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Rev. Jesse Jackson Urges Workers
To Get Fair Share At N.C. Rally

TAR HEEL —Workers should share fairly in the prosperity of America, the Rev. Jesse Jackson told a union organizing rally last Thursday in this hot, dusty eastern North Carolina town.

"There are so many schemes to take your eyes off the prize," Jackson told about 200 organizers and plant workers from Carolina Food Processors, a plant owned by Virginia-based Smithfield Foods Inc.

But some workers from the plant expressed differing opinions on the United Food and Commercial Workers Union, which was defeated three years ago, 704-587.

Bernard Leach, 35, of Clarkton, said he was considering a vote for the union. Leach bought a union T-shirt before sitting down to a free meal of fried chicken and beans under a yellow-and-white striped tent.

"We need more money, all right," Leach said.

But Frances Blanks, a five-year worker at the huge hog slaughtering plant about 25 miles southeast of Fayetteville, said the union didn't interest her.

"They take more from you than they give you," Ms. Blanks said as she ate the free union meal. "They cannot give me a thing the company won't give me."

The rally and free meal were staged in a lot behind the union's local office, a mobile home behind a

bank building just off the highway.

Just to the north is the white factory where the union wants to organize about 4,000 workers who slaughter and process about 24,000 pigs a day.

Smithfield slaughterhouse employees in five other states are already members of the UFCW, said union spokesman Al Zack. The total membership at those plants in South Dakota, Iowa, Wisconsin, Ohio and Florida is about equal to the size of the one North Carolina plant, he said.

Jackson invoked the themes of the civil rights struggle, and ended his speech by singing "We Shall Overcome" with the crowd.

"People ought to work because work is honorable, but they ought to get paid for the work that they do," Jackson said. "...Workers must share in America's wealth."

The civil rights leader said anti-union forces might try to divide workers along the lines of sex and race.

"You can't use color as a crutch," Jackson said. "We all look amazingly similar in the dark."

Union organizers hoped Jackson would help boost sympathy for organized labor at the huge hog slaughtering operation.

The vote Thursday and Friday follows another large defeat for a labor union in North Carolina—a 369-vote loss last week for the

Union of Needletrades, Industrial and Textile Employees at Fieldcrest Cannon plants. More than 5,000 employee voted in the textile election.

It wouldn't be unusual for the hog workers to turn down the union, said a spokesman at the National Right to Work Legal Defense Foundation.

"In the private sector across the country, only about 10 percent of the work force is unionized," said spokesman Aureliano Sanchez-Arango. "Among government workers, the number is 35 to 40 percent and that number is growing."

The company is telling workers that a union could hurt their jobs by calling strikes and assessing dues without guaranteeing any positive changes.

Outside the plant, a huge "Vote No!" banner fluttered under the Carolina Food Processors sign.

"We absolutely, 100 percent disapprove of the union getting in here," said Jere Null, vice president and general manager of the plant. "We don't believe it's in the best interest of anyone involved."

Zack says wage parity is an issue—that workers at union plants make base wages of between \$8.45 and \$10.03 an hour. Carolina Food Processors workers earn a base wage of \$7.40 an hour, he said.

Zack said employees have only been working 30 to 32 hours a

week this year and that the plant has no guaranteed hours. Union contracts at other plants guarantee 36 hours a week, he said.

Other issues include complaints about health insurance and the speed of the slaughtering line.

Safety committee members are selected by the company at the Carolina Food plant and the workers have little voice in safety issues, Zack said. At other plants, workers can't be fired without just cause and workers are committed to their jobs because of the security, he said. At Carolina Food Processors, there is a high turnover rate.

Zack said union dues would be \$5 a week and start only after a contract is negotiated if the union wins the election. A strike would take a two-thirds vote of the plant's union members.

"They will stop at nothing to get you to vote no," said labor organizer

Linda Chavez-Thompson, executive vice president of the AFL-CIO, was taking a chartered jet to Atlanta after the rally. "You cannot vote to go back into slavery," she said.



GOD BLESS OUR CHILDREN—Young Donovan Phillips is shown with his lovely wife and new baby on their way to church at Cornerstone Missionary Baptist where Rev. Locke is the pastor. (Jim Rouse Photo)

Williamston Whistlings

By Joyce Gray

Contributing Writer

WILLIAMSTON—How sweet it is to hear the Louisiana Legislature voted to return land and \$55 million to heirs of property owners estimated to be about 3,000 people.

Nearly 20 years ago I held a conversation with a delegate at one of the national conventions (NAACP) who made comments about being cheated out of her rightful inheritance.

It was nothing new to me, as I knew for a fact that land had been lost by native Americans and African-Americans from day one. Land that former slaves had worked from before daybreak to darkness in order to pay their bills and supply their daily needs. Often sharecropping, uneducated and having to put up more collateral than necessary. But nevertheless, those common-sense folk held on to the land.

Many of those heirs in Louisiana may not be alive when the 10-year payment period is ended to receive their monetary share and royalties accrued since 1984, but thankful I

am that some had the guts to fight for right until the end.

Seventy years is a long time to wait for a wrong to be made right. That case should, in my opinion, be a wake-up call.

Practically no one even speaks about VJ-Day anymore. I recall seeing the ugly scars upon the victims in Japan during the newsreels and via television many years ago.

As a child, some adults would be expressing their fears that the United States might lose the war. After all, Japan was fighting this country with ammunition made from the scrap iron Americans had thrown away.

It was a scary time and many essentials were in short supply. Folks were asked to save many items which are discarded today. Folks are equally concerned for the lives of their neighbors' sons, some of whom had seen a chance to serve their country as a means of lifting their families to better financial status.

So little emphasis is placed upon the welfare of veterans today that

most young folk hardly know who in their own family has served.

We should go beyond Memorial Day and Fourth of July. Also, we should know how much benefits those veterans have lost within the past 20 years. Next, we should realize the damage of that bomb and pray that God protects us from becoming such a victim.

Happy birthday greetings to Ms. Almetia Griffin, Ms. Gloria W. Jones and James E. Rodgers.

Happy wedding anniversary to Mr. and Mrs. Noel B. Jones and Mr. and Mrs. Lee Pearson.

