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## A TEACHER'S DEMAND FOR RESPECT

Parents, are you tired of seeing your male off-spring walking around in pants big enough to cover Roseanne?

Don't think you can take reading "Fruit of the Loom" or "B.V.D." once more when he walks past en route to the refrigerator—where he'll invariably hold the door open 10 minutes before gulping milk directly from the carton?

Well, have I got news for you!

You no longer have to threaten to take him to a Yanni concert or cut his allowance. All you have to do is tell him where that "fashion trend" started.

In prison. Yup. The joint. The hoosegow. The Big House.

Kenneth Cutler, a teacher at Durham's Hillside High School, told me he heard that theory from people who should know. The style, they say, originated among gay men in prison to signal their sexual

preference and to provide—hmmm, how can I say this in a nice way?—easy access.

Makes sense to me, although the last time I was a guest of the state (it was just a misunderstanding: Honest) everybody's pants were hanging low: the cops had taken all our belts lest someone try to croak himself during a moment of lucidity.

My disgust with seeing kids with their pants riding low has little to

do with moral outrage. No, the source of my anger is selfish: You see, as someone whose backside can best be described as "Rush Limbaughish" in size, I can never find britches big enough to fit me because some reed-thin pipsqueak just bought the last pair.

But Cutler, a physical science and biology teacher, said he thinks the oversize clothes—or, more precisely, the belligerence that often accompanies them—make doing

his job difficult. "Once you get discipline, then you can teach," he said.

His next comment surprised me. "The students like discipline," he said. "I've found they want an authority figure. I spend the first week of each year getting to know the kids—letting them know why they are here and what I expect from them."

Too many people—and not just teachers—are afraid to tell kids

what they expect from them. Indeed, it was with great trepidation that I said to a young, but very big kid at the YMCA in brightly colored, but inappropriately displayed boxers, "Boy, pull those pants up."

I expected a fight, or at the least a string of epithets. Instead, he did a very strange thing: He pulled them up.

But Cutler is no mere fashion. Continued on Page Three.



A "GRAND LADY"... MOTHER ROSA BRADLEY (SEATED LEFT) WAS HONORED AT A BIRTHDAY PARTY AT THE SYCAMORE HILL BAPTIST CHURCH RECENTLY. SHE IS SHOWN HERE WITH: JUANITA WALTON (SEATED RIGHT) AND ZENORA GARDNER AND GAYLE HARDY (STANDING LEFT-RIGHT). FOR MORE DETAILS AND PICTURES... SEE "FACES AND PLACES" PAGE. (PHOTO: JIM ROUSE)



God bless the Family!!! Brother Rountree, his wife, and children, smile for the "M" Voice camera. They are happy members of Davenport's Temple in Washington. Their Pastor is the honorable Bishop Leroy Jackson Woolard.

Staff Photo: Jim Rouse)

## African-Americans play major role in economy of Pitt County

African-Americans play a major role in the maximization of profits by most businesses within Pitt County. On Friday, December 27, 1996, I, a concerned citizen, began a research project (completed on 12-30-96) designed to see whether African-Americans' patronage of over 20 Greenville businesses has been rewarded with a meaningful African-American representation in upper management. Incidentally, for purposes of this study, upper management only consists of business managers and assistant managers who have substan-

tially exclusive decision-making authority not enjoyed by other employees in subordinate positions. Additionally, instead of playing the "blame, name, game," I will use the official business names to refer to those managers/assistant managers interviewed for this enlightening study. Although African-Americans have made much progress in recent years with respect to upper mobility within business management, Dr. King's dream that African-Americans will live in a virtually color-blind society has become a nightmare

for many.

While visiting over twenty businesses consisting of restaurants, clothing stores, and a host of other retail outlets, I asked a series of questions designed to pinpoint the number of minorities (with emphasis on African-Americans) in upper management. The subsequent analyses reflect focused interviews with specific management officials representing their respective businesses. A case in point is Winn Dixie on Greenville Blvd. Winn Dixie told me that his store has one African-American

out of five upper managers. When asked, "Are you seeking to recruit more African-Americans for upper management?", the store responded, "We recruit based on qualification." More shocking is the fact that there are thirty-one African-Americans out of 110 total employees.

Food Lion on Red Banks Road straight forwardly answered three out of seven posed questions. However, whenever the question related to African-American employment at his store, the answer was

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## Local youth wins Gymnastics title

### Meet Held in Atlanta, GA

Saturday, February 8th, 1997 at the Fourteenth Annual Peachtree Men's Classic Gymnastics Meet held in Atlanta, Georgia; Nyika O. White won (5) medals, including (2) First places, one in the Floor Exercise, and another on the Vault. Also a 2nd, 5th and a 7th place over a field of 43 terms from 11 different States on the Eastern Seaboard.

Nyika's all around Score of 45.25 earned him the outright Championship of this prestigious Meet, just one of four remaining Meets of this current gymnastic season, as he strives to become a National competitor on his way to becoming an Olympian.

Nyika is an 8th Grade Honor Student at Williamston Middle School, where he also strives to excel in academics. Nyika and his family truly thank "all" who contributed and supported in any way, our efforts to represent Martin County in a positive way.

Respectfully,  
Mr. & Mrs. George White & Nyika.

By attending this institute I hope to attain more knowledge on the career of being a pediatric neuro surgeon. Another thing I hope to learn is how important teamwork really is in the work force. In attendance of this institute I hope to learn the importance of an educa-

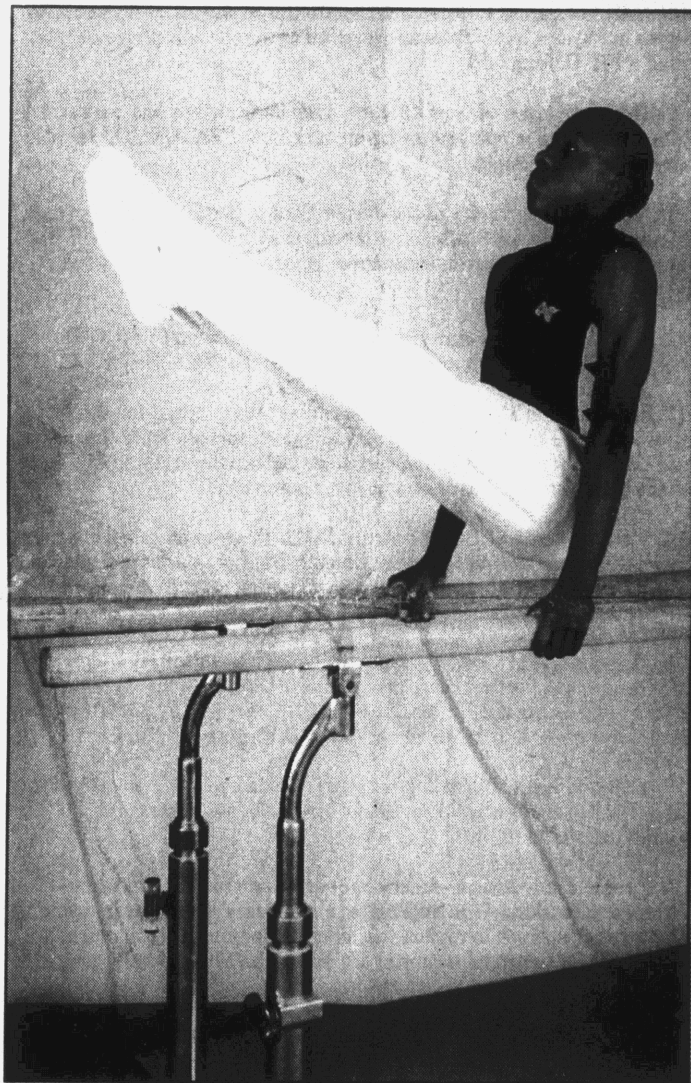
tion in the world environment.

I have always wanted to become a neuro surgeon because I love children and love to give back to the community. Another reason I have wanted to become a surgeon is because there are so many children who need neuro surgery and so few surgeons. By attending this institute, it would be another step in the direction of me becoming a surgeon.

Another benefit of this institute would be the exposure to the daily routine of a licensed physician. This institute would also give me a chance to see the teamwork involved in the medical field, from the surgeon to the pharmacist.

In conclusion, I would like to thank you for your this opportunity. I have worked very hard for an opportunity such as this, and I feel this would be a fitting reward. I would appreciate the opportunity to interact within the medical field.

NYIKA IOLUSHOLA WHITE  
Son of Soil God Has Blessed Me



Nyika Olushola White



"MR. MAGIC"... cooling out on a pleasant Saturday afternoon... two faces from Elizabeth City, shown here with Brother Reggie Price... host of the "Gospel Music Mix Party" on JOY 1340, Monday through Friday. These two friends remember him as "Mr. Magic" in the "good ole days". Christians live on!!!

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HAPPY FACES... Mom and daughter express love for one another. Both are supportive customers of "A TASTE OF HEAVEN" at the Carolina East Mall... where Christians (of all colors) hang out. (Staff Photo: Jim Rouse)



# from the desk of Mrs. Beatrice Maye



Mrs. Beatrice Maye

American's father for his role in many television series including "I Spy".

5. The founder of Bethune-Cookman College in Daytona Beach, Florida, this dynamic African-American female was a strong adviser to President Franklin Delano Roosevelt and a very close personal friend to Eleanor Roosevelt.

6. The name of the college at which George Washington Carver performed his numerous experiments with the peanut and sweet potato, this institution still stands as a beacon of academic excellence in the United States of America and a school from which Professor Carver would never leave even when very lucrative offers came from other institutions of higher learning.

7. Recognized as "The Minister of Defense," this defensive end is the leader in career quarterback sacks in professional football. This graduate of the University of Tennessee, however, is best known as an unparalleled "Preacher of the Gospel of Jesus Christ" and won his first Super Bowl championship with the Green Bay Packers in New Orleans, on January 26, 1997.

8. Name of the university from which Michael Jordan graduated

9 This African-American astronaut died in the explosion aboard Challenger in January, 1986 He was born in Lake City, south Carolina, and graduated from North Carolina A. & T. State University in Greensboro with a degree in Physics, but his passion was playing the alto saxophone He later earned a PH. D. from MIT

10. This native son of New Orleans, Louisiana, wrote and performed "Hello, Dolly," and is best known for his nickname, "SATCHMO." He also played a "mean" trumpet.

11. The former secretary of the Jasper County Schools for many years who retired in June, 1996, after a stellar career with this school system. She is an author, and is a current resident of Hardeeville, South Carolina.

12. This young African-American is presently President Clinton's Director of the Office of Budget and Management for the White House.

13. Recognized in Major League Baseball as "Mr. October" for his clutch hitting in crucial World Series and playoff games, this graduate of Arizona State University performed as an outfielder for both the Oakland Athletics and the New York Yankees—and he loves automobiles.

14. This graduate of CCNY's Army ROTC Program became the first African-American to direct the Joint Chiefs of Staff for this nation and upon his retirement herefrom, gave serious consideration toward running for the GOP nomination for President of these United States.

15. A native son born in Greenville, South Carolina, this African-American became the first Black man to run for the Democratic nomination for the Presidency of the United States in 1988; and he is a graduate of the North Carolina A. & T. State University in Greensboro, North Carolina.

16. A literary giant, this writer and poet is considered the foremost author of the "Harlem Renaissance" era. One of his outstanding works is entitled, "Mother to Son."

17. First and only African-American quarterback to direct his team—the Washington Redskins—to a Super Bowl victory, this young man is strongly rumored as the person to replace legendary Grambling football coach, Mr. Eddie Robinson, when he retires at the end of the 1997 football season.

18. A native of Henderson, North Carolina, and Vance County, this young man is Superintendent of the Jasper County Schools in Ridgeland, South Carolina.

19. In question fifteen, I asked for the name of the first Black man to run for the Presidency of the United States. Now name the first Black female who ran for the Presidency in 1972 when she was a Democratic Representative from New York State.

20. He portrayed the "Nutty Professor," and his current movie is entitled "Metro." Name this famous African-American.

21. For the next ten questions through number thirty, match the predominantly Black college or university with this institution's sports team nickname.

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Howard University  
Shaw University  
North Carolina A. & T. State University  
North Carolina Central University  
Southern University (Louisiana)  
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Norfolk State University  
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Florida A. & M. University

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31. Identify the name of the first African-American female principal of Jasper County High School.

