference will have on travel, hotel and food revenues, the conference offers a lot to the entire community. From Sunday, August 13 through Wednesday, August 16 corporations will display and give free samples of their products in the Exhibit Hall. The Exhibit Hall is free and open to the public. Also, during the conference there will be a JOB-O-RAMA where individuals seeking employment or change in employment can interview with corporations interested in hiring. Ms. Penney-Boone further noted that time has not expired and corporations or vendors interested in marketing their products can contact OICA at 800/621-4642.

"OIC fits in the State's scheme. As North Carolina recruits more industries, we need more job training," remarked Carolyn Coleman, Special Assistant to Governor

Hunt and representing the Governor's Office. Ralph Campbell, North Carolina State Auditor, and formerly with the OIC movement, called OIC, "an integral part of welfare reform." Mr. Campbell pointed out that in both the Comprehensive and Employment Training and Job Training Partnership Acts, OIC was the only community based, job training organization listed by name. After urging OICs to continue the great work, Mr. Campbell added, "Of all the opportunities afforded by OICs, the best one is the opportunity to continue education and receive job training which evokes dignity and respect in people." Senator Bob Martin, one of the leading OIC advocates, added that he has been a long time believer in OIC and the work NC OICs have done. Brad Thompson, Mayor Pro Tem for the City of Raleigh, concluded by saying "the conference's economic impact is valuable, but the services OIC offers are more valuable."

For further information, contact Kristi Jones, President, Pitt-Greenville OIC 919/752-9592.



Art Gallery to be held July 26th through August 23rd

Dr. Sharon Pruitt, Associate Professor of Art History, will lecture on African art in Speight Auditorium. Gallery reception to follow.

The James Lankton collection is diverse and an outstanding example of the African art of Zaire and especially the Kuba people. The exhibition includes furniture, jewelry, knives, drums, exquisite masks, figure carvings and numerous textiles.

The exhibition, Creativity, Continuity, Community: African Art, places the objects on view in the context of their use in everyday life by the people who created them. Continuity of live and culture within the community as represented by the objects is addressed and of paramount importance in that the objects were created not simply as art but with function and purpose giving them a power and meaning from generation to

generation.

The Wellington B. Gray Art Gallery is located off of 5th Street and Jarvis Street on the campus of

East Carolina University in the Jenkins Fine Arts Center. Summer gallery hours are Monday

Kearney appointed to N. C. Board of Agriculture

C. Osmond Kearney, Jr., of Snow Hill was among three who were appointed to the N.C. Board of Agriculture by Governor Jim Hunt. Others appointed included Sam McLawhorn of Grifton and Richard W. Vaughan of Lasker. These appointments were confirmed by the State Senate recently.

The three will serve six-year terms. The Board has 10 members with N.C. Agriculture Commissioner Jim Graham serving as ex-officio chairman.

"Osmond, Sam and Richard share my commitment to making sure that our children and our

grandchildren have the same opportunities we have had to make a good living off the land," Hunt said. "I rely on these individuals and all the members of the Board of Agriculture to continue to come up with ways we can make North Carolina's agriculture industry more successful."

Graham said, "These men are leaders in farming, and they will help keep the state's Number One industry strong. I look forward to serving with them."

The Board of Agriculture is the primary rule-and policy-making authority for the N.C. Department

of Agriculture.

Kearney is a first-time board member and will represent the dairy and livestock industries. Owner of Kearney Farms, Inc., he has farmed since 1972.

McLawhorn was appointed to a fourth consecutive term. A retired farmer, he represents the cotton industry.

Vaughan was appointed to a second consecutive term. A farmer and auctioneer, he represents the peanut industry. He owns Bear Swamp Farms and Rich & Rich bonded Auction Company.

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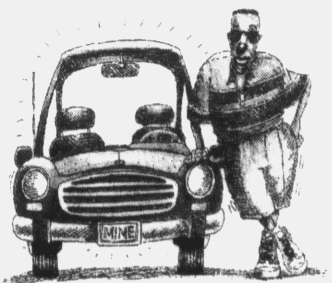
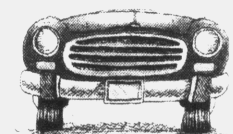
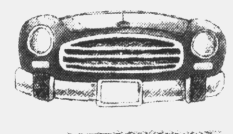
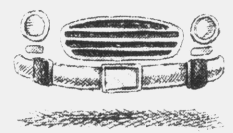
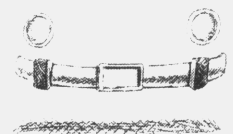
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