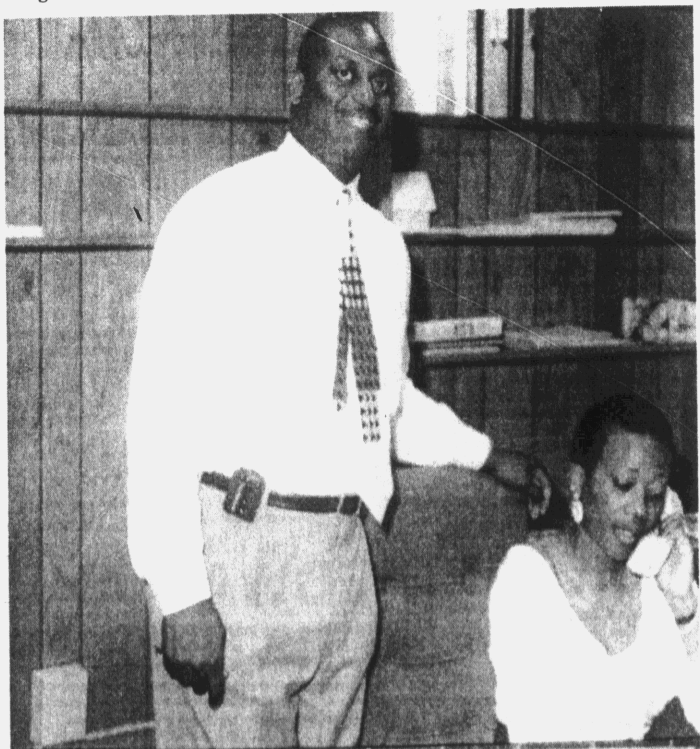
On the sick and shut-in list: Grady Moore, Kelvin Rodgers, George A. Perry, Jesse Allen Bell, Ms. Janice Moore, Ms. Eula Cotech, Ms. Betty S. Lanier, Ms. Leda M. Duggins, James Moore, Ms. Nonie Smallwood, F.L. Joyner, Ms. Reba Reddick, Ms. Isolene Roberson, Melvin Moore, N.W. Slade, Ms. Gladys Joy Duggins, Ms. Clara Jones, William E. Bos-

(See WILLIAMSTON, P. 2)

Numerous Activities Surround
Aggie/Eagle Classic Weekend

Once again it's on. Yes it is true. It is time for yet another fun-filled, action-packed weekend and some of the best Black college football in North Carolina. The Aggies of North Carolina A&T State University and the Eagles of North Carolina Central

University march on the field to determine exactly who is the best. This is the 70th year that the two teams have met, but unlike previous years this year's Classic will be the best game and the game is only part of the excitement.



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BACK-TO-SCHOOL—Shown above are Brother William Pierce and his lovely wife, who have moved back to Greenville from Minnesota to open up the first Black-owned charter school in Pitt County. The goal was 80 children to start. But God has blessed them with 130 children. The Right Step Academy is on its way. (Jim Rouse Photo)

The Raleigh /Wake County and Durham County Alumni of North Carolina Central University and north Carolina A&T State University, along with the administration of both institutions and various sponsors and organizations are proud to host, along with the football game, a Golf Tournament.

NCA&T Chancellor's Scholarship Reception, The official Aggie-Eagle Concert, after Party, predawn Jam, official Aggie-Eagle Tailgate party, Kid's pavilion, and Aggie-Eagle Alumni Gala.

The weekend begins with the Aggie-Eagle Golf Tournament. The tournament starts at 8 a.m., Friday, August 29, 1997, at The Challenge Golf Course in Graham, NORTH CAROLINA. The cost is \$75 per person. For more information contact Alfred Richardson at North Carolina Central University's Alumni Affairs Office. The number is (919) 560-6363.

North Carolina A&T State University will hold its annual Chancellor Scholarship Reception from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. At the Crabtree Marriott in Raleigh on Friday, August 29, the event is sponsored by Allied Signal. The cost is \$100 per person. For more information please contact the NCA&TSU Chancellor's office at (910) 334-7940.

The official Aggie-Eagle Concert will be held on Friday, August 29, at Hardee's Walnut Creek Amphitheater in Raleigh, NORTH CAROLINA. There will be The Ohio Players, Morris Day and the Time and The Barkays. The show begins at 7 p.m. This will be a concert you don't want to miss! For ticket information, call (919) 831/6666.

The night continues and the party moves to the Research Triangle park. North Carolina Central University will host an after (See ACTIVITIES, P. 2)



KISS 102 FM BROADCASTS—Shown at Stevenson Nissan during their live remote are KISS 102 FM's morning drive man Dennis Lee, Roberta, Gwen, and Stevenson Nissan sales manager, Alex. (Jim Rouse Photo)

WILLIAMSTON

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ton, Sr., Arnard Lyons, Ms. Lucy P. Brown, Ms. Mattie H. Perry, Ms. Rosa Moore, Ms. Novella J. Bonds, Ms. Leda C. Bond, Joe Rodgers, Ms. Minnie Chambers, Ms. Clara R. Owens, Ms. Marie Jones McNair, Ms. Pearl Nichols, James E. Smithwick, Nathaniel Hardison, I.B. Cordon, Ms. Zenner Midgett, Herbert Everett, Robert Lloyd and Ms. Lillian Peel.

In the nursing homes: Ms. Anna-bell Best, William Ollison, George Peel, Ms. Courtney Johnson, Ms. Hattie Little, Alexander Hodges, Ms. Madeline Respass, Ms. Martha Cherry, Alton Bell, Luther Perkins, Noah S. Nicholson, Ms. Ruth Ollie Perkins and James A. Jones.

The Martin County Board of Commissioners voted at a special meeting Aug. 6 to approve the water purchase in Hamilton at the cost of 90 cents per 1,000 gallons. They also voted to purchase the water system, land, well and services in the town of Oak City for \$250,000 (subject to the approval of the Federal Home Administration). For the town of Williamston, the rate quoted was \$1.05 per 1,000 gallons. All areas aforementioned are in District I.

This writer asked what consideration was to be given to homeowners who are currently putting in wells and septic tanks or who have done so within the past two years in monetary relief. All heads shook—none.

My next question was when would the area toward the town of Washington be done. That answer was, "When those residents approve the referendum."

Of course, there was no one present with the skin such as mine. I saw well-digging equipment passing my house earlier that same day. Even though the completion of the water lines and hookup is now estimated to require at least 2 1/2 years, that time frame might be considered when one could save \$3,000 or more in hard-earned cash.

Naturally, I asked a couple of those who will be involved in this project if they were aware of the meeting; they weren't. Don't read the local newspaper, won't subscribe to The CAROLINIAN but are constantly curious that I am filled with activities.

The campaign is on for those vying to either move into positions or to remain as is, in the North Carolina State Conference, NAACP. The election takes place during the Oct. 30-Nov. 1 state convention scheduled in Raleigh.

It was less than four months ago that the ruling by the National Board members caused a change on the state level... granting the presidential seat to Melvin "Skip" Alston.

He had been interim for more than a year. State elections by constitution/bylaws take place every two years (uneven).

My source informs me that there are currently four vying for the top seat. Please keep in mind that all officers are non-salaried. So to date, no campaign material has been presented to me.

I certainly do not remember that many seeking that one position since my involvement. I was, however, surprised that my own district director had no challenger two years ago, nor had his predecessor.

Already, someone has questions as to Minister Curtis E. Gatewood's submitting his application for president. Yes! It will be those who get to the convention eligible to vote. Do folks need to accept things as they are or appear to

be or hope for improvement with a change?

One of those who signed the petition for my entry on the ballot as district director asked if my health would permit my serving if elected.

A quick reply was some folk in this county act as if this individual can "do it all," regardless of personal situation, and I do move as able.

Maybe I won't dishonor the organization any more than has been done to date. It will definitely be left to the voters.

This person has never sought any position for prestige. But if there is any truth to the saying, "A child born on Saturday works hard for a living," I am that child, as I was told my arrival came at sundown.