32. Identify the name of the city and state in which the late Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., is buried.

33. Name the official document which proclaimed that all slaves would be free in the United States of America as signed by President Abraham Lincoln.

34. The first African-American to be named to the United States Supreme Court was born in Baltimore, Maryland, and his first name was originally inscribed on his birth certificate as "Thoroughgood." He went on to earn the nickname, "MR. NAACP," for his powerful legal presentations and arguments to advance freedom and equality for all African-Americans.

35. He was nicknamed "The Bronx Bomber." By Executive Order of President Richard Milhous Nixon, his body was buried in Arlington National Cemetery. He was the heavyweight boxing champion of the world, and he was born in Detroit, Michigan.

36. This African-American male was the first of his race to win the Nobel

Peace Prize in Oslo, Norway. He was awarded this presentation for his tireless work in the late 1950's to achieve peace between the Arabs and the Israelis.

37. This outstanding African-American is credited with developing blood plasma. He was trained at Howard University Medical School He died in an automobile accident outside of Burlington, North Carolina

38 Known as the "Mother of the Civil Rights Movement," this quiet and humble seamstress started a revolution for African-Americans in Montgomery, Alabama, when she refused to give up her seat on a city bus for a white man to sit down on December 1, 1955. At eighty-four years old on February 4, 1997, she presently lives in Detroit, Michigan, and she received the "Medal of Freedom" from President Bill Clinton in 1996 at a White House ceremony in her honor.

39. This dynamic, proud, and living African-American is the first of his race to receive the "Congressional Medal of Honor" for valor h- World War II. He received this medal in a full White House ceremony on January 6, 1997, as awarded to him by President William Jefferson Clinton Five other African-Americans were saluted at this event, but all of them were awarded their medals posthumously.

40. The name of the Probate Judge for Jasper County—this distinguished scholar and gentleman is a graduate of the North Carolina Central University School of Law in Durham, North Carolina.

41. The first African-American Governor elected in this century, this outstanding attorney is a native of Richmond. He was elected Governor from the same state in which Thomas Jefferson established the same famous University in Charlottesville.

42. In 1936, this famous African-American defeated his rivals, but more importantly, he trounced Hitler's belief in and desire for a "master race among Germans." This individual went on to win four Olympic medals at this competition, and Michael Johnson has attempted to pattern his running and his technique after this outstanding athlete.

43. This tremendous African-American basketball star graduated from Overbrook High School in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and from the University of Kansas. In his professional career, he played for both the Philadelphia 76ers and the Los Angeles Lakers. He has scored over 50 points in professional basketball games over seventy-five times, and once scored one hundred points in one basketball game.

He is professional basketball's all-time leading rebounder. His nickname is "The Stilt."

44. This distinguished African-American died in January, 1997, of throat cancer in his mid-50's. He was the former center fielder for the St. Louis Cardinals who concluded his baseball playing career with the Philadelphia Phillies. But his foremost achievement is his courage to challenge the baseball anti-trust laws which produced a Supreme Court decision in 1972 to allow the beginning of free agency in baseball and in other professional sports. Who is this outstanding athlete and tremendous champion of all mankind?

45. This former South Carolina high school basketball star is now playing in his second season with the Minnesota Timberwolves. He left South Carolina after his sophomore year in high school and moved to Chicago from which he entered the NBA draft when he failed to make the minimum SAT score to attend the college or university of his choice. Who is this budding superstar?

46. This inventor is credited with making the first shoes in which people place their feet to walk. He died before his fortieth birthday, but this African-American male developed his shoes in Massachusetts and has left a legacy in which all of us walk. Who is this famous African-American

inventor?

47. This former female legislator spent over ten years in the South Carolina General Assembly representing the people of Jasper County and "the Lowcountry." She and her husband are residents of Hardeeville, South Carolina. Who is this remarkable African-American?

48. This native of the hills of Tennessee was a United States Navy veteran who traced his family's history during his "free time" in the records of Annapolis, Maryland, and the Library of Congress. He is no longer living, but his legacy continues. His most famous work, "Roots," has become an epic in screen and in literature. Name this talented and distinguished African-American who shared with his "Chicken George."

49. Although blind soon after his birth, this mega-music star started his career playing the harmonica. He has gone on during his lifetime to produce hit after hit, record album after record album, and has performed for leaders and titans the world over. His most enduring contribution to America, however, has been his unyielding work to proclaim The Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday as a National Holiday. Name this outstanding musician.

50. Two Jasper County high school student-athletes have signed recently letters-of-intent to attend Clemson University and to play college football for this institution of higher learning. Name these two outstanding African-American student-athletes.

51. In 1993, the University of Michigan men's basketball team—the Wolverines—started five freshmen who reached the men's Final Four in the NCAA's Tournament two consecutive years losing the championship game to Duke University and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill respectively. Chris Webber, Jalen Rose, Juwan Howard, Jimmy King, and Ray Jackson—four of these young men presently play in the NBA—constituted the starters for this team. This group was given a nickname which struck with them throughout their careers at Michigan. What was this freshmen class' nickname?

52. This graduate of the University of California at Los Angeles was the first African-American to play Major League Baseball. Ushered into this professional sport through Branch Rickey, owner of the Brooklyn Dodgers, this young man primarily played second base and was noted for his great ability to steal bases—but particularly the ability to steal home. What is his name?

53. This United States Senator is the only African-American female to serve in this august Congressional body in Washington, DC She represents the state of Illinois, and within the past two years she married. What is her name?

54. Known as the "Godfather of Soul," this African-American was born in Augusta, Georgia. He has played in prisons—and has been, unfortunately, a prisoner himself. At over sixty years old, he displayed his talents for a national television audience at this year's Super Bowl along side ZZ Top and the Blues Brothers. His namesake appears on "FOX's NFL Pre-Game Show" with Terry Bradshaw, Ronnie Lott, and my man—Howie Long. Who is this giant of an African-American who has displayed his talents for nearly six decades?

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## Economy

a categorical "confidential." Nevertheless, at least 50 percent of the customers are African-American. Yet, I was unable to get statistics about African-American employment. When I asked about the prospects of recruiting African-Americans for upper management, the reply was, "I'll have to refer you to the corporate."

Applebee's cautiously stated that the kitchen manager, an African-American is the only one of five upper managers. Further, there are a measly twelve African-Americans in a total pool of eighty employees. Because 55 percent of Applebee's customers are African-American, it stands to reason that more African-Americans should be employed.

Darryl's (10th St.) informed that African-Americans constitute about 35 percent of all employees at that eatery. Although Darryl's African-American clientele is about 30 percent, there is only one African-American in an upper management of four. When asked

about the likelihood of promoting African-Americans to upper management, the business' remarks echoed those of many of the other interviewed managers in this project.

The Tenth-Street Revco offered some interesting responses during our interview. The reply to all of the questions on African-American employment at the store was, "That's confidential." Moreover, when I asked, "How many minorities are in upper management?", the hesitant response was, "I don't want to answer that." The ridiculous responses given me seemingly suggest a lack of candor and a preference not to release simple statistics on African-American employees and customers who patronize that business.

For the record, the following businesses refused to answer any questions: Chili's, Goody's Family Clothing, Target, Quincy's, and K-mart. By the way, Quincy's manager refused to give his last name. Did Manager "Doohickey" have something to hide? Be the judge! Similarly, when questioned, K-mart said, "We don't give out that kind of information."

In conclusion, although a lack of space prevented me from profiling all business managers inter-

viewed, those focused on in this study, for the most part, failed to enthusiastically support the need for African-Americans in the upper echelons of management. Therefore, public consciousness and awareness must be raised to foster business environments where people will not be denied managerial positions because of their racial or ethnic persuasions. Additionally, the citizens of Greenville have a moral obligation to demand fairness in employment and promotions or decline to patronize businesses whose white managers have racial/discriminatory proclivities.

If I were grading all of the businesses visited on my eye-opening journey for candor and the recognition of the urgency to recruit/promote African-Americans to upper management, most would receive an "F". However, Hollywood Videos deserves an "A" and T.J. Maxx, "A-". Without pressure from concerned citizens of Greenville, the status quo will prevail and numerous establishments will continue to take African-American customers and employees for granted. So, business managers, if you do the right thing Dr. Martin Luther King will smile happily in his eternal sleep.

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## Teacher

consultant. During a conversation a couple of days ago, he told me stuff that, with the beginning of school imminent, should help all teachers.

For instance, he told me how he got male students to take off their hats inside buildings. At Hillside, the student dress policy allows boys

to wear hats inside the lobby. Not Cutler. He said, "I can't accept disrespect toward women...Unfortunately, many black men have a problem with respecting our women."

"When they come in with their baseball caps on, I tell them that it is disrespectful to women, especially their mothers. Then I ask them to name one person who is not an athlete or entertainer who wears a baseball cap and makes over \$40,000 a year: They can't."

And, you remember how in Miss Landers' class on "Leave It To

Beaver" there was always a mad dash to the door the instant the bell rang? Not in Cutler's class. "When the bell rings, nobody moves," he said. "The ladies go first, then the men."

So, parents. Be sure to tell your sons where the droopy pants style originated and what Cutler said: "There's only one kind of man I know who likes to show his butt to another man." See if that doesn't make them pull their trousers up.

Now, if we could just think of a way to make them close the refrigerator door.

## "THIS WAY FOR BLACK EMPOWERMENT"

## WE MUST NOT ALLOW POLITICS TO UNDERMINE OUR CONSTITUTION

A federal court in Brooklyn, New York last week convicted Lemrick Nelson, a young Black man, of violating the civil rights of a Jewish rabbinical student, Yankel Rosenbaum, during the unrest in Crown Heights several years ago. The conviction raises concerns for all Americans about the durability of our fundamental rights.

Nelson's cruel fate should serve as a warning to all those who are tempted to twist the words of the Constitution, thereby distorting its meaning and intent to accomplish particular political ends.

Nelson was tried in federal court after a state jury found him not guilty of murdering Rosenbaum. The federal prosecution charged him with the same act of which he had been acquitted, stabbing Rosenbaum with a knife. This is despite the fact that the Fifth Amendment to our Constitution,

part of the Bill of Rights, states: "nor shall any person be subject for the same offense to be twice put in jeopardy...."

The reasons for the prohibition against double jeopardy, a founding principle of our justice system, are obvious. It is not fair to give the government a second chance to convict a citizen by allowing it to use what has been learned about the defense to shore up weaknesses in its own case, or to obtain evidence that investigators failed to gather or which did not even exist the first time around. It is not fair to drag a person through the trauma, expense and jeopardy of another trial after he or she has been found not guilty; it is not fair to make a person do battle against the vast resources of the government not once, but twice.

In the second Nelson prosecution the government did not call to the stand a police officer whose testimony in the first trial contradicted the version given by the other officers and was key to the

acquittal. In between the first and second trial the government persuaded Nelson's former girlfriend to testify, about incriminating statements Nelson, still in his teens, made to her after he had been acquitted. Moreover, the jury in the federal prosecution was more white than the jury in the state prosecution. (The first jury was drawn only from Brooklyn, where the crime took place.)

