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What Black History Really Means

By Kwaku Person-Lynn, PhD
Special to The Sentinel

In February 1926, Dr. Carter G. Woodson, the reputed father of black history, started Black History Week. In the 1960s, it expanded to a whole month. Through time, consciousness and terminology evolutions, many now refer to it as African American History Month. Some go even further and call it African American History Month. Whatever the title, the purpose is generally the same; a time to reflect upon a lost history that was written out of the history books during the time of the slave trade and slavery. This basically occurred around the 14th, 15th and 16th centuries when European Christians and Jews involved themselves in the illegal transport of Africans to the Americas from

ent route back, which exposed them to India. In 1298, Marco published a book, Description of the World. This fired the imagination of the Europeans regarding the exotic lands and potential treasures to be captured.

In 1492, Spain, which was suffering its own economic woes, along with its desire for exploration and the possibility of converting so-called pagans to Christianity, saw these new new-found wealth. By the way, we call indigenous people of America "Indians", and the Caribbean the "West Indies", because Columbus lied to the Spanish crown in reporting that he had landed in India; his ultimate destination.

This was the beginning of a European explosion of world exploration. When new lands were found, the immediate need to exploit these territories was labor.

western Africa. Arab Muslims had already began their version of the slave trade approximately 600 years prior on the eastern coast of Africa, which still exists to this very day in the northeastern region of the continent.

All of this, from a Western perspective, could probably be traced to some earlier events in Europe. During the 1200s, Nicolo and Maffeo Polo, the father and uncle of Marco Polo, starting from Venice, traveled throughout central Asia all the way to China (then called Cathay). They returned home years later. In 1271, accompanied by Marco, they set out for China again. On their return journey, they took a differ-

The indigenous people of these newly discovered lands did not work out as a new labor force. The church also opposed using them, preferring to make them converts and servants of the faith.

The church had no opposition in using Africans as the labor force for these new lands. In fact, it even used biblical stories, such as the curse of Ham's descendents, theoretically black people, to justify enslaving Africans. The curse was said to have turned Ham's descendents black, making them heathen and non-human, which is not in the Bible at all. Since Africans were now classified as nonhuman, this released the guilt Christians might have felt otherwise. Thus, it was not difficult of

them to rationalize the first ship to illegally transport Africans to America, was called "Jesus".

They didn't stop there. This was also a time when Africans were excluded from world history, or depicted as people who had no history or culture of any consequence. Thus, Africa was labeled the Dark Continent. This trend would continue for centuries and laid the foundation for white supremacy and racism. The true history of African people in the world has only begun to seriously surface in the last three decades; though there were isolated examples that were hard to find. Publishers and bookstores owned by people of African descent have made significant difference in making this literature available by black scholars and writers.

Dr. Woodson would be proud of those who use February as a time

to rekindle a history long denied. Unfortunately, there are those who have reduced it to eating events, fashion shows, dinner dances, parties and other social events that have absolutely no historical significance. There is nothing wrong with the events themselves; it's just that the purpose for the month are completely lost within them.

Minister Malcolm X Shabazz once made the statement, "The worst thing the white man did to us was to teach us to hate ourselves." That hatred is manifested in not knowing who we are. Even in the ancient portals found in many temples in the Nile Valley in Africa, they stated "Man Know Thyself."



Great man visits ECU,

pictured above Dr. Denard, Gary Moore Asst. to Chancellor and Minister Edward Muhammad, were all in attendance to greet and welcome Iman W. Deen Muhammad, the son of the late Elijah Muhammad. Iman W. Muhammed poses with the Diversity Committee Students of ECU. (front row L to R : Yolanda Thigpen, Elenah Godbolt, Christy Oxendine, Iman Mohammed, and Jay Newby. Back Row (L to R) Israel Acosta, Ramsey Connor, Patrick Suarez, and Na'im Akbar lower right corner Abdul H. Wahid.

Photo by Jim Rouse

Bennett College host White Breakfast



Bennett College "White Breakfast", shown are some of the lovely ladies in attendance who were recognized as phenomenal women for the year 2000. Hats off to all phenomenal women for their great contributions to community, church and home. May all of them continue their efforts into the year 2001.

Photo By Steve Johnson

Bennett College Coastal Carolina Alumni Association

Saturday, February 12, 2000 at 11:00 o'clock, Bennett College Coastal Carolina Alumni Association's 1st "White Breakfast" was held at the Bachelor Benedict Club on 707 Wyatt Street, Greenville, N.C.

The White Breakfast was one of the ways Dr. David Jones and Mrs. Susie Jones, former president of Bennett College and his wife, felt lasting values and traditions could be imparted.