Every time I have ever asked or attempted to ask someone to pray with me, it didn't happen. Just over two weeks ago, I made two calls to one individual, one to another two... only to get the answering service.

All three were long distance. I had picked up some reading material from a cousin which included two books: *Overcoming the Shake, Rattle and Roll in Your Life!* by Richard Roberts and *Expect a Miracle... My Life and Ministry*, an autobiography by Oral Roberts.

I got through the first with no problem, then started *Expect a Miracle*. After about 10 pages, eye problems began. Each time I tried to read, the same incident began. Just two months ago I had received a good report at the ophthalmologist, so now I just decided on prayer.

Three friends came to mind as I suddenly awakened just a few minutes after 3 a.m. After 6:30 a.m., I made one call—got that machine. Later, I made a call to the second friend, then the third friend.

Do I feel that something is seriously wrong at this time? Yes. And so I prayed without the benefit of either friend's ear or voice... only to get calls from each one this week telling me that they had been undergoing surgery.

Each one stated that there was no hint as to being sick as their doctor stated.

Of course, I teased my friend in Raleigh, Ms. Mary Weston, as to what I thought she was doing at that wee hour, and related that I asked my God if He was telling me something I wasn't smart enough to grasp.

For that friend in Anchorage, my words were the echo of another loved one, I was told.

That precious one in New York was also remembering how she had made it an annual event to come to Williamston and place flowers on her mother's grave every August. August was the 10th anniversary of both her mother and my son entering into final rest.

Amazing how one can connect and form bonds even via the telephone. To this person, that is pure evidence of pure, wholesome love.

Edward Warren said his physician gave a written list of do's and don'ts. Almetia Griffin's daughter and son-in-law made plans to take her on a trip to the Pocono Mountains and Mary Weston had orders not to drive. Her daughter was heading for Raleigh and thank God for her son being there.

Ms. Jeré Daniels-Watson, expecting the arrival of her child in September, was given a "surprise" birthday shower Aug. 16 by two friends, Ruay and Darlene. The hostess, Ms. Darlene Berrio's house in Bowie, Md. was the site and all efforts were out to keep the event a total surprise.

Someone in Jeré's family informed me that to date, no one had ever been able to do such with Jeré.

This is the first grandchild in the Watson/Daniels family since both Myron and Jeré have no brothers or sisters.

We all pray for a healthy child and an enjoyable parenthood.

Minister Melton Roscoe, Windsor resident, stopped to say he had a few days' stay in the hospital and now must not stay on his feet very long at a time.

He planned to attend his regular church worship service, only omitting the 3 p.m. meeting at Greene Memorial Church. He had missed the Crisis magazine so much, I gladly gave him mine.

When I called my friend, Ms. Ernestine Hannon, to learn what her trip to the NAACP national convention was like, she had the helpful hand of her granddaughter, Tiffany, answering the telephone, and in the most proper manner.

Wish a larger number of parents would teach such to their young children. Tiffany lives out of state with her parents.

A caller informed me that Andrew Marriner and Ms. Eula Cotanch were admitted to Martin General Hospital. Ms. Zenner Midgett was confined to the hospital for six days and is at home now.

Cornerstone Baptist Church celebrated Family and Friends Day Sunday, Aug. 10.

The Ministerial Alliance met at St. Paul Church of Christ at 3 p.m. Aug. 10.

Tickets are available for the Sept. 27, 1 p.m. annual banquet being held by the Northeastern North Carolina Civic Group. See your county contact.

The Rev. William J. Barber, II, Goldsboro, will be the speaker. Perquimans High School, Hertford, is the site.

The St. James Missionary Baptist Church will observe its anniversary on Sept. 14. Service begins at 11 a.m. The church is pastored by James C. Purvis of Robersonville and is located on Hwy. 64 east of Williamston.

Women's Day will be observed at Chapel Hill Baptist Church Sunday, Sept. 24, at 11 a.m.

St. Paul Church of Christ, 602 E. Main St., will observe its Women's Day at 11 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 24.

Michael Brown, Belltown Road,

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TWO TOUGH AGGIES—Chris McNeil and James Clyburn

ACTIVITIES

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-concert-party from 10 p.m. To 2 a.m. at the Sheraton Imperial Hotel in Research Triangle Park. Tickets are \$15. For more information, call (919) 560/6151.

From there the fun continues at the Student Body of North Carolina Central University host a Predawn Jam. The party will be held in the McClendon McDougal Gymnasium on the campus of NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL UNIVERSITY. This Predawn party starts at midnight and does not end until 5 a.m.!

The weekend continues on Saturday, August 30. The day begins with the official Tailgate party, hosted by WQOK K97.5. This event will begin at 1 p.m., outside Carter -Finley stadium. Featured artists and a feast fit for a king will be the highlight of this event.

This fun is not just for the adults! There will be something for the kids too. At 2 p.m. The News & Observer's kicks off it's Kid's Pavilion. There will be face Painting, games and activities for children of all ages.

At 4 p.m. The action begins as the north Carolina A&T State University Aggies take on the North Carolina Central Univer-

sity Eagles at Carter-Finley Stadium for another unforgettable football game. Tickets are \$15, \$12, and \$10 for reserved, general admission and students, respectively. Tickets can purchased the NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL UNIVERSITY ticket office, the NCA&TSU ticket office and at all Ticketmaster locations. Get your tickets save \$5!

The Aggie-Eagle Alumni Gala ends this year's festivities. The Gala will be held from 10 p.m. Until 2 a.m. and will be held at the Sheraton Imperial Hotel in Research Triangle Park. Tickets are \$20. For more information call, Velma Speight, NCA&T Alumni office at (901) 994-7583.

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OBITS

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CLIFFIE MARIE HARDY

Mitchell's Funeral Home announces the death and funeral service for Ms. Cliffie Marie Hardy age 53 of 3755 Hickory Nut Drive LaGrange, N.C. who died at Lenoir Memorial Hospital in Kinston, N.C. Thursday, Aug. 14, 1997.

Funeral services were held Monday at 2 p.m. at St. Matthew Free Will Baptist Church in LaGrange, N.C. with Elder Isaac Burnett officiating. Burial followed in the LaGrange Cemetery.

She is survived by her husband, Clifton Hardy of LaGrange, N.C., 1 daughter, Donna Blount of LaGrange, N.C.; her mother, Verna Bell Sutton of LaGrange, N.C., 4 sisters; Sadie Ruth Sutton of Baltimore, Md., Glendora Sutton of Alexandria, Va., Verna Mae Sutton of LaGrange, N.C. and Deserence Vaughn of Kinston, N.C., 9 brothers; Clarence Sutton, of Raleigh, N.C., William Sutton, Mayo Sutton, Ronald Sutton, Shawn Sutton, Larry Bizzell, Curtis Bizzell, all of LaGrange, N.C., Dallis Sutton and Ricky Sutton both of Kinston, N.C., 2 grandchildren, a number of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

BARBARA BRASWELL MITCHELL

Ms. Barbara Braswell Mitchell, 39 of 403 B West Roundtree Dr., died Saturday Aug. 2, 1997 at Pitt County Memorial Hospital. Funeral services were Saturday at 2 p.m. at English Chapel FWB Church. Burial in Greenwood Cemetery.