How did this happen? Enormous political pressure was brought to bear by Brooklyn's Hasidic Jewish community and others, including District Attorney Charles Hynes, Mayor Rudolph Giuliani and former Governor Mario Cuomo, all of whom needed Jewish voters to win election. But what about the Constitution? How did federal prosecutors get around the double jeopardy protections of the Fifth Amendment? They relied on a series of decisions by the U.S. Supreme Court that ruled the federal and state governments to be

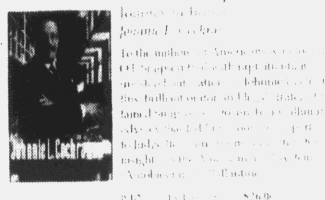
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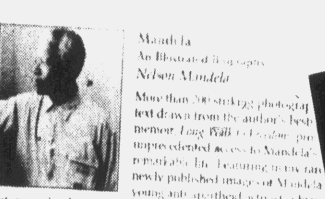
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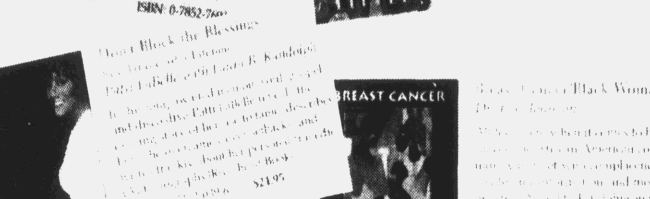


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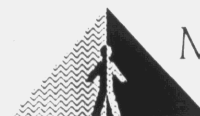
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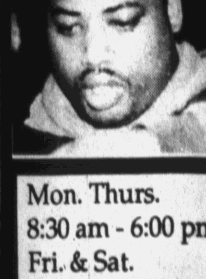
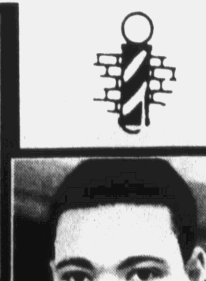
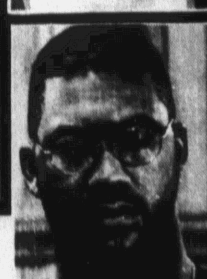
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populations of nematodes in the soil. Survival of plant-parasitic nematodes depends upon the availability of a suitable living plant as well as favorable moisture and temperature conditions in the soils. Understanding the life cycles and specific requirements for plant-parasitic nematodes helps explain how control measures are developed and why they can be effective.

Since nematodes do pose such a problem to many of our field crops and vegetables in eastern

North Carolina, the Extension Service and Department of Agriculture have planned the "Eastern North Carolina Nematode Management Conference" on February 11. This conference will begin at 9:00 am at the Pitt County Agriculture Center. Topic will include nematode management in peanuts, tobacco, cotton, soybeans, corn, vegetables, and turf.

Participants will also learn about nematode sampling and assay perspectives.

Agents and specialists with the NC Cooperative Extension Service and Department of Agriculture will present information at the conference. Farmers and others with an interest in nematode management are invited to at-

tend. Please pre register by February 7 by calling 757-2801. Registration is \$5 and includes lunch. Pesticide credits and certified crop advisor credits will be offered.

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

February 11: Flue-Cured Tobacco Stabilization Corporation District 6 Meeting; 2 pm; Farm Bureau Building; Greenville.

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February 19: Peanut Production Meeting; 6:30 pm; Pitt Co. Agriculture Center; call 757-2801 to register.

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## Empowerment

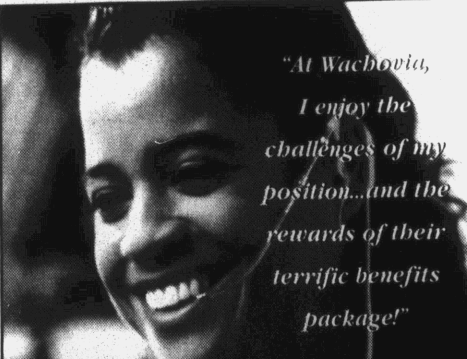
distinct sovereigns and limited the double jeopardy clause to successive prosecutions by the same sovereign. Ironically, the "dual sovereignty" doctrine came into being in the 1960s in response to the arguments of civil rights activists pushing for federal intervention after white racists were acquitted of violence against African Americans by biased state courts in the South and elsewhere.

The other troubling aspect of the second Nelson prosecution is the crime for which he was prosecuted: violating the civil rights of Yankel Rosenbaum. What was that "civil right"? According to the government, it was the right to walk on a public sidewalk free from violent attack. Here again law was sacrificed to political expediency.

The federal statute under which Nelson was prosecuted was enacted to protect Black civil rights activists from physical attack by the Ku Klux Klan. It was passed after it became apparent that local prosecutors in the southern states were not willing to prosecute KKK vigilantes and murderers, either out of fear or sympathy. There is no special "civil right" to walk on a street free from violence. Being free from violence is the right of every person, no matter what their race or where they are walking. Calling it a "civil right" adds nothing, except that it gives the government a second opportunity to prosecute a Lemrick Nelson when it is politically expedient to do so.

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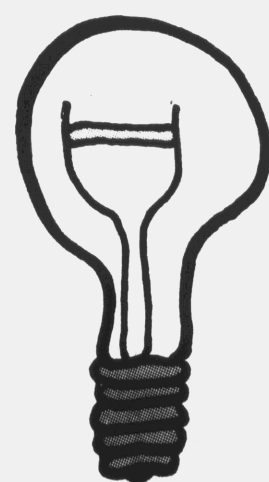
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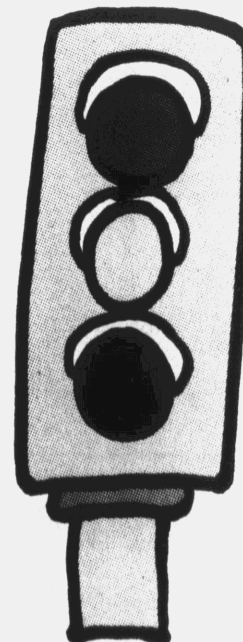
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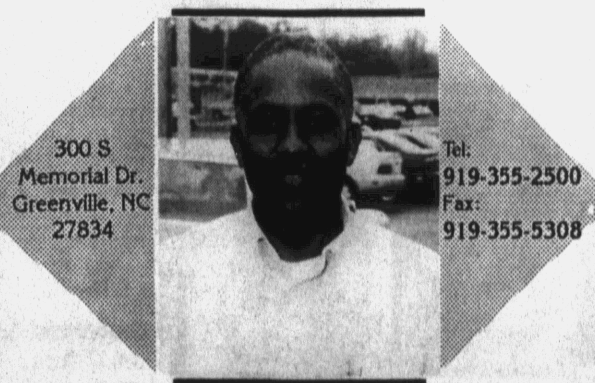
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# AFRICAN-AMERICAN PIONEER

Profile of a Personality -- ANDREW A. BEST

by Vivian D. Bazemore, Staff Writer  
For many African-Americans, he is a successful physician, a black male role model, and a profound figure in the African American community. Andrew A. Best was born in Lenoir County near Kinston, North Carolina. He is also known to many as the "G O D F A - T H E R".

## Andrew Best

Whenever one attempts to praise him, he humbly acknowledges his own accomplishments, and at the same time, he ardently points to contributions of others. Modesty is one of his strong characteristics.

Best grew up on a farm, the eighth child of a family of ten, and he remembers his father as a strict disciplinarian, and his mother as kind, understanding, and "God-fearing".

I asked him, how would he sum-up his

early years? He responded, "We were a closely knit family. Honesty, obedience, and respect were traits demanded and practiced in our family, and we carried out instructions without question. My parents demanded that we respect other adults, teachers, and community leaders."

Young people need to know that to be successful doesn't require material wealth such as name brand sneakers, coats, jewelry and etc. During Best's high school days, there were no high schools for blacks in Lenoir county. Therefore, he walked four miles to and from Adkin High School, the city school in Kinston for "colored" who accepted blacks from the county. In route, a bus passed by filled with whites who yelled indignities, but he used the insults as incentives to overcome.

He worked long and demanding hours, sometimes 16 to 18 hours per day to fulfill the demands of farm work and school. Nevertheless, he completed his high school studies and graduated as an Honor Student. He was named recipient of the "Best All Around Student Award". As he is a role model to many, his role model was a Dr. Josef P. Harrison, his family physician.

Due to financial constraints, caused by the lengthy illness and death of his father, he delayed his educational pursuits for four years. Life after that reads like a history book in itself. He attended North Carolina A&T University, left and served in the Armed

Forces, then returned and graduated from North Carolina A&T University Summa Cum Laude. He completed his medical studies at Meharry Medical College, Nashville TN, in June 1951. Once more, he returned to the Armed Forces and completed an internship in Tacoma Washington because of associated financial benefits. Discharged as a Captain, he moved to Greenville and opened his office for private practice in the field of Family Medicine, January 1, 1954.

His involvement in community affairs also reads like a textbook. He molded the development of educational programs in the schools, founded the North Carolina Joint Council on Health and Citizenship (NCJCHC) in 1960, which is still active today, and he remains the President. He served eight years as a Trustee at A&T State University, and as a Member of the Board of Governors for Higher Education. While on this Board, he served on several important subcommittees including the Subcommittee on "Health and Medical Education". He served as a Trustee at East Carolina University (two four year terms) and he pioneered in the fight for the establishment of the ECU School of Medicine. In addition, he played an instrumental role in the establishment of the Afro-American Cultural Center known today as the Ledonia Wright African American Cultural Center, named in honor of the late black professor, Dr. Ledonia S. Wright, who was the first black ECU faculty member.

Best was one of a few forerunners who led

the fight for public housing in the City of Greenville. For 21 years, he served as a Commissioner on the Housing Authority. He helped to make Public Housing a reality here in Greenville, because he felt the need for decent housing, as an important factor in health preservation.

Is there anything else to know? Of course, he has served as chairman of the Trustee Board of his home church and a "Leader" in the Lay Movement of the AME zion Church, at all levels. Currently, he serves as the President of the Lay Council of the Cape Fear Conference which provides him with many opportunities to network with the Youths.

He was one of the founders of the Pitt County Interracial Committee, which was the predecessor of the now more formal Human Relations Councils. He worked diligently, and made great strides by fighting

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(without violence) for Human Rights, the one he felt had priority over Property Rights. It was Drs. Best and Malene Irons who persuaded Pitt County Memorial Hospital to integrate peacefully. His involvement in Human Relations activity on the state level dates back to the initial meeting called by the then Honorable Terry Sanford, Governor. At this meeting, Governor Sanford announced the creation of the "Good Neighbor Council" by Executive order. Best was appointed to this body, which was the forerunner of the Human Relation Councils of today. In closing, Best had an equally notable participation in other Civil Rights groups, such as NAACP, SCLC, and various Volunteer Civil Rights Groups. Indeed, his accomplishments and developments have been dramatic and significant!

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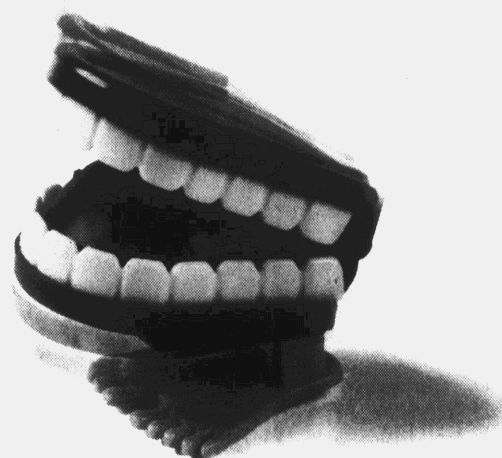
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# Black History Still Much Ignored

One need not search any further than a local public school on Bankhead Highway to find "a picture which says a thousand words" about the importance attached to Black history in general. It is an elementary school named for the Father of Black History, Carter G. Woodson; and if you don't know it already, the sign in front of the school wouldn't help at all. A few letter are left and, judging from their condition, they will be gone soon.

Just as the school marker has been neglected and overlooked, so have the contributions of Woodson and others been passed over in the various cursory attempts to celebrate Black history. A few years ago, for example, a member of our staff was the guest speaker at a local school which had been celebrating Black history for more than a week, and when he asked how the celebration originated, no one knew the answer.

To their surprise, he informed them that Woodson, in an attempt, to give recognition to Black people who had made significant contributions to society and to the world at large, actually started Black History Week, which has since become Black History Month. Unfortunately, the extended celebration has not done appreciably more to increase the general knowledge of Black history. For years now, children in our public schools have been told the same old stories about George Washington Carver, Booker T. Washington, Mary McLeod Bethune, Jesse Owens, Charles Drew and Sojourner Truth. However, Black people in many fields of endeavor—medicine, politics, education, science, technology, sports, literature, business—have made tremendous contributions, only to be ignored. It was this that motivated Woodson to begin Black history celebrations in the first place.

Almost everyone in our community would agree that Black youngsters need role models. It is our opinion that these role models can come from both the past and the present and should come from all areas, not just science or sports or civil rights activities. Black people have

contributed significantly to practically every aspect of life, and their contributions deserve much more than the abbreviated attention they receive one month of the year.

If the Father of Black History has generally been ignored, consider what has happened in connection with the Mother of the Civil Rights Movement. Black and whites recognize the name Rosa Parks almost immediately. She is the Black woman who in 1955 was arrested for failure to adhere to an Alabama state law which required Black riders on city buses to pay their fare at the front of the bus, then get off and walk around to board the bus from the back.