The traditions was in place by Thanksgiving 1932 because the girls would be on campus at Thanksgiving. The day would begin with the girls bearing gifts for the elderly residents of Greensboro, N.C. Afterwards, the girls would return to the campus, dress in white dresses and go to Wilbur Steele Hall for the "White

Breakfast."

The White Breakfast was reinstituted as an Alumnae weekend activity in 1976 during the Golden Anniversary of Bennett College, a collegiate institution for women in Greensboro, N.C.

Our chapter thinks so much of the tradition that it is part of our First Celebration. Mrs. Jean Dupree, our president, will preside and the group will sing the traditional grace. Ms. Jacqueline Barrett Welcomed the group and Dr. Jacqueline Garner introduced the speaker of the day. The speaker for the Breakfast is Dr. Elease Colston, Director of Alumni Affairs at Bennett College. Coming with her from Bennett will be Mary Jacobs, Sandra Johnson, Mia savage a student from Greenville, and Dr. Brenedette Watts, a former Greenville girl. Mrs. Beulah W.

Mebane will respond to the speaker followed by the singing of "Tell Me Why" accompanied by Mrs. Betty Boyd.

Our White Breakfast buffet was catered by Monte's. The litany ceremony was led by Renee Purvis and Elaine Tyson. Mrs. Lucille Sayles will recognize special guest. Each year one or more Phenomenal women are presented. Arnella Chance will recognize the Phenomenal Women for the year 2000: Mrs. DeDe Carney, Realtor; Mrs. Barbara Fenner, Community activist; Mrs. Gladys Worsley, Caregiver; Mrs. Mildred Council, Greenville City Council; and Mrs. Beulah Whitfield Mebane, Retired Educator.

Our president, Mrs. Jean Dupree gave the necessary remarks and lead the group into singing the Alma Mater.

Banking on the Past for the New Millennium

by Devin Hatley

As we enter into the new millennium which features high technology, corporate mergers, and global business, community banking as it used to be is fading away with the 1900's.

Millennia Community Bank (MCB) however, wants to bring back the old traditions of banking. "The days of going to your bank service as well as social visits are gone, and we want to remedy that," said T.F. "Butch" Congleton, CEO of MCB.

For Congleton, the concept all began when realized that something was missing from today's mainstream banking industry. That "something" was community service. "Community banking is a concept whereby the financial institution is 100% in tune to all aspects of the community," said Congleton.

When Congleton started his career in banking over 17 years ago, community banking was the norm, but over those years he saw that trend slowly dwindle away into mainstream and profit-driven banking. He felt it was time to bring back that service mentally from the past in the form of a community bank Greenville.

In order to do that, MCB must be able to relate to the diversity within the community. And in Eastern North Carolina, diversity is as common as barbecue and football.

As the minority population of eastern North Carolina continues to rise, it has impacted the local business makeup as well as business practices. With approximately 35 percent of the population of Greenville, New Bern, and Washington being minorities, the social, political and economic front for Eastern North Carolina is creating a greater diversity within our community.

In particular the Hispanic/Latino population has grown rapidly which has presented a language barrier as the primary hurdle. Recognizing the need that communications is an important issue, Congleton believes that it is critical that clients feel comfortable during business transactions. "We want to have a staff that is knowledgeable and can deliver the services they need in a personal manner, as well as in multiple languages," said Congleton.

Along with the community, the Board of Directors for MCB also represents a very diverse background, but all from Eastern North Carolina. There are doctors, lawyers, and business people representing the black, white and Hispanic sectors of the community. However, each director has the same approach; they "want to make sure that the community is

balanced," said Congleton.

The population makeup is changing, and we want to be able to cater to that, but it is also important to have minority business leaders in our community," said Congleton.

With the scope of banking focused more on profits for survival, it could be difficult for a community bank to exist in today's society. However, the founders of MCB are confident that they can bring back the old traditions of banking such as personal attention and full service, with the power of 21st century technology. "We want to be involved with the community development programs and issues, but we'll also focus on small businesses within this community and make sure that they have the financial services they need to prosper," said Congleton.



From the minority voice History files, Brother Bobby Teel and his lovely wife Brenda (deceased) are shown in one of file photos during happier days. Sister Teel was very active in the community and had a talk show on WOOW. She was a lovely person and a joyful person all the time We Salute Black History Month

Staff Photo Jim Rouse

MY THOUGHTS

Baca Blew It on Racial Profiling



Police chiefs in Oakland, San Diego, San Francisco, San Diego, and Los Angeles County Sheriff Lee Baca vehemently deny that their departments racially profile black and Latino motorists. To prove they don't, the police chiefs agreed to keep racial tallies on the drivers they stop. The L.A. County Board of Supervisors recommended that Baca do the same. He flatly refused to do it. Instead he offered to monitor complaints from the public to see if specific officers engage in racial profiling.