Ms. Mitchell was a native of Pitt County and a graduate of J.H. Rose High School in 1975.

She is survived by her father, John Anderson of Morehead City, N.C.; her mother, Charlie Mae Braswell of Greenville; a son, DeVon Mitchell of Greenville; three daughters: Kakesha Mitchell, Trinitte Mitchell and DeVetta Watson all of Greenville; four sisters: Dora Mitchell, Ruby Braswell and Lekesha Braswell, all of Greenville; Jennifer Braswell of Bridgeport, Conn. Four grandchildren.

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PC Games That
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(NAPS)—Since the 1950s, family togetherness has evolved from congregating around the television to board games such as Monopoly and Risk to home videogame systems and finally now to PC gaming. Research has shown the number of computers per household grows every year as more and more people log on. PCs are now in 37.2 percent of all U.S. households. That's an increase of 33.2 percent since April of 1995. The convenience and benefits of having a computer can override the initial expense. Not only can you create and organize files for personal, business and educational uses, but it has revolutionized the way we communicate. Computers and the Internet are "crazes" that are here to stay.

PCs Become "Family Friendly"

When purchasing a PC, con-

sumers list numerous reasons for needing one: word processing, access to the Internet, etc. However, once the machine is hooked up in the home, the majority, more than 85 percent, cite playing games as the activity they spend most of their time with on the computer, according to the 1995 subscriber survey conducted by *Computer Life Magazine*. Many games available for the PC are considered "family friendly," that is, designed for use and involvement by the entire family. The trend in PC gaming is moving toward two-player or family games as opposed to the older, one-player games such as Solitaire. One company promoting such family fun titles is Sega Entertainment, Inc. which is committed to delivering the Sega experience of top quality gameplay with wholesome and familiar family fun characters like Sonic the Hedgehog, BUG! and Garfield.

Kid Instructors, Gamer Parents
In addition to reading, writing and arithmetic, computer instruction is vital in today's academic curriculum. Computers are second



Family friendly PC games like Sonic's Schoolhouse use some of kids' favorite characters in new environments that also appeal to parents.

nature to our up-and-coming generations. For some adults, surviving the technological revolution means asking their children for help. It can be seen as bridging the gap in the other's generation. For children, videogames offer an introduction to computer technology. For parents, this added time with their children is important in building a fun and communicative

parent/child relationship, as well as becoming assimilated to the new computer in the home.

Gaming—An Introduction To Technology

Many skills learned inadvertently through videogames have had a positive influence on children's development. Videogame success means processing multitasks simultaneously. You must think analytically, master reflex and peripheral abilities while contemplating defensive and offensive strategies. Videogames stimulate creative thinking and increase social contact among peers with similar interests. Many stereotypes associated with videogames as a whole are based on exceptionally violent titles, not the newer family-oriented games.

Choosing Games Good For The Whole Family

Granted, some videogames are violent and inappropriate for some ages, as with all entertainment. It is the parents' responsibility to watch out for violence and appropriateness in videogames because of their interactive nature.

According to Jill Braff, product

manager at Sega Entertainment, Inc., there are five key issues that parents should look for when deciding upon a family fun title:

Character Familiarity: The most popular titles with all members of the family are those based on proven, reliable characters that are easily identified with, such as Sonic the Hedgehog, BUG! or Garfield.

Quality Heritage: Consumers should feel comfortable that the developer of the software they choose will deliver a product of distinction.

Content/Ease of Play: The purpose of the game should be simple to determine so parents and kids can enjoy playing together. If you need to spend hours with an instruction manual to understand the gameplay, you may want to look for another game.

Cancer Patients Can Call For Help

(NAPS)—Edith M. is a fighter—and a survivor. She was courageous in battling two bouts with cancer, but when her doctor recently diagnosed a third, unrelated cancer in her throat, her spirits flagged.

"I just didn't know where to turn," Edith said. "I didn't know how I would find the strength to go on." Then she found out about

Replay Value: Search for games that you will play over and over again. The game needs to stand up to the test of both a child's short attention span and the sophisticated entertainment palette of today's consumers.

Whole Family Affordability: Games should also appeal to Mom and Dad's checkbook. The suggested retail price should range between \$29.95 and \$34.95. Always read the system requirements on the back of the box cover; not all software is compatible with every PC.

As more forms of entertainment become interactive, there is something for everyone. It seems that working on the PC is an individual act, but when it comes to fun and games, it can be a family affair.

the Cancer Care Counseling Line, 1-800-813-HOPE.

Cancer is often a frightening, overwhelming experience. Friends and family members may feel they don't know what to do or say, and in many communities, professional support for cancer patients and their families is very limited—or nonexistent. People don't know where to turn for information or guidance.

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Credo of the Black Press

The Black Press believes that America can best lead the world away from racial and natural antagonisms when it accords to every person, regardless of race, color or creed, full human rights. Hating no person, fearing no person in the firm belief that all are hurt as long as anyone is held back.

Ten Traits of the Successful Entrepreneur

Reprinted From Money Magazine

Entrepreneurs aren't born. They're trained for success. The North Carolina association of CPAs says that while, in general, successful entrepreneurs tend to be creative individuals who are adept at problem solving, there are other characteristics that can be learned. From the vantage point of CPAs who consult with thousands of companies on running their businesses, here are the 10 key traits of the successful entrepreneur:

1) Goal-driven. Staying focused on a clear goal—and keeping employees focused on that goal—is often one of the most difficult tasks of the entrepreneur. In fact, one of the most important lessons business owners learn early on is that their company can't be all things to all people. The more focused the company is on producing what it makes best, the more likely it will succeed.

2) Customer-focused. Without customers, you can't build a business. The successful entrepreneur spends time understanding the interests and buying trends of potential customers and views the company's products or services through the consumer's eyes.

3) Team-oriented. Most successful entrepreneurs recognize that they can't build or run their business alone. Delegating responsibilities to teams of employees or even outside consultants will not only allow the company to focus on its core competencies, but also will improve the efficiency of its operations and provide avenues for creative ideas to filter their way up to management.

4) Skills-oriented. Each member of the team must have demonstrable skills that can contribute to the company's overall performance. The astute entrepreneur makes sure that his team possesses a diverse skill base—one that complements his or her own skills and can create synergism in a team environment. And the entrepreneur is committed to employees' maintaining their skills by providing ongoing educational opportunities.

5) Techno-Knowledgeable. Virtually every aspect of a business, from manufacturing to financial manage-

ment to marketing, requires technological proficiency. The entrepreneur must possess some knowledge about technology and take the initiative to hire individuals who can implement technology plans and procedures.

6) Global-thinking. More and more businesses today are going international. Operating in a global environment means that entrepreneurs must understand the trends and economic and legal issues that have an impact on international markets and products, as well as local customs. But companies similar to yours operate in other parts of the world can provide valuable information that may be put to use in your own business.

7) Flexible-minded. The successful entrepreneur is sensitive to the changing marketplace, competitor strategies, and customer preferences and adapts products or services accordingly.