Mrs. Parks's refusal to obey the existing law in 1955 is familiar to the average Black person, but how many, people know that, 12 years earlier, she had an encounter with the same bus driver who had her arrested on the historical occasion. "The same driver, back in 1943, had evicted me from the bus," Mrs. Parks recalled: "It was not about a seat that time. He wanted me to get off the bus and go around and get back on. I wouldn't do it."

She had known that it was virtually impossible to get back on the bus because the back was so crowded, so Mrs. Parks elected to take her chances and walk straight to the back of the bus without getting off. Additionally, white bus Continued on next Page.

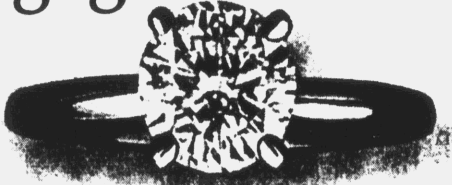
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Clara Brown was born a slave in Gallatin, Tennessee, in 1803, but grew up in Kentucky. She later married and had four children. Life for Clara was hard, but she found a way to survive. She found comfort in having her family with her. However, in 1835, most of Clara Brown's family was divided and sold to different slave owners. For the next 20 years, Clara would search for her family, uselessly.

After the death of her owner, in 1858, she paid \$100 toward her freedom. In 1859, gold was found in the mountains of Colorado. The news spread fast that men and women were making fortunes. So began the Colorado Gold Rush. The famed "Fifty Niners," as they were called, came from everywhere just for one reason - to find gold. To some people, gold was not the most important thing to be found in Colorado. Clara Brown had heard that one of her daughters, Eliza, might be there.

Clara Brown found a job as a cook on a wagon train traveling west. She walked most of the 600 mile trip, which took eight weeks to complete. She lived in Denver for a while but later moved to Central City. She worked with the miners in the hope of hearing information about her daughter. She started a very good laundry business. Brown turned her home into a shelter for the homeless. Her home also served as hospital and a church. Because of her kindness, she became known as "Aunt Clara".

After the Civil War, Aunt Clara had saved over \$10,000! Some of the money was used to buy land in Colorado. The rest of the money she used to search for her family. Aunt Clara began her search in Virginia and Kentucky. When she returned to Central City, she had found 34 family members! She also paid the fare for 16 other newly freed slaves. She helped find jobs for many of them.

In 1882, Aunt Clara heard that her daughter, Eliza, was living in a town in Iowa. She was, by this time, almost 80 years old. She was happy because her long journey was now over. Both mother and daughter finally met in a happy, yet tearful, reunion. Many well-wishers and newspaper reporters covered the event.

In 1885, the famous "Aunt Clara Brown" died in Denver, Colorado, at the age of 82. She left a warm feeling in the hearts of all who knew her. Her kindness and charity were famous, as judged by the many friends that attended her funeral. A plaque honoring Clara Brown was placed in the St. James Methodist Church; Clara Brown was believed to have been the first Black settler in the city, and a seat in the city's Opera House was named in her honor.

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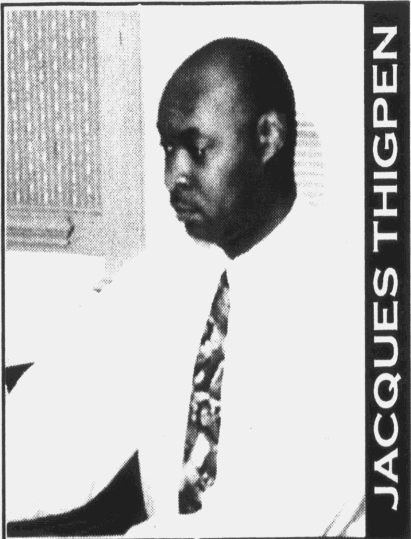
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## Black History

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was December, Christmas..."

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**By ONE VOTE:** Charles I of England was executed in 1649.

**By ONE VOTE:** Oliver Cromwell won control of England in 1645.

**By ONE VOTE:** Texas was admitted to the Union in 1845.

**By ONE VOTE:** President Andrew Johnson was saved from impeachment.

**By ONE VOTE:** The English language was chosen over German for America in 1775.

**By ONE VOTE:** Washington, Oregon, and Idaho became a part of the United States.

**By ONE VOTE:** France was changed from a monarchy to a republic in 1875.

**By ONE VOTE:** Marcus Morton became Governor of Massachusetts in 1839.

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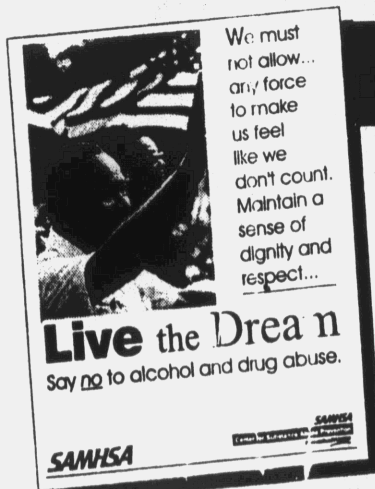
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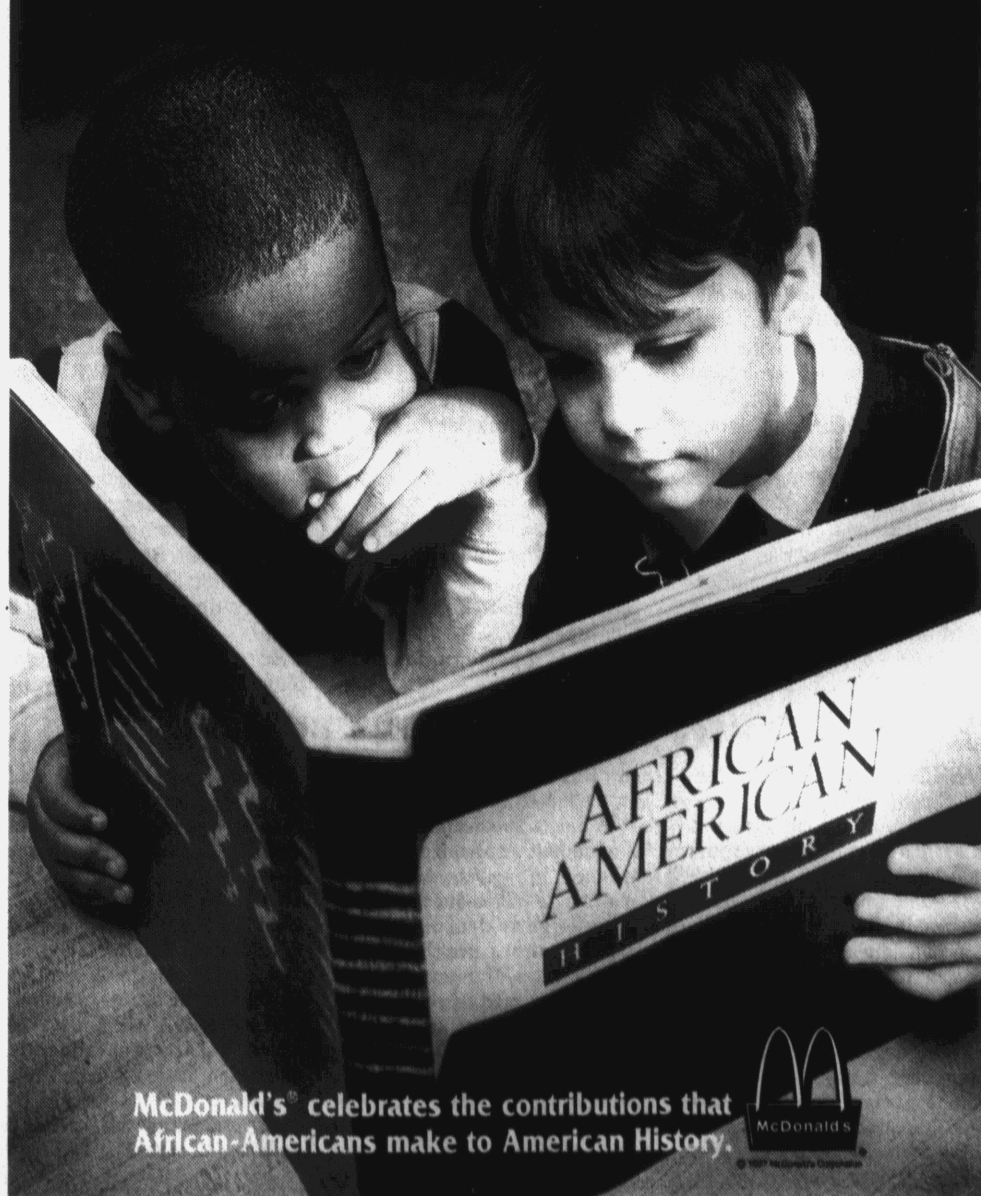


THE IOTA KAPPA OMEGA CHAPTER OF ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY and the ECU Organization of Black Faculty & Staff sponsored the 1997 Black History Quiz Bowl at the Mendenhall Student Center on ECU's campus. Participants used this event to showcase knowledge of their African-American Ancestry. The Sycamore Hill Baptist Church Team took top honors.

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# OBITUARIES

**Homegoing Services**  
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Deacon Roscoe Clayton Norfleet, Sr. was born September 2, 1922 in Pinetops, North Carolina. He departed this life Wednesday morning, February 26, 1997 at 3:13 a.m. He was the son of Pasico (P.J.) and Frances Norfleet.

At an early age, he made Greenville his home. He attended Greenville Industrial High School. In 1940, Roscoe joined the United States Army where he obtained the rank of Chief Warrant Officer Two. During his time in service, he was a participant in both World War II and the Korean War. In September 1950, he organized the first all black Army Reserve Support Unit, which consisted of men throughout Pitt County. For over forty years, he operated Fleetway Cleaners. Roscoe was a devoted member and Deacon at Phillipi Church of Christ.

He leaves to cherish fond memories: his wife, Joyce Norris Norfleet of the home; daughter, Sergeant First Class Trina Norfleet of Fort Lee, VA; sons, Roscoe Norfleet, Jr. of Alexandria, VA, Michael Norfleet of Greenville, NC; granddaughters, Monique Smith of Coral Springs, FL and Nikki Norfleet of Fort Lee, VA; grandson, Christopher Norfleet of Alexandria, VA; daughter-in-law, Caledonia G. Norfleet of Greenville, NC; sisters-in-law, Rosa N. Cherry of New York, N.Y., Jacquelyn N. Tucker of Tacoma, Washington, Barbara Norris of New York, N.Y. and Melba Hyman of Alexandria, VA; brother-in-law, Carlton B. Tucker of Tacoma, Washington, a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends.

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Forever you'll be in our hearts and in our minds.

## The Family

## COUNCIL

In profound sorrow Rountree and Associates Funeral Home announces the death of Mr. Robert Council, 63 of 414 East Avenue, Ayden, died Sunday Feb. 16, 1997 at Pitt County Memorial Hospital.

Funeral Services Sunday 1:30 pm at Warren Chapel UAFWB Church.

Burial in Council Cemetery.

Mr. Council was born in Martin County and attended Bethel Union School, Bethel NC. He later moved to New Haven, Conn and was an employee of Yale University.

He is survived by

Wife: Mrs. Betsy Butler Council of Hamden, Conn., Four Sons: Mr. James B. Council of Ayden NC, Mr. William and David Council of New Haven, Conn, Mr. Robert Council, Jr., of Raleigh, NC, Three daughters: Miss Lois Council and Miss Patricia Council both of New Haven, Conn, Lt. Col. Eddie Jean Simmons of Fort Pope, Louisiana, His parents: Mr. & Mrs. Authur Council, Sr. of Greenville NC, Sisters: Ms. Viola Wallace and Ms. Marie Mabry of New York, Ms. Dorothy Govan of Greenville NC, Mrs. Marion Mitchell and Mrs. Stella Mooring of Phil, PA, Mrs. Delois Council Johnson of Pennsylvania, His brothers: Mr. William Council of Washington, DC, Mr. Jesse Council of Rochester, PA, Mr. Thomas, Walter, and Arthur, Jr. Council all of Greenville, NC, Three daughter-in-laws: Mrs. Eloise Simpson Council of Ayden, Angeline Barrow Council - of Raleigh, NC and Ruth Wilson Council - of New Haven, Conn.

## EX-NAACP BIG JOINS THE NATION OF ISLAM

WASHINGTON—The Rev. Benjamin Chavis, former head of the NAACP, says he's becoming a Muslim and joining Louis Farrakhan's Nation of Islam. Chavis—who now calls himself Benjamin Chavis Muhammad—says the Nation of Islam's influence in the black community helped to spur his conversion to the religious sect. "What other organization is taking men and women out of despair and making them upright? There has been a convergence, and I have evolved into the Nation of Islam," Chavis said yesterday, one day after announcing his conversion to Chi-

ven, Conn., One Son-in-law: Lt. Col. Stanley Simmons of Fort Pope, Louisiana, 17 Grandchildren, 2 Great grandchildren, a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Viewing Saturday 2:00 - 8:00 pm at Rountree and Associates. Other times family will receive friends at the home of James Council, 414 East Avenue, Ayden.

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Winterville, N.C.

Mitchell's Funeral Home announces the death and funeral service for Miss Lovie Joyce Taylor age 47 of 107 Worthington Street Winterville, N.C. who died at Pitt Memorial Hospital in Greenville, N.C. Saturday, February 15, 1997.

Funeral service was held on Thursday at 2:00 P.M. at Good Hope Free Will Baptist Church in Winterville, N.C. with Bishop Otha Hayes officiating. Burial followed in the Winterville Cemetery.

Miss Taylor was a native of Pitt County where she attended the County Schools. She was a member of God Hope Church.

She is survived by 1 daughter, Charlesezetta Taylor of New Haven, Conn., 3 sons; Craig Taylor and Demetruis Taylor both of Greenville, N.C. and Reginald Taylor of New Haven, Conn., 3 sisters; Mary Cox of Ayden, N.C., Ethel Hayes and Sandra Bryant both of Greenville, N.C., 1 brother, Marvin Taylor of Brooklyn, N.Y., 4 grandchildren, 1 uncle, a number of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

The family met friends Wednesday night from 7 to 8 P.M. at Mitchell's Funeral Home in Winterville. At other times the family met at the home of her sister, Sandra Bryant 305 Courtney Place in Greenville, N.C.

For further information concerning this obituary, you may call Mitchell's Funeral Home in Winterville. Telephone: 756-3492.

## REEVES

Greenville - Mr. John Reeves, 87, of 303 Clairmont Circle, died Wednesday, February 26, 1997 at his home.

Funeral services Monday 1:30 pm Flanagan Funeral Chapel. Burial in Greenwood Cemetery.

Mr. Reeves was a native of Pitt County and attended the local schools. He was a member of Selvia Chapel FWB Church.

Surviving: sons, John J. Reeves of Dover, Delaware and Lipwood Reeves of Philadelphia, PA, stepson, Booker T. Burnett of Camden, NJ; brother LeRoy Reeves of Greenville, NC; 10 grandchildren; 6 great-grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren.

Viewing Sunday 3-7 pm Flanagan Funeral Chapel.

Flanagan Funeral Home, Inc.

## GRAY

Mr. Charlie R. Gray of 9512 Temple Hills Road, Temple Hill, MD, died Monday, February 24, 1997 at Laurel Regional Hospital.

Funeral services were on Monday 11:00 am at Flanagan Funeral Chapel. Burial in Brownhill Cemetery.

Mr. Gray was a native of Pitt County and attended the local schools. He was employed by Western Union and American Red Cross. He was a member of Berean Baptist Church.

Surviving: wife, Irene Gray of the home.

Visitation 10-11 am Monday at Flanagan Funeral Chapel.

Flanagan Funeral Home, Inc., Greenville, N.C.

## SCOTT

Vanceboro - Mr. Farewell Scott, 76, of 1625 S. Ferry Road, died Wednesday, February 26, 1997 at Cherry Point Hospital.

Funeral services Saturday 2:00 pm St. Joe's FWB Church, Vanceboro. Burial in Baker's Family Cemetery.

Mr. Scott was a native of Craven County and attended the local schools.

Surviving: niece, Estelle Brown of Chesapeake, VA.

Viewing 1-2 pm Saturday at the Church.

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## PAYTON

Mr. Herbert Payton, 78, 105 Allen Drive, Ayden, died Friday, February 7, 1997 at Pitt County Memorial Hospital, Greenville. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday 1:30 P.M. at Mount Olive Missionary Baptist Church. Interment followed in the Edwards Family Cemetery.

Mr. Payton was born and reared in the Falkland community of Pitt County where he attended the area schools. He was a WWII veteran and a retired aircraft mechanic from U.S. military base, at Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Survivor include: his wife Carrie Edwards Payton of the home. Two daughters: Emma Payton Finch of Chesapeake, VA., and Lynett Payton Lawrence of Chocowinity, N.C. Three brothers: Lonnie and Jessie Payton both of Greenville, and Ernest Payton of L.A., Calif. Two sisters: Ethel Ree Payton of Baltimore, MD., and Maile Payton of New York, N.Y. Five grandchildren, one great grandchild, other relatives and friends.

Mr. Payton was on view at Norcott Memorial Chapel in Ayden from 6 to 8 P.M. Tuesday. The family received friends at Mount Olive Missionary Church in Ayden after the funeral.

## SCOTT

Mrs. Esther Irene Scott, 50, of 14 contentnea Street, Greenville died Saturday, February 22, 1997 at Pitt County Memorial Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday 3 P.M. Cannon FWB Church. Interment homestead Memorial Garden Greenville.

Mrs. Scott was born in Beaufort County where she attended public school. She was a member of Cannan FWB Church where she served on the mother board.

Survivors include: her husband, Johnnie Scott of the home, one son, William Thomas Marshall of Greenville, NC; one daughter, Stacy Harris of Greenville, NC; her mother, Fannie Singleton of Vanceboro, NC; six brothers, Kermit, George, Bruce, Thomas and Enoch Singleton all of Vanceboro, NC, and Eddie Singleton of Washington, NC; four sisters, Tara Hardy and Joan Bryant both of Vanceboro, NC, Dorothy Stokes of Santee, SC and Margie Dawson of New Bern, NC; and two grandchildren.

Mrs. Scott was on view in gold room from 6-8 P.M. Tuesday. At other time the family greeted friends at the home funeral arrangements were being handle by Norcott & Co Funeral Greenville.

## DIXON

Mrs. Jessie Dixon, formerly of Snow Hill, NC, died Friday, February 14, 1997, at Tar River Manor Nursing Center in Greenville.

Graveside Services were held on Wednesday, February 19, 1997, at Saints Delight Cemetery in Walstonburg.

Mrs. Dixon was a native of Greene County and attended the local schools. She was a former member of Washington Branch FWB Church.

Surviving: one sister, Nina Ruth Whitley of Snow Hill, NC; foster daughter, Deloris Whitley of Greenville, NC; 3 foster grandchildren.

Viewing was held on Tuesday, February 18, 1997 at Flanagan Funeral Chapel.

At other times, the family received relatives and friends at 1491-A Fleming St., Greenville, NC.

All arrangements were being handled by Flanagan Funeral Home, Inc.

## PULLEN

Farmville - Mrs. Lizzie P. Pullen, 83, of 808 S. Walnut Street, died Thursday, February 27, 1997 in Pitt County Memorial Hospital.

Funeral services Sunday 2:30 pm at St. John FWB church, Farmville. Burial in Sunset Memorial Park.

Mrs. Pullen was a native of Pitt County and attended the local schools. She was employed at A.C. Monk and Company and H.B. Suggs School. She was a member of St. John FWB Church where she served on the usher and mother board.

Surviving: great-grandson, Lavonzell L. Payton, brothers,

additional courses to become a Nation of Islam minister. "The god of Judaism is the god of Christianity which is the god of Islam," he said. Chavis, a minister in the United Church of Christ was hired in 1993 to lead the NAACP, the nation's largest and oldest civil rights group. He was fired 18 months later after disclosing that he allocated more than \$330,000 in NAACP funds to quiet sexual-harassment allegations. Since then, he has been a frequent Farrakhan ally and played a major role in organizing the October 1995 Million Man March on Washington.

John Vines of New Haven, CT and Hubert Vines of Norwalk, CT; Sisters, Letha B. Copehart, Eldress Maggie B. Streeter, Margie D. Joyner, and Ruby V. Keech all of Farmville, NC; step-son, Frank Pullen, Jr. of Cleveland, OH; Step Daughter, Dorthy Pullen; 3 great-grandchildren.

Visitation Saturday 7-8 pm at the Church.

Flanagan Funeral Home, Inc., Greenville.

Castoria - Ms. Frances Monroe of Rt. 2, Box 279, died Friday, February 28, 1997 at Pitt County

Memorial Hospital. Flanagan Funeral Home, Inc.

## RANDOLPH

Ms. Ethel Jane Randolph, 85, of 305 East Maint St., Hamilton, died Monday, February 24, 1997 at her residence.

Funeral services were on Saturday (March 1, 1997) at noon at Sycamore Baptist Church. Burial in Hamilton Memorial Site.

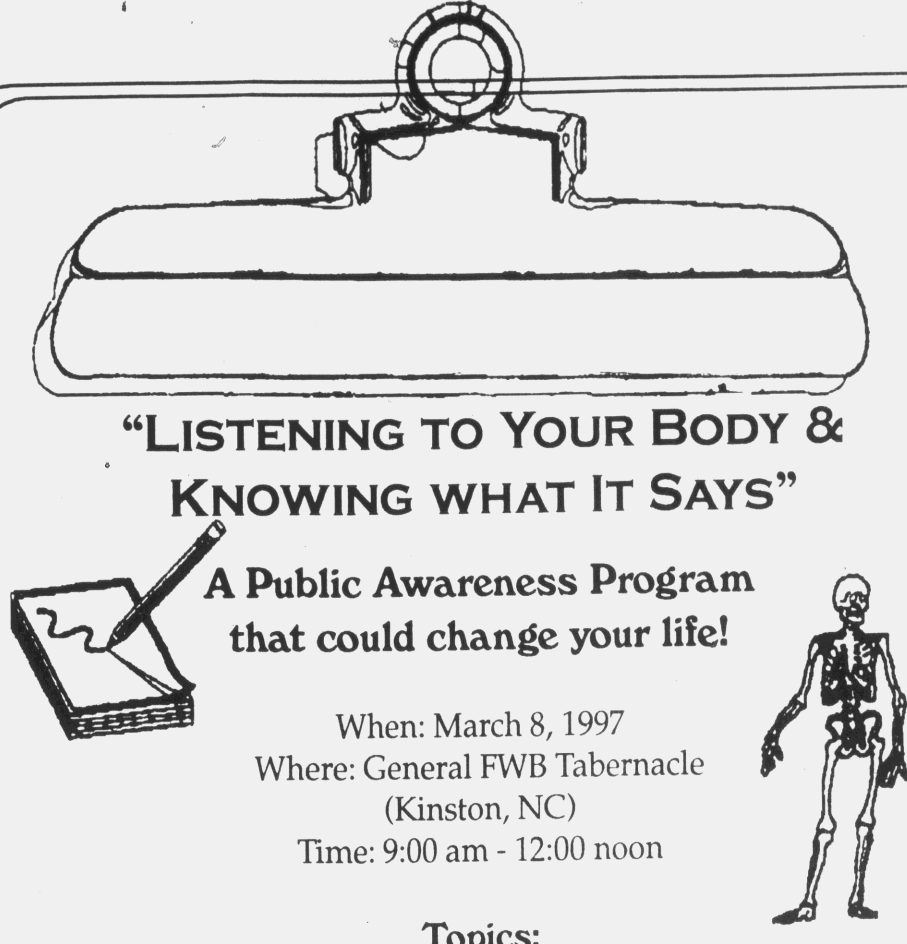
Ms. Randolph was a native of Chowan County. She attended the local schools in Martin County. She was a member of Sycamore Baptist Church where she served

as a mother.

Surviving: sons, Langston Peterson, William Clayton Randolph both of Brooklyn, NY and Ernest Randolph, Jr. of Cambria Heights, NY; daughters, Mary Ellen Randolph of the home, Ethel Blanks, Annie Laura Floyd both of Hamilton, NC, and Mattie Lee Randolph of Newark, NY; 13 grandchildren; 6 great-grandchildren.