8) Bottom-line oriented. Making money—and profits—requires managing money successfully. Being financially astute, carefully managing vendors and suppliers, and hiring the right team of financial advisors can all help a business prosper.

9) Socially responsible. Being socially responsible can also contribute to a company's success. In today's business and social climate, entrepreneurs that are looking to provide a social benefit by making a commitment to serve the economically disadvantaged, protecting the environment, or adopting some other social cause, are more likely to be favorably perceived by end-users of their products and services.

10) Future-oriented. Successful entrepreneurs don't get overwhelmed or consumed by day-to-day problems. They have a vision for the future of their company and make an effort to understand the trends and forces that will impact their ability to achieve that vision.

Lastly, thanks to the impact of the World Wide Web, more and more customers are expecting businesses to be accessible 24 hours a day. For the entrepreneur, that means making a commitment of time, energy, and resources to be responsive to customer demands and needs.

Thanks, Coach

News of the death of Coach Norvell Lee of St. Augustine's College came as a shock to everyone in the African-American community last week.

After all, it had only been March when The CAROLINIAN had devoted a great deal of space to the praises being heaped on Coach Lee from far and wide, even as far as the N.C. General Assembly.

He had, in the scant two years he had been here, made an indelible mark on people here, as he turned the Falcon basketball program around on a dime and ended in triumph with the 1997 CIAA basketball championship.

It was the first such title the school had garnered in 52 years, and Coach Lee was an instant legend.

Praises were still being sung and alumni, fans and administrators alike were still trying to decide how to reward him further when it was learned that he had died, last Wednesday, of an apparent heart attack.

The death of one dear to us is always sad. But Coach Lee's passing is particularly poignant for the St.

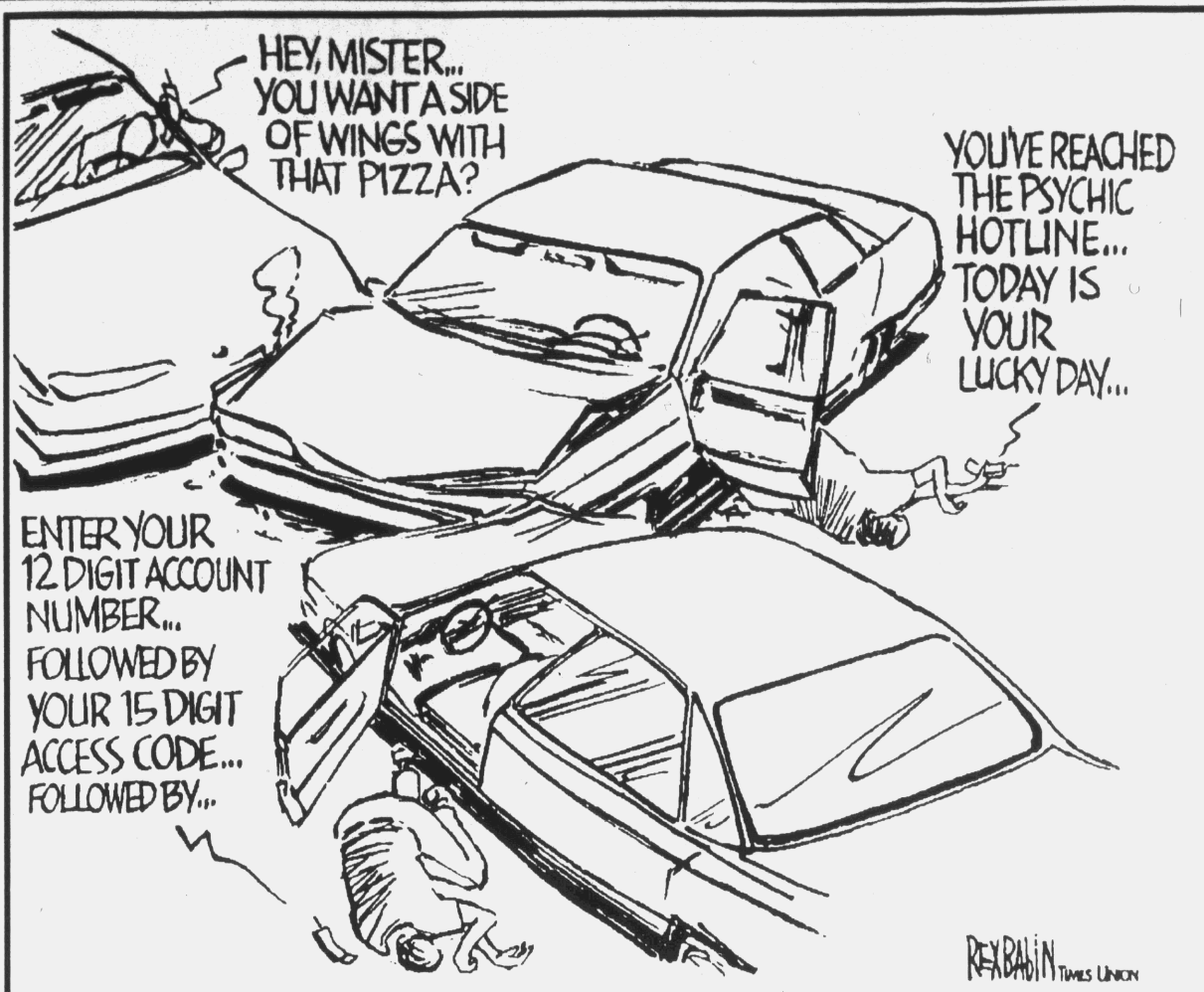
Augustine's community, because they were still basking in the glow of his triumph and wanted to praise him even further. Not to mention enjoying what further victories he might bring them.

Nevertheless, we suspect that Coach Lee, as many other highly competitive, motivated men in his field, would tell us that, if you have to go (as we all must), there is surely no better way to go out than as a winner.

A pilot will tell you he wants to go out flying. A race car driver, behind the wheel. An explorer, gazing from the summit of his last conquest. An athletic coach, as the head of a championship team.

Coach set a standard. He will never have to know the bitterness of defeat which is the omnipresent flip side of all athletic endeavors. His last memories are of sublime, supreme victory.

Our hearts go out to his family, who are surely consumed with grief at this time. But may we offer what small consolation there may be in knowing that he left us, and will always be, a champion.



Parents Need To Ask, "Why Aren't Our Kids Succeeding?"

BY TREY BANKHEAD

It's been asked before: Does the traditional style of public education work for our kids? That question, while important, pales in significance to the REAL question, which is "Why aren't our kids, on the average, succeeding?"

Let me put it this way: The number one reason kids drop out of school is because they feel "distanced" from the school system. In other words, they feel as though the educators do not care about them, so they see no point in trying to gain good grades when they feel no one will treat them fairly. How does this news affect you, the reader? Read on.