Visitation Friday 7-8pm at the church.

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honored her in observance of her birthday. Mother Bradley, owner/manager of Rosa Bradley's Home for Adults since 1970, is a member of the Sycamore Hill Baptist Church where she serves on the

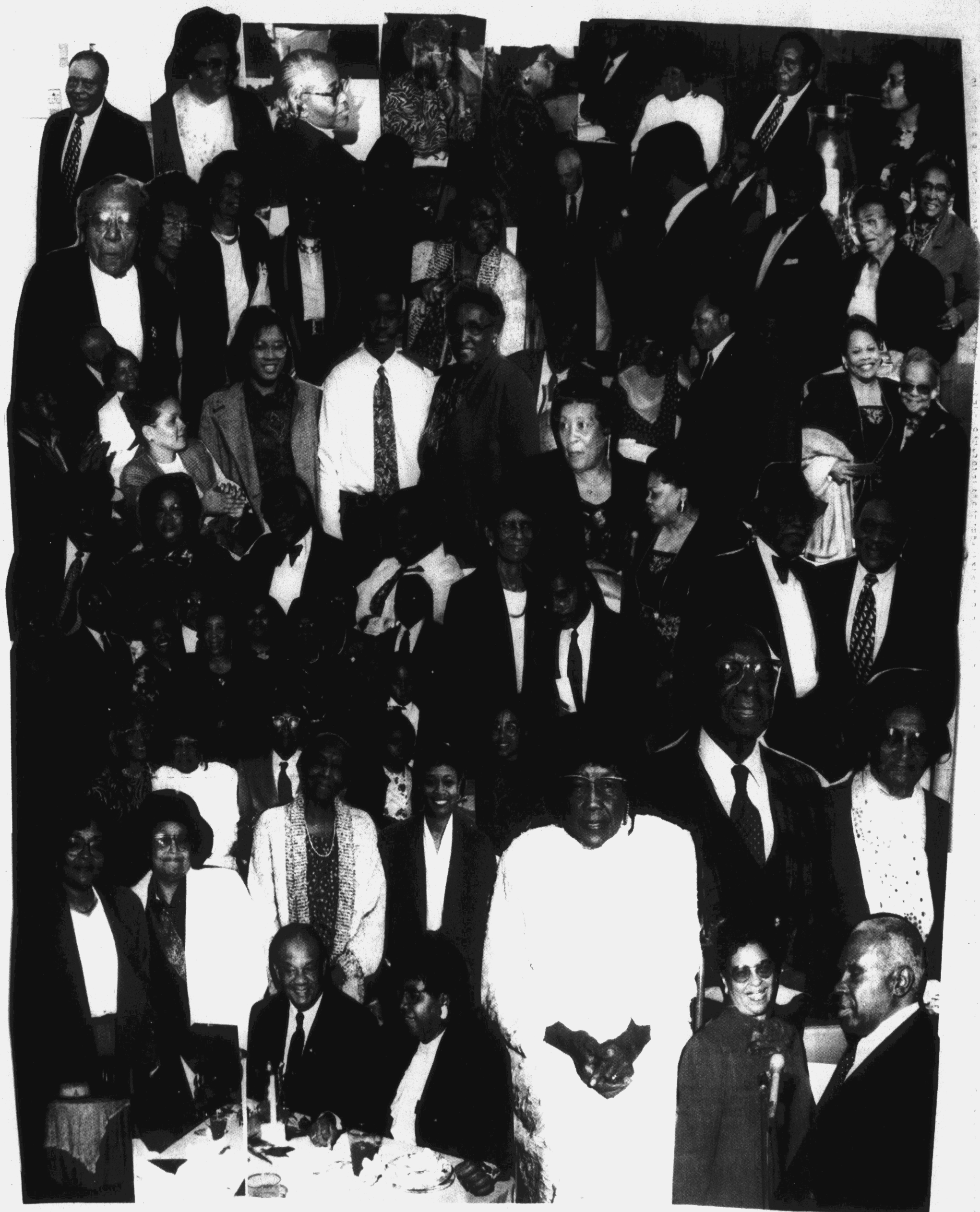
Deaconess Board and Senior Ladies Auxiliary, and she is affiliated with Eastern Star #10. Mrs. Bradley is precious to all who know her... for her for her "contagious" smile; her personality is always

cheerful; she is a loving, giving, understanding person. Gardening, cooking, and collecting antiques are among her hobbies.

Musical selections were rendered by Shandua Brown ( who

was accompanied by Lester Gardner). Tributes were given by Dr. A. A. Best, Deacon Matthew Lewis, Rev. Ronnie Staton, and others. Ms. Imogene Dupree read a poem. Mr. Charles Gatlin, ca-

terer, prepared delicious heavy hors d'oeuvres. A very pleasant afternoon was enjoyed by all who attended. GOD BLESS YOU, MOTHER BRADLEY!!! (PHOTOS: Jim Rouse)

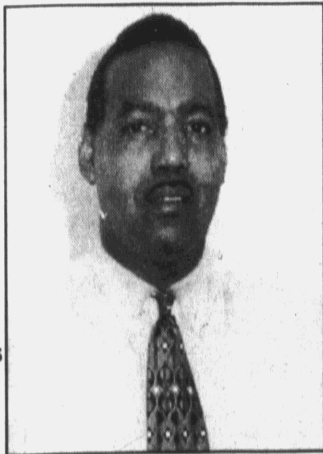


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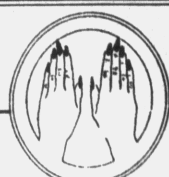
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# Comments on Crime

Clayton M. Miller is a 17-year-old junior

I agree with Chuck Autry's statement, "residents need not be afraid, band together, get involved."

If Greenville residents would listen to him the city could be a safer place. I am an 11th grader at J.H. Rose High School and every day I hear something about violence, then drugs.

If Greenville would only start spending money to improve the schools, maybe these problems would decrease. I admit that there are a lot of afterschool programs, but not everyone can join them due to something as little as what type of class you're taking. If they would eventually have more after school activities, I think there would be less crimes committed.

Eric Hielscher is an 18-year-old senior.

I agree and disagree with what Bennie Rountree said about violence among teens. He's putting a lot of pressure on the parents. It's a little bit of both - the kid and the parents. There's nothing wrong with letting parents know that they need to discipline their kids, but it's mostly the kids themselves. Peer pressure plays a major role in violence. If one of their friends sell drugs and says he wants them to sell with him, they will because money is involved. You need money to do just about everything - that's the problem.

I agree with what he said about stop skipping school and starting the healing process by loving our brothers and sisters regardless of race, color or creed. Clubs and youth organizations may keep a lot of the kids off the streets also.

I'd like to finish this by saying that television programs these days are too violent. That's where the parents may want to step in and limit what kids watch. Kids think they are doing the right thing.

Lucretia Daniels is a 17-year-old junior

I think there are a lot of reasons why there is crime around the Greenville area. One of the reasons why crime is rising is economic problems. Young children or teenagers see other people with some expensive clothes, something they might like, and then they're going to do anything they can to get something like that. Teenagers with low incomes have to get money from someone so they look to the streets. They're not enough jobs for the community.

Another reason for violence is drugs. Drugs are a major problem around the Greenville community. People are getting robbed, shot or hurt because of drugs. Young people think that drugs can help can help their income. That's why I feel if you take drugs off the streets, then young people will have to find another way to make money and the only other way is a job. So if they will stop importing and exporting drugs back and forth, then crimes will lessen.

I agree with M'Bulu Rouse who said "young black males should be offered more to do by the government and community." I agree because if young black males or females are making money the right way, they won't have to sell drugs or rob anyone because they have money in their pockets. Also



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Back, l - r: Anthony Barrett, Stacey Jackson, Clayton M. Miller, Eric Hielscher. Front, l - r: Dimitra Smith, Jeffrey Gaylor, Sommer Daniels, Lisa Stroud, teacher, Renee Ward

they can have something to do so they'll be off the streets.

Renee Ward is a 17-year-old junior

I disagree with all your articles except the one M'Bulu Rouse wrote. Black males are an "endangered species." I also agree with her when she said we need more programs and day care. The black women are having more kids when than they can handle.

I strongly disagree with Michael Dixon when he said, "the problem as I see it, starts with the family." That's wrong. I know because my mother raised me with good values, but I followed the wrong crowd trying to fit in. Violence doesn't start at home all the time. There are good parents out there who still discipline the old way.

Jeffrey Gaylor is a 17-year-old senior

I am responding to your five essays about the violence and crime among the young people in Greenville.

The first reason crime and violence in Greenville is going up is because most young people that get into trouble do not have a job so

they don't have anything else to do with their time. Another reason is that teenagers today don't respect their parents; therefore, they are not going to listen to them.

A solution to the problem is make laws stricter for first time offenders. Also, make firearm registration laws stricter. When the police have arrested a known problem child, find him or her a place where he or she can go to get help and counseling for whatever problems that they might have. I disagree with Michael Dixon in that he identifies all problems with family.

Anthony Barrett is an 18-year-old senior

M'Bulu Rouse has an important message. Stop killing and get educated is one of the most important messages one can give to another. Young black males are considered to be the less educated.

I think the reason for this crime is because there isn't enough attention from everyone that wants to join in with others and/or they think it is cool to do something dangerous.

Asking the young people what they want so that they will stop

these crimes and listening to their problems they are having are two of the best solutions I will support in 1997.

Sommer Daniels is a 16-year-old junior

Being young in today's world, I feel that people are not using their brains these days. It's not that their parents aren't teaching them. It's just that we aren't thinking before we act.

I think that if our young black males would get off the streets and get jobs then there would be less violence going on. Most of them are making their money the wrong way and people are getting killed over it. I agreed with M'Bulu Rouse when she said, "To all my African American brothers, I know and you know in your hearts that you should stop the bloodshed, start educating your children, be there for our African-American sisters and give them support and love they deserve, take back our streets and on top of that list have faith in God." The reason why I agree because it makes us as African-American sisters feel important and recognized.

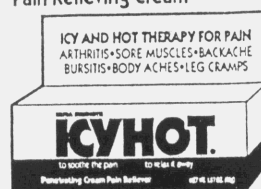
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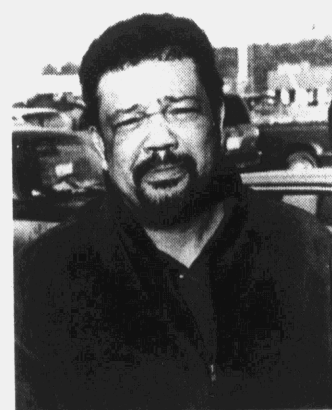
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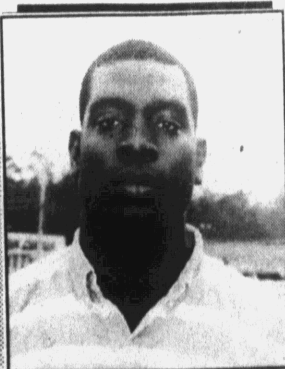
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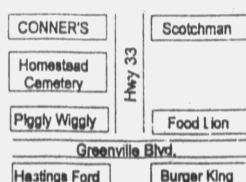
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## ADULT TENNIS CLINIC



# CLAYTON EXPRESSES CONCERN OVER PROPOSED CLOSING OF LOCAL FARM SERVICE AGENCY OFFICES

WASHINGTON — Congresswoman Eva M. Clayton (D-NC01) today expressed her concern over the proposal by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to close 36 Combined Farm Service Agency (CFSA) offices across the State.

"I am shocked that some in USDA would use the passage of the 1994 Reorganization Bill and the 1996 Farm Bill as the

rationale for closing 36 offices in my State and several hundred more across the nation," said Clayton.

"North Carolina farmers grow a diverse range of commodity and specialty crops which require frequent consultations and visits with CFSA, unlike other states. For example, peanut farmers visit a CFSA office an average of five times a season,"

Clayton stated.

Clayton said, "While I support the reorganization of USDA, I do not support the wholesale closure of CFSA offices without recognizing the special needs of farmers and ranchers in each different region of the country."

"I am especially concerned for of the twenty-eight counties that I represent,

thirteen county offices are to be closed and another twelve will be impacted— which will have significant repercussions," Clayton emphasized.

Clayton is the Ranking Democratic Member of the House Agriculture Subcommittee on Department Operations, Nutrition and Foreign Agriculture which

has jurisdiction over this issue. The Congresswoman is requesting that hearings be held in the near future.

"I vow to do everything possible to ensure that USDA understands the unique needs of North Carolina farmers as the downsizing process proceeds," said Clayton.

## Emancipation Proclamation Did Not Set All Slaves Free

Some people have the mistaken notion that the slaves were automatically set free with the passage of the Emancipation Proclamation, but that was not the case. Issuing the proclamation was one thing, but enforcing it was a different story. Slavery in confederate controlled territory continued to exist until the territory came under union control.

"A house divided itself cannot stand. I believe this government cannot endure permanently half-slave and half-free."

These words were spoken by Abraham Lincoln in 1858 when he ran for senator of Illinois on the Republican ticket against Stephen A. Douglas. Although Lincoln lost the election, his op-

position to slavery was reported widely.

So it was that when Lincoln ran for president in 1860, the southern democrats threatened to secede from the union if he won the election. He did win, and six weeks later South Carolina voted to leave the Union.

Soon Mississippi, Florida, Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana and Texas seceded, and by February 1861 they formed the Confederate States of American with Jefferson Davis as president.

On April 12, 1861, Confederate forces attacked Fort Sumter in South Carolina, and the Civil War began. Four more slave states—Virginia, Arkansas, North Carolina and Tennessee—joined the Confederacy. The remaining slave

states—Delaware, Kentucky, Maryland and Missouri—did not.

Lincoln moved cautiously on the issue of freeing slaves, in order to keep the allegiance of these border states. At first he recommended that slave owners receive payment for freed slaves. To calm white fears, he did not allow Blacks to serve in the army.

On January 1, 1863, Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation, a document which stated that slaves in Confederate held territory (about three-fourths of all slaves) should be considered free, and Blacks could enlist in the Union forces.

Many slaves, encouraged by the Proclamation, tried to escape to Union lines. Others revolted. In the North over 30

Black regiments began training for the war and several had already seen combat.

By the end of the year, over 50,00 Black soldiers were serving in the Union army. For the approximately 800,000 slaves in the border states, however, the Emancipation Proclamation did not apply. Nor did it apply to those in territory under Union control.

On the other hand, it did have an effect in these areas: Army recruiters, promising freedom, encouraged thousands of slaves to run away and enlist. Together with growing antislavery sentiments, this action undermined the whole institution of slavery in these states.

## Government needs to offer help

M'Bulu Rouse of Greenville is vice president of the "M" Voice newspaper.

In today's society, out young black makes are classified as an "endangered species" and are looked at as lazy, uneducated, and sometimes dangerous.

Why is this happening when we have a government that could provide programs for our young black children so that they will not have to turn to the streets? We as taxpayers have a right to vice our opinion on what the government spends our money on.

There are a lot of programs that are here today as we speak – to help and be there for our young black children to give them an alternative to the streets, such as the Boys & Girls Club of Pitt County in South Greenville.

When you have a child that grows up in an environment that is full of nothing but negativity, that's when that child walks out that front door and ends up hanging out on the streets.

There should be programs that show a child in an unhappy home that life is not always like that. When they believe that's all there is, they turn to the streets for comfort and the love they can't get from home.

You have so many young men out there that are not being encouraged or given the opportunity to show that they can become better individuals and can make it out here in the white man's world.

In states with larger cities, you hear talk about alternative programs for kids that are homeless, those with children to raise and those who turned to drugs. These states have a government that want to help their youth and show them that there is a brighter future for all of them.

You have so many children that are dropping out of school, clearly because they would rather hang on the streets instead of be in school receiving an education.

When you ask a kid why they quit school, a lot of times you will hear the child say that the problems are either with the teachers or students.

Often it's teenage moms, who have to work to provide for their baby, who drop out of school. I applaud any teenager that wants to take care of her child, but to quit school definitely is not the answer. That's when the government should step in and provide these kids with help – financially, mentally and emotionally. Provide day care programs, night school programs and job skill programs so they can support their child.

Why is it that we here in North Carolina don't have anything like that? And if we do, I don't hear about those programs. Not only am I in the media, but I am also a mother of three who, I am not ashamed to tell, have had run-ins with the law at the federal level and it is not a pretty sight.

I was one of those who became tempted by the streets – the fast life and fast money. And in the midst of it all, I could have lost everything – including my children, family, happiness, life and most of all my freedom. When I was in school there weren't hardly any programs there for us when we really needed them.

When my daughters start getting older and the temptation of the streets start looking nice to them, I would like to know that my tax money is being put to use.

To all my African-American brothers, I know and you know in your hearts, that you should stop the bloodshed, start educating your children, be there for our African-American sisters and give them the support and love they deserve, take back our streets and on top of the list, have faith in God.

We must encourage our children to stay in school and show them the contributions that so many African-Americans have given to this great nation. If we do these things, we can tell the white man's society that has labeled us to shove it and stand with our heads up high.

If Dr. Martin Luther King or Harriet Tubman alive today, with all that is going to be disappointed.

Let's all remember that out children are our future and in order for them to one day take over our families, businesses, schools, churches and government we need to start protecting them, our families and our communities.

## IF IT FEELS GOOD, DO IT! —The Genus of a Moral Meltdown Amongst Our Youth

Amy Grossberg and Brian Petersen, Jr., both 18-year-old college freshmen from Delaware, were recently charged with the unthinkable killing their healthy, newborn baby boy. Found wrapped in a plastic bag in a trash bin, the autopsy found that the boy died of a skull fracture.

Manual Sanchez and John Duncan, both 12, were arrested for the murder of a migrant worker in Washington State. According to police, the boys shot the man after he threw rocks at them for firing guns too close to him. Another 12-year old boy was charged with kidnapping a 57 year old man and shooting him to death.

Where a decade ago these stories would have shocked a nation, today they are met with numbed public resignation and a limited press life. After all, this country is experiencing an unprecedented plague of teen violence, crime and moral decay. Statistics show that our criminals are becoming younger and younger. Between 1980 and 1990, the homicide arrest rate for youngsters aged 10 through 17 increased 65 percent. The arrest rate for drug abuse violations for those under 18 was below 10 per 100,000 in 1965. In 1992, it was over 147.

*Creating Chaos—Psychiatry: Destroying Morals*, a free booklet published as a community service by the Citizens Commission on Human Rights International (CCHR), is an incisive and frank look at how traditional morals and values have become widely discredited and in their place, all manner of anti-social acts such as murder, rape and child abuse have become almost pardonable; as long as the act "feels good" and there's a psychiatric expert who says "it's not your fault."

Author of the booklet, international president of the Citizens Commission on Human Rights (CCHR), Ms. Jan Eastgate, said, "Since the 1960s, children have increasingly been taught that their values are a matter of personal choice only and that morals are outmoded or something to be ashamed of. Consequently, social accountability for one's actions has reached an all time low amongst our youth. It began with the adoption of psychiatric and psychological programs in our schools. Reinforcing this decay in the general community, psychiatric testimony in our courts simultaneously ensured the emergence of the criminal as a 'victim' through the use of the insanity defense."

"He was floridly psychotic that night," "he was drunk," "his stress caused him to disassociate," "he hated the onset of winter," "he was upset at the election results and was drunk" and "he went from abandoned child to germ-obsessed adult" are just a few of the insanity defense pleas used in court *this year* for the most heinous murders and assaults.

The booklet cites influential psychiatrist Dr. Brock Chisholm, past president of the World Psychiatric Association. In 1945, in a speech delivered to Washington psychiatrists and government officials, Chisholm paved the way for psychiatric involvement in schools, stating that church and school teachers had fed us "all manner of poisonous certainties...Thou shalt become as gods, knowing good and evil, good and evil with which to keep children under control...If the race is to be free of the crippling burden of good and evil it must be psychiatrists who take the original responsibility."

Chisholm's theory was that guilt or responsibility was a psychological burden too heavy for man to bear and that to eradicate guilt, the concepts of right and wrong had to be abolished.

*Creating Chaos—Psychiatry: Destroying Morals* describes some of the resulting psychiatric and psychological doctrines that have been implemented in our schools: Discipline causes stress, therefore discipline is bad; Stress causes mental disorders, therefore stress is bad; If self-discipline causes stress, one should not be so hard on oneself; Almost any action is justifiable if it is done to reduce stress. How you feel is more important than how you behave; We are not really responsible for what we do; and, There is no right or wrong.

As Joe Sharkey, author of *Bedlam* says, within a decade of this type of indoctrination, the family "was undergoing a transition on a scale that has not been seen since the Revolution. Adrift in a transient and rootless society, buffeted by divorce, reshaped by the fact that both mother and father now usually were employed outside the home, confused and alarmed about teenagers' rampant drug addiction, alienation and suicide, the American family...was a prime marketing opportunity, and the rapidly expanding psychiatric-hospital industry, voraciously hungry, saw a big payoff in kids."

Shelly Uscinski, a New Hampshire School Board Member and 1996 recipient of the Washington Times Foundation National Service Award for her work in education, stated, "There are programs going on in schools today that still alter children's behavior by using psychology techniques. I believe that is highly inappropriate—probably criminal." Ms. Eastgate said that *Creating Chaos—Psychiatry: Destroying Morals* was written in response to the growing concern that parents and grandparents have shown about the increasingly violent environment their children are growing up in. "A recent survey of Americans showed that fully 70 percent felt that moral standards in society were declining," Ms. Eastgate said. "However, the critical, underlying role played by psychiatry and psychology in creating this decay is not generally understood or even suspected. Chisholm defined psychiatry's role as the 'reinterpretation and eventually eradication of the concept of right and wrong.' We have inherited the legacy of such widely propagated psychiatric idiocies, but are in general ignorance of its source. It definitely is not a case of what you don't know, won't hurt you. This booklet clearly documents the exact source. Understanding this information, concerned individuals have a much better chance of protecting their children from the moral malaise which is gripping our youth."

CCHR was established by the Church of Scientology in 1969 to investigate and expose psychiatric violations of human rights. A copy of *Creating Chaos—Psychiatry: Destroying Morals* is available free by calling CCHR International on (800) 869-2247. CCHR can also be contacted through its Web site at <http://www.cchr.org>.

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## Savage joins "M"-Voice

Greenville, NC - Jim Rouse, President and CEO of The Minority Voice, Inc. is pleased to announce Jeffrey E. Savage as the company's Executive Vice-President for sales and marketing. Savage, formerly president of Swift Office Supplies and Equipment, Inc., is no stranger to the Minority Voice. He held this position at the formation of the company from 1987 through 1989 and has since frequently been guest to several talk shows and community discussions, including as host of "Happenings in the Hub", a talk show focusing on issues affecting Greenville and Pitt County. Savage is also serving his fifth year as a member of the Pit County Commission.

The Minority Voice, Inc. is parent to WOO-AM, WTOW-AM radio stations and THE "M" VOICE newspaper. The radio stations are of a gospel/urban format and the newspaper features news articles and commentary from an African-American perspective. "Jeff understands the company and brings the needed experience the company needs to initiate our planning for the new millennium and beyond. He is familiar with all of the company's operations and he knows its mission. Furthermore, he understands the market we serve and how to effectively deliver our product to those we target. The company is fortunate he would rejoin us to help further our goals at this time."

"The Minority Voice is an excellent company and because of the tremendous growth our region is experiencing, it affords me the chance to use my skills and experiences to help a company retain its market share and to grow it as well. I also believe in the company and the role it plays in our communities. It does what it does like know one else can or has done in this area before. This is a special opportunity for me and I look forward to rejoining the company with a great deal of enthusiasm. Savage is married to Eveangel Hines and they have three children: Ryan, Naima and Akeem.

## Proposed School Finds Home

The Right Step Academy, which awaits state approval, will move into the former Agnes Fullilove building in Greenville.

By James V. Haug  
The Daily Reflector

A proposed charter school has taken one step closer to reality by finding a home.

The Right Step Academy is slated to move into the former Agnes Fullilove School building at Halifax and Manhattan avenues.

Now the school must recruit students and teachers and get final approval from the state Board of Education on March 15.