It's not a secret: kids do not all learn the same way. That information had been known for a long time, now, but alternative styles of learning are still routinely put down and challenged as soon as they are conceived. Consider these points:

"Age-based" grade grouping is no longer efficient. It's hard to accept, especially with the stereotypes running around about Generation X and Generation Y. But, let's face facts: kids today are smarter than we were at their age. They have access to far more information at an earlier age, and so can use the information earlier. Plus, not all kids learn the same way, or at the same pace. Still, too many schools insist on remaining with the "tried and true" styles of education. A relatively new style of scheduling, the 4x4 or "Block" schedule, allows kids more flexibility by structuring school more like college, allowing for a more natural transition. One semester, a student might have English, Social Studies, and two electives. The following semester, the other core course would follow, with two other electives. Students would be dealing with four ninety-minute classes a day, rather than having so many more subjects to split their attention with. Also, kids have longer to achieve competency in core courses, and are promoted due to their successes, at their own speed, not due to their age.

Kids don't learn the same way. Guess what? Ever wonder why your child might not be able to learn in that "one class he keeps failing?"; It may not be the subject, but the way it's presented. Everyone has their own style of learning. Some people learn best by reading, some by seeing it in motion (like a demonstration or a movie). Others learn best by just hearing the information presented. One kid I knew in college would tape her classes, and would fall asleep in class. Then, she'd go back to her dorm, and just listen to the lectures. And she got it, every time. A dyslexic student of mine successfully passed my English class with an "A" because we discovered that she could type information with greater coherence than simply handwriting. After that, all of her papers came in typed, and her grades shot right up. Teachers, administrators, and parents need to realize that one "perfect" system NEVER works for everyone. Don't believe me? How is it that kids can memorize entire movies and albums, but not books and poetry? When you come down to it, what's the difference?

North Carolina has an influx of private and charter schools. That's right...As of Fall 1997, thirty-five charter schools were scheduled to open in North Carolina, including one in Pitt County. There are already a lot of private schools open, with more opening all the time. And, let's not forget the number of parents who have opted to educate their kids themselves, at home, through home schooling. People need to ask why alternative education is in such demand. Or, to put it another way: If the traditional style of teaching was working, would there be such a huge amount of dissatisfaction, as evidenced by the growing number of alternative schools?

There's a lack of strong Black role models. Let's face it: There are not a lot of teachers out there that "look like us." And it's kind of hard for a Black kid to identify with a story by Shakespeare about this long-dead White guy who went nuts because his mom married her dead husband's brother. I mean, come on, everyone knows kids learn best from what they can identify with! So, why is it so few are willing to do it? There are not a lot of Black teachers in public education. In fact, when I worked as a teacher for Pitt County Schools, I was told quite often that I was a rarity: A Black man who was a teacher. At a recent presentation at J.H. Rose High School, a man in the audience asked Superintendent Howard Sosne why there was not a larger amount of Black teachers and administrations in Pitt County Schools. Dr. Sosne admitted that there were not, on average, a lot of Black teachers, and that that number is declining due to

more established teachers retiring or leaving Pitt County. However, Dr. Sosne did not answer the more important question: What is Pitt County Schools doing to remedy this, especially in light of the fact that Pitt County Schools has one of the highest dropout rates in North Carolina. And that most of those kids are Black! Maybe he should also be asked why a lot of Black teachers leave because of paycheck disputes...such as being "shorted" for a check, and then not being paid what is owed them?

Cultural differences need to be talked about. I've heard it too many times before, "I don't see color. When I'm dealing with people, I'm colorblind." And, my answer is always the same: "Oh, you're color blind? So you only see in terms of Black and White?" People need to realize that our differences are actually a good thing. Making a school into a place where racial and religious differences are not acknowledged is encouraging disaster. For example, my high school had a Christmas celebration every year, which meant they were ignoring all the Jewish students in the school. Many black families have started celebrating Kwanzaa. Trying to deny race is denying people a vital part of who they are. When someone tells me that "I never see you as being Black," I am insulted. Why? I am a black man. Being Black is an undeniable part of who I am, and it has always influenced me. Ignoring that fact is ignoring me, and that I won't let people do.

School systems need to be working together, rather than fighting each other. There is a lot of fighting going on between differing school types: the traditional public schools are trying to undercut the charter schools; the private schools are seen as being superior to all the schools; home-schooling is portrayed as being the coward's way out. People need to realize that, if it is supposed to be the KIDS that are important, then they need to stop acting like spoiled brats and do their jobs and support the kids. A kid doesn't want to go to a country public school? Fine. Educators should figure out what the child needs and then find the school that best serves those needs, regardless of affiliation. No more withholding records when a child transfers from one school type to another. NO more suddenly initiated changes in policy that only apply to a certain "type" of school. For that matter, legislators need to do the same thing: education can not be looked at as an issue of money. It's an issue of the future: if they expect this country to have one, they'd better get with it before it's too late.

Parents need to look at what they can do to help their kids. Hey, parents, want to know another reason why your kid is failing in school? Take a look at your living room. Everyone hears that Asian kids are "born smarter." Bull. One secret of their success is, on the average, they spend more time studying. Here's the numbers, on the average:

Asian-Americans spend 12.5 hours a week studying.

Anglo-Americans spend 8.5 hours a week studying.

African-Americans spend 4 hours a week studying.

Hispanic-Americans spend 3 hours a week studying.

On the other hand, want to guess how many hours kids watch television?

Asian-Americans spend 23 hours a week watching TV.

Anglo-Americans spend 28 hours a week watching TV.

African-Americans and Hispanic-Americans spend between 77 and 88 hours a week watching TV.

Parents, this is your wakeup call! There are only 168 hours in a week! One way to ensure your child will do better in school: TURN OFF THE TELEVISION!

Parents and educators must look out for the "Revenge" style of education. I freely admit it: part of the reason I became a teacher was, in a way to "get revenge" on all the teachers I'd ever had growing up that told me I'd never amount to anything. That English teacher in the 6th grade, the Spanish teacher in 8th...I was going to show all of them! But, a mistake that I've been guilty of myself is trying to put forth an Afrocentric curriculum when not all of my students are Black! I grew up being one of the only Blacks in my entire school system, so I know how lonely it is. Is it right for educators to construct schools that serve "a certain population" when a much larger population is in need? Many private schools seem to be drawn up on racial lines. For that matter, many schools in general seem to be drawn up that way. I know that my hometown of Chagrin Falls, Ohio, redrew the property lines AROUND the Black community, thus keeping students from that community from attending the Chagrin Falls School system. A lot of Black teachers have started teaching Afrocentric curricula to students that are not all Black. I know how being alone in a sea of people "not like me" very nearly destroyed me...Can we stand by and see that done to any other children, no matter what their race? The answer "they've done it to us for years" does NOT make it right.