William Pierce, president and founder of Right Step Inc., said things falling are into place, "We have been blessed," he said. The school building comes with 12 classrooms, a gym, a kitchen and dining area. "It is as if someone laid it out for us," Pierce said. The building will get a new life fulfilling an old mission—serving at-risk students. Pitt County schools once used it as an alternative school for students who had gotten into trouble and needed extra attention. Because of budget constraints, the school system closed it after the; 1994-95 school year. Selvia Free Will Baptist Church bought the building for \$401,000 in December. Right Step Inc. plans to lease the building as a -12 school for at-risk students. Enrollment is projected around 120.

While a charter school is considered a public school, Pierce said he can rent the church-owned building since he will not be using it for religious purposes. Pierce will present a copy of the lease agree-

ment to the attorney general, he said.

As part of a trend to encourage flexibility and creativity, charter schools are free from many of the regulations and rules governing regular public schools. They are run by private non-profit corporations which get their "charters" or endorsements from the state or local boards of education. Most charter schools have focus or theme, such as gymnastics or computers. "What we are going to offer is a structured environment," Pierce said. "Our students wear uniforms black pants and the Academy shirt. The girls don't have big ear rings or wear lipstick."

"We have a haircut policy," Pierce said. "The boys don't have beards, sideburns or dreadlocks." Without any advertising, Pierce said he has taken 15 to 20 applications from prospective students. Pierce is a 1977 graduate of J.H. Ruse High School. His Right Step Inc. runs two charter schools in St. Paul Minn., and Minneapolis.

"We are really about giving parents a choice," Pierce said. "There have not been a lot of choices out side the county school system if you did not have the money." By law, charter schools cannot charge tuition, but are eligible to receive the federal, state and local funds allocated to public schools on a per-student basis.

"We will be having fund-raisers all the time," Pierce said.

On Monday, Dr. Aaron Cotten, a

clinical instructor in emergency medicine at East Carolina University, gave the Right Step. Inc. \$1,000 for a computer lab. "I have confidence in this succeeding," Cotten said. "It's been his dream to come back to Greenville to start a charter school."

Pierce left Greenville when he joined the army. He trained soldiers for the National Guard in Minnesota and western Wisconsin for 15 years.

While an officer, Pierce said, he became interested in helping the unskilled, since the military is shifting toward recruits with technological backgrounds. In 1994, Minnesota approved charter schools as a part of crime prevention legislation. "Charter schools sort of fell into my lap," Pierce said. He said he learned about North Carolina's charter school legislation through the Internet. A state informational meeting just happened to follow a conference Pierce was attending in Washington D.C.

"I bought another ticket at the airport to come to North Carolina," he said.

Jeffrey E. Savage has joined The Minority Voice in Greenville as the company's executive vice president for sales and marketing.

Formerly president of Swift Office Supplies and Equipment, Savage was vice president of The Minority Voice from 1987 through 1989 and has since frequently been a guest on talk shows and community discussions on radio stations

WOOW Savage is also serving his fifth year as a member of the Pitt County Board of Commissioners.

The Minority voice is parent to AM radio stations WOOW and WTOW and The "M" Voice newspaper, which serves Pitt and Beaufort counties.

The radio stations feature a gospel/urban format, while the newspaper features articles and commentary from an African American perspective.

Montrose A. Streeter, a former Greenville resident, has been named assistant dean of admissions at Mary Washington College in Fredericksburg, Va. He will coordinate the recruitment of African-American and other students. Streeter received an associate degree from Lees McRae College and a bachelor's degree from Wake Forest University. He also attended Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary and is certified in pastoral education. Streeter, who has served as a grief counselor, an admissions counselor and as a campus minister, was director of multicultural programs at Carson Newman College in Jefferson City, Tenn.

Mary Washington College is a coeducational public institution in Fredericksburg, 50 miles south of Washington, D.C. With about 3,700 students, the college is ranked nationally in the top 10 percent of colleges and universities for academic selectivity.



# REFLECTION: LEST WE FORGET

## "A salute to the Jenkins Family of Detroit, Michigan"

Thinking back on the last SCLC National Convention, held in Detroit, Michigan, we can't help but feel very proud of the way everything worked out for us...from the beginning until the end.

Prior to our departure, we had fundraising activities, contributors, and sponsors who gave to help finance the trip. Churches, businesses, organizations, and private individuals gave to sponsor many of our youth. We pause again to say thanks to each of you who supported the youth and gave them an opportunity to share the dream and get first class experiences of leadership and a glimpse of what the future may hold for them as they strive and seek their roles in tomorrow's world.

As you may already know, the SCLC Convention played a major role in the lives of the Pitt County Chapter...Mr. Bennie Rountree was elected an official member of the National Board. At the end of the convention, prior to our returning home, we were taken out for a retreat coordinated by Mrs. C.E. Jetter and President Rountree with the Jenkins family who formerly resided in Greenville several years ago. Alice Jenkins, daughter of the late George Jenkins, along with her

mother Bertha Jenkins and brother Emanuel Jenkins invited us to a mid-day church service at their church. The service included Bible Study, Hour of Power, a sermon by Evangelist Remelle Staton. Her message was "Turning Trials Into Triumph". In her words, "In this life we will experience many trials, but we must adopt a joyful, positive attitude". We were blessed by her sermon. From the church, we were taken to the Sweden House for a wholesome buffet meal, to eat all that we could eat. It was an experience we shall never forget. Hats Off to the Jenkins family and thanks, too, to their great Pastor, Rev. Charles G. Adams and the church family for accepting us.

Our special guests accompanying us on this trip were: the Rev. & Mrs. Curtis Moore of Greenville, Mrs. Rene Arrington and several youth of the Little Willie Center. They played an important role in being counselors for some of our youth. We felt proud of our youth; they learned a lot from the total experience. The convention was a real blessing to all of us, but especially for our youth. Hopefully, parents and youth leaders will recognize the necessity of having our children become

involved in the SCLC so that they may learn more about the life and legacy of Martin Luther King and the cause for which he lived and died, and that they will allow their children to attend the 1997 National Convention which will be held in Atlanta, Georgia.

As we enter into the year of 1997, we would like to shed some light on some of the other special projects that the SCLC was involved in during 1996 on a local and state level. In our community, the SCLC local and state president, Mr. Bennie Rountree, met with ministers of the various churches and planned ways and means of getting citizens of Pitt County out to vote, stressing the importance of voting, with great results. We joined forces with Bishop Randy Royal, Pastor of the Philippi Church of Christ, and The Coalition Against Racism (C.A.R.), against the Dickinson Avenue Piggly Wiggly Grocery Store to solve an issue about the illegal firing of one of his female employees and falsely accusing her of stealing a hamburger - all of which proved to be unfair and untrue. We helped citizens in Scotland Neck, N.C. resolve problems of job promotion and human relations between

blacks and whites. We helped settle a discrimination complaint against Wal-Mart in Greenville and a problem in Kinston charging discrimination and unfair working conditions. We also assisted and tried to help educate many citizens on fixed/low income and those who have been victims of "cut-backs" from their employment on ways to survive on their income. We worked with the housing authority in Kinston, Rocky Mount, Farmville, Washington, and Greenville, educating the residents about using their income to pay their rent on time to avoid being penalized and paying late charges, being evicted, having to pay court costs, etc., and stressed the penalty of having/using drugs on government property. We encouraged the youth to stay in school... rather than being a dropout, abstain from the use of drugs, alcohol, violence, sexual activity, misconduct, or anything that might destroy their futures. These are but a few of the projects of SCLC.

The Pitt County SCLC staff and members feel blessed to have had such a successful year as 1996, highlighted by the fact that our president and many of the

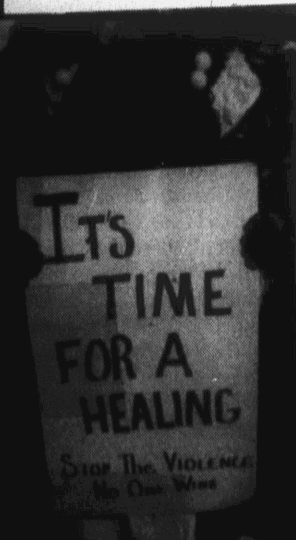
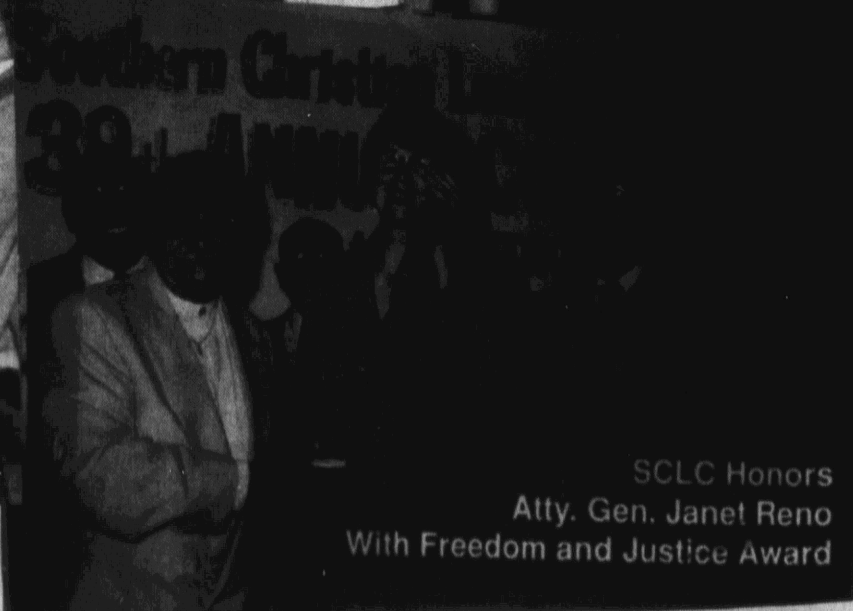
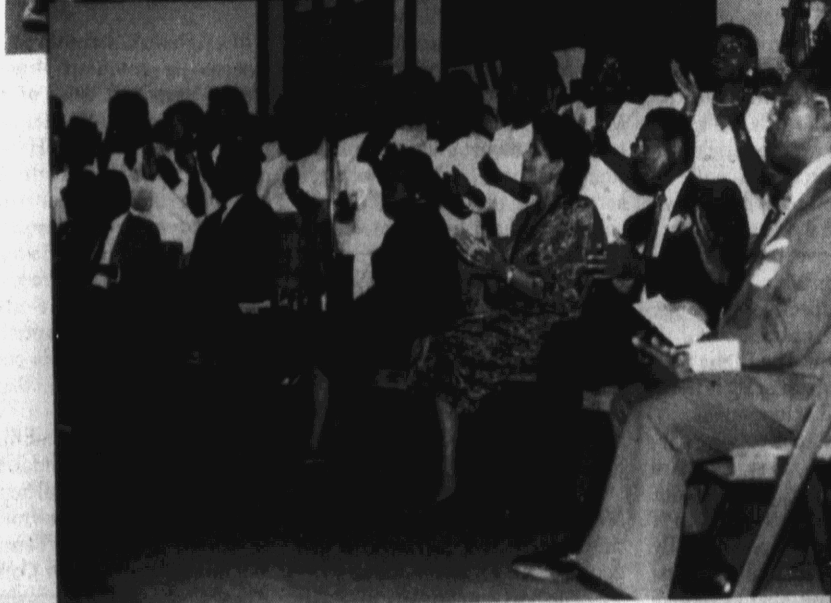
ministers were able to come together, plan, and agree on certain issues which concern all citizens of Pitt County. This brought about a united front. We are proud of our efforts in Pitt County and thank God for our success. SCLC stands ready and available to assist churches, all organizations, and citizens... whether local, statewide, and/or abroad, in any way we can, great or small. We invite and encourage you to become an active member of SCLC. Please do not wait for trouble to come your way, or have a need to call upon the organization.

SCLC was founded by the late Dr. Martin Luther King as a plan of God that he gave to Dr. King to help troubled people to defend their right to live and be happy, (their civic right). This plan has worked throughout the country and will continue to work. No one else has found a better solution. All it takes is faith in God, non-violence, and a united front. We want to thank all citizens of Greenville and Pitt County for your support in the year 1996 and look forward to even bigger success in 1997. May God richly bless each of you.

Submitted by: Mrs. C.E. Jetter



"Legends" Reaffirm Commitment to Struggle at SCLC's 39th Annual Convention in Detroit



Community Asks to "Stop the Killing/ End the Violence"

SCLC Honors Atty. Gen. Janet Reno With Freedom and Justice Award