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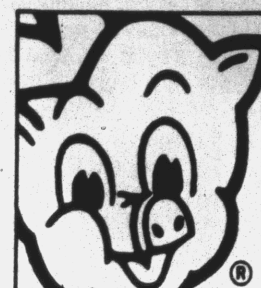


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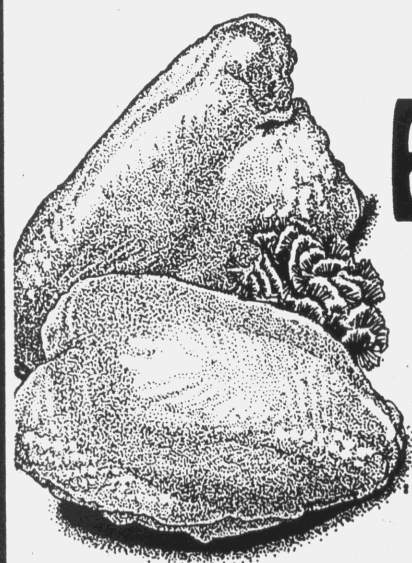
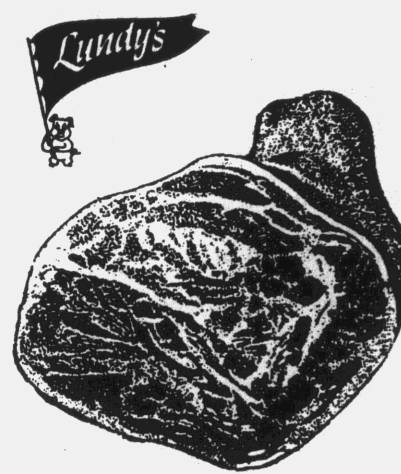
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MOTHER JOSEPHINE S. GRAHAM

Homegoing services for Mrs. Josephine S. Graham were held on Monday, August 11, at the Philippi Church of Christ, with the Pastor, Bishop Randy Royal, officiating. Mrs. Graham, daughter of the late Mr. & Mrs. George and Lena Spencer, was born Sept. 4, 1914 and departed this life on Thursday, Aug. 8 at Pitt County Memorial Hospital.

Ms. Graham was a native of Beaufort County and spent most of her life in Greenville, North Carolina, where she attended the local schools. She retired from the Pitt County Schools as cafeteria manager. She was a faithful member of the Philippi Church of Christ, where she served as a member of the Senior Choir and member of the Mother Board.

Survivors include: children: Mrs. Annie R. Daughtry of Greenville, Zack Riddick, Jr., of Greenville, and James E. Graham of Bellingham, Washington; grandchildren: Mrs. Valerie Dillahunt of Grifton, Howard E. Pritchard of Virginia, Ms. Regina Reddick of Greenville, Ms. Elva Reddick, Newark, N.J., Marlon and Otis Jones,

Orlando, Florida, Ms. Sara Blam, California, and Ms. JoAnna Graham, Vancouver, Canada; fifteen great grandchildren, five great-great grandchildren; nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Burial followed in the Greenwood Cemetery.

JOHN HENRY (JUNIOR) DANIELS
John Henry (Junior) Daniels died on Wednesday, Aug. 13, 1997 at Pitt County Memorial Hospital. Funeral services will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. at St. Peter Missionary Baptist Church, RFD, Greenville, N.C. Pastor Daniel House will officiate. Burial in Homestead Memorial Gardens.

He was the son of the late Nannie Perkins and John H. Daniels and he was raised in the Stokes, St. Peter and Greenville communities.

"Junior," as he was known by many, was a kind, jolly and well rounded person. He was employed with National Spinning Co. in Washington, N.C. approximately 14 years. In July 1996, he retired from the Housekeeping Dept. at East Carolina University School of Medicine after employment of approximately 12 years.

He served on the following church organizations: Founder and President of the Male Chorus; overseer of all choirs; served as former President of the Home Mission; served a former Chairman of the Deacon Board for several years; and a member of the Trustee Board and Pastor Aide Club.

Mr. Daniels was a member of Beautiful Valley #435 Masonic Lodge for 30 years.

Surviving, his wife: Christine Payton Daniels of the home; four sons; Calvin R. Daniels, Havelock, N.C.; Johnny Daniels Jr., Colorado

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Springs, CA; Charles G. Daniels, Louisville, KY; and Roy D. Daniels, Hollister, CA; and four daughters: Patricia D. Ebron, Tonya Daniels, and Cassandra Payton, Greenville, N.C.; and Gailene Ross, Charlotte, N.C.

Grandchildren: Curtis Speller, Veners, CA; Derrick Daniels, Sierra Daniels, Creosha Clark, Jasmine Harris, Greenville, N.C.; Sarah and Patrick Daniels, Hollister, CA; Jamal and Chelsea Daniels, East Over, S.C.; Nikki Daniels, Oxon Hill, MD; Erika Ross, Charlotte, N.C.; and Brian Warner, Patterson, N.J.

Brothers: Willie "Bill" Battle and Julius Jones, Greenville, N.C.; Sisters: Cestine Boyd of Greenville, N.C. and Hattie Ward, Albany, N.Y.

A host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Arrangements by Flanagan Funeral Home, Inc.

ANNIE CARMON

Ms. Annie Carmon, 78 of 314 S. Mills St. Apt. B-2, died Sunday, Aug. 3, 1997 at her residence. Funeral Services were Thursday at 2 p.m. at St. Rest Holiness Church in Winterville. Burial in Branches Cemetery.

Ms. Carmon was a native of Pitt County and she worked as a Housekeeper for James and Jane Mellon of Winterville for the past twenty years.

She is survived by one son: Luther James Patrick of Winterville, N.C.; two brothers: Jessie Miller of Greenville, Charles Miller of Ft. Washington, MD, and five sisters: Annie Belle Atkinson, Carristine Davis, Barbara J. White, all of Greenville; Annie C. Wiggins and Iristine Vines both of Washington, D.C.

Also, seven grandchildren, three step-grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren, eight step great grandchildren, four great great grandchildren.

Arrangements were by Rountree and Associates Funeral Home in downtown Greenville.

JAUNTIA JACKSON

Mitchell's Funeral Home announces the death and funeral service for Ms. Jauntia Jackson age 80 of 107 Springhill Street LaGrange, N.C., who died at Lenoir Memorial Hospital in Kinston, N.C. Monday, Aug. 4, 1997.

Funeral service was held Saturday, Aug. 9 at 2 p.m. at St. Matthew Free Will Baptist Church in

LaGrange, N.C. with the pastor, Elder Jimmy Stewart officiating. Burial followed in the St. Matthew Church Cemetery in LaGrange, N.C.

Ms. Jackson was a native of Lenoir County where she attended the County Schools. She was a member of St. Matthew Church.

She is survived by her husband, Norris Jackson of the home; her stepmother, Leora Taylor of LaGrange, N.C., 1 daughter, Mary E. Arnold of Phil. Pa., 5 sisters; Elsie Spellman, Elizabeth Gibbs both of LaGrange, N.C., Hazel Wooten of Goldsboro, N.C., Ora Bell Davis of Kinston, N.C., Patsy Phillips of Norfolk, Va., 4 brothers; Bishop William Taylor of Goldsboro, N.C. and Robert Earl Taylor of LaGrange, N.C., 4 grandchildren, 8 great grandchildren, a number of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

LOSSIE WILLIAMS BIZZELL

Ms. Lossie Williams Bizzell, 84, of 1207 W. 4th Street, died Sunday, Aug. 17, 1997 in Pitt County Memorial Hospital. Funeral services were Wednesday 2 p.m. at Sycamore Hill Baptist Church. Burial was in Brownhill Cemetery.

Ms. Bizzell was a native of Pitt County and attended the local schools. She was a member of Sycamore Hill Baptist Church, Altar Guild and Junior Ladies Auxillary. She was the Past Matron of the Ladies Delight Chapter No. 10 O.E.S. and a member of Benedict Epte Social Club.

Surviving are husband, John H. Bizzell of the home.

Flanagan Funeral Home, Inc. handled the arrangements.

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Church Briefs

BY FAYE WHITE
Associate Editor

Editor's Note: If you would like to have your church's special event included in this column, please submit it to Faye White, 'M' Voice Church Calendar, at least two weeks prior to the event.

Warren Chapel United American Free Will Baptist Church (located on the Speight Seed Farm Road, Winterville) holding Revival Services Aug. 18-22, 7:30 nightly. Dr. Felton O. Best, of Bloomfield, Connecticut, is the guest evangelist.

Tabernacle Center Of Deliverance sponsoring "500 Women In White" 5:00 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 24. Evangelist Dollie Prayer, Full Gospel Christian Church, the guest speaker.

Selvina Chapel Free Will Baptist Church will present a "Highly Anointed Evening of Gospel Music", 7:30 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 31. Scheduled to appear: The C/G Spirituals, Brother-To-Brother, Minister Terrell Powell & Choir, and The Golden Jubilees. This will be the last Gospel Singing Program to be held at the church's present

location. (Selvina Chapel is celebrating going into a new sanctuary).

Burney's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church (Route 3, Black Jack) will observe Quarterly Meeting Services, Aug. 23-24. Board Meeting and Holy Communion on Saturday; Sunday School, Morning Worship with Pastor J. H. Wilkes delivering the morning message; Elder Theron Jones and St. Monica Missionary Baptist Church will be guests at 3 p.m.

St. Mary Missionary Baptist Church Traveling Choir will celebrate its Second Anniversary at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 24 with a concert featuring "The Junior Consolators" and "The Voices of Harmony".

Canaan Free Will Baptist Church Deacon Board will celebrate its Second Anniversary at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 24. Pastor V. B. Phillips and the English Chapel Church Family will be guests.

Cedar Grove Missionary Baptist Church #2 Usher Board will celebrate its Anniversary at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 24. Brother Tony Conner, of the First Born Holiness Church in Grimesland, will be presented in concert.

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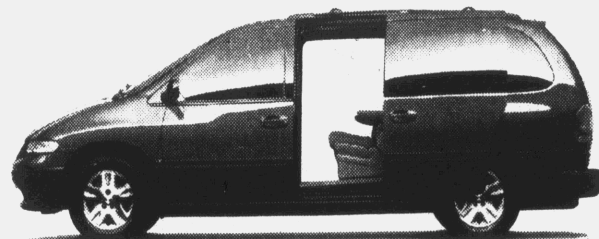
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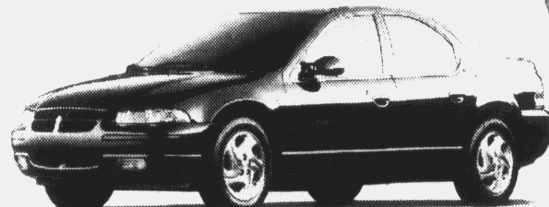
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Senior News From Washington

Back-Door Cola Cut For Retirees?

(NAPS)—A growing number of older Americans stand to lose big if legislation that changes the method by which the Consumer Price Index is calculated is passed.

According to Michael Zabko, National Legislative Director of the TREA Senior Citizens League, a campaign was launched in response to growing concern among senior citizens that their Social Security and military retirement benefits would face deep cuts if the CPI is modified.

"Fact is, in recent years, seniors as a group have been especially hard hit by inflation. This is because seniors are the heaviest users of some goods and services which have experienced far higher than average inflation," Zabko said.

For example, says Zabko:

- The cost of medical care rose by about seven percent in 1993 when the general rate of inflation was only three percent. Almost the same thing happened in 1994.
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from the desk of Mrs. Beatrice Maye

"A Lesson For The Teacher"

BY STEBBINS JEFFERSON
Columnist
For: THE PALM BEACH POST

This article appeared in Monday's,
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DAILY REFLECTOR

Permit me to excerpt some of the statements:

1. Be scrupulously fair to each student without showing favoritism because of gender, ethnicity, religion or family income.

2. Never rely solely on teacher handbooks and guides. Too many of them were written by people who know little about the realities of the public school classroom or the students you teach.

3. Avoid "busy work" assignments. Correct and return papers promptly to provide feedback that can be applied to subsequent lessons. If most of the students failed to understand concepts, review and revise lessons to address misunderstandings.

4. Stay out of the teachers lounge or any gathering place where disgruntled teachers continually harp about how bad or dumb students are that they can't learn. Those who blame students for everything are often rationalizing their own inadequacy.

5. Distance yourself from ethnic insults and other forms of elitism that go on behind the scenes. Every faculty and staff is likely to have members who expend their energies demeaning others rather than working to improve teaching.

The author prays that maybe this year, teachers will find the combination of wisdom and skills to ensure that no child will fail, not by making the lessons easy, but by lighting a spark of curiosity.

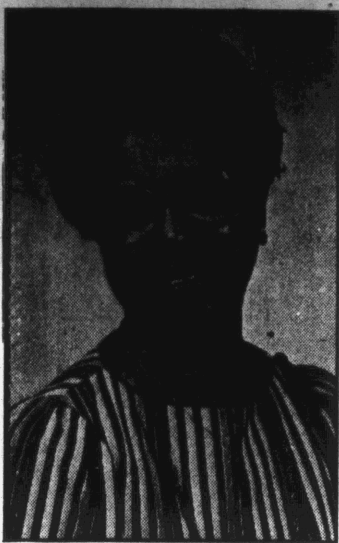
Classrooms may be crowded and supplies limited, but if you understand and accept that in the crucible of public education, the teacher is the most influential element for success or failure, you'll experience more success than failure.

QUOTES

"The mediocre teacher tells. The good teacher explains. The superior teacher demonstrates. The great teacher inspires.

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...is not afraid of losing	...is afraid of winning
...is part of the	...is part of

solution	the problem
...does it	...talks about it
...makes commitments	...makes promises
...works harder than a loser	...is always too busy
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...says, "I'll plan to do that"	...says, "I'll try to do that"
...says, "I'm good, but not as good as I can be"	...says, "I'm not as bad as as a lot of other people"
...listens	...just waits until it's his turn to talk
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...says, "I was wrong"	...says, "It wasn't my fault"
...says, "There ought to be a better way"	...says, "That the way it's always been done"
...sees opportunities	...sees problems
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The keynote speakers were economist Dr. Jawanza Kunjufu, former astronaut Dr. Mae Jemison, Black Entertainment Television (BET) President Jeffery Lee and

civil rights activist Rev. Dr. Andrew Young.

Also, there was a Friday night tribute to Dr. Arthur A. Fletcher, the author of affirmative action.

There were workshops dealing with current economic issues and training programs for compliance and enforcement of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act and Section 3 of

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