But this is a meaningless, half-measure that does absolutely nothing to get a handle on the problem. It's well-known that blacks and Latino are far less likely to file complaints against abusive police officers because of intimidation or fear of harassment.

Baca also claimed that it would be too costly and time consuming to keep racial stats. This is just as flimsy an excuse. Police chiefs in the other cities have found time and the money to compile the figures and they have not complained about the cost and effort. In fact, if cost was really a big obstacle the California Highway Patrol would probably squawk the loudest. It makes more traffic stops statewide than any other state police agency in the country. Yet CHP officials voluntarily began compiling stats in 1999, and they did it without any complaint.

Baca's excuses make so little sense that one has to think he refuses to keep stats because he is afraid of what he may find. And with good reason. In recent years, swelling numbers of African-Americans and Latinos, many of them respected elected officials, business persons, professionals, and that includes a black state senator and judge, have accused law enforcement agencies in L.A. County of targeting them for "driving while black and brown." In Northern California, the ACLU has filed a class action suit against the CHP on behalf of Latino motorists who claim that they were racially targeted. Nationally, a Justice Department study found that blacks comprise about 14 percent of the population, yet account for more than 70 percent of all routine traffic stops.

Racial profiling has ignited more impassioned fury among black and Latino leaders than almost any other issue. It has sparked demonstrations, lawsuits by dozens of black and Latino motorists, denunciations by many state and national officials, and a demand by Democratic presidential contender Bill Bradley that Gore prod Clinton to sign an executive order banning racial profiling. The practice is so prevalent and damaging that the Justice Department in December wrung a promise out of state officials in New Jersey to stop racially profiling motorists.

But Baca certainly must know that black and Latino leaders can complain all they want about "driving while black and brown" abuses. Yet there's no way for them to prove their claims without producing hard numbers on who's being stopped, the reasons they're stopped, and whether a search and arrest was made as a result of the stop.

The actions of police agencies in L.A. County are intently watched and frequently emulated by other departments across the country. If Baca had agreed to the Supervisors' proposal it might have spurred police and city officials elsewhere who have dodged or foot-dragged on the issue of racial profiling to take action on the problem. It also gave him the golden opportunity to silence once and for all the legions of critics who contend that the Sheriff's department routinely harasses and intimidates blacks and Latinos on the streets and highways.

Since Los Angeles County is the nation's largest county with blacks, Latinos, and Asians soon to make up a majority of the population, police officials should be duty bound to quell all doubts that they treat minorities unjustly. Though Baca blew his chance to do this by rejecting the Supervisor's proposal, they must keep pressing him to do his duty.

(Earl Ofari Hutchinson is a nationally syndicated columnist and the director of the National Alliance for Positive Action. He can be heard on KPFK Radio, 90.7FM, Tuesdays, 7-8 p.m.)



WHOOP! GOLDBERG CELEBRATES SUCCESSFUL WOMEN ENTREPRENEURS AT AVON GALA AWARDS LUNCHEON—(left to right)—1999 Avon Women of Enterprise Awards Honorees: Maria de Lourdes Sobrino, President/CEO, Lulu's Dessert Factory; Janet Lasley, Owner, Lasley Construction, Inc.; Whoopi Goldberg, Oscar winning actor and keynote speaker; Sarian S. Bouma, President/CEO, Capitol Hill Building Maintenance, Inc.; Marion Luna Brem, President/CEO, Love Daimler Chrysler Plymouth & Love Chrysler Dodge Jeep, Inc.; and Rhonda K. Howerton, Avon Leadership Sales Representative.



BETWEEN THE LINES 'New Leaders or New Negroes?'

As we begin another Negro History Week (what now is Black History Month), we must use this time not only to look at where we've been but also where we're going, as a people. Individually, we must all assess what we stand for, and what we stand against. Particularly if we call ourselves leaders.

Leadership is more than being seen out front, or being in the loop behind closed doors, or attending receptions. Critical analysis of real black leadership is part of the national discussion now, in terms of how to best effectuate the African diaspora in America.

One of the most comprehensive analysis of the leadership question was advanced by Charles Barron, CEO of dynamics of Leadership, Inc. In a scathing cyber-commentary to the BRC (Black Radical Congress)-News, Barron's, article *Real Black Leadership of Leadership That happens to be Black* outlines the convulsion created when collective interests are masked in organizations that largely serve individual interests, and what the obvious contrasts are to being "a real black leader" and "just a leader (who happens to be black)."

In fact, in one paragraph in the 1,200 word article (to get a copy, e-mail to cbbdynamics@igc.org), he

says that, "Leadership that happens to be black is egocentric, individualistic and often uses their Blackness as a 'front' to fulfill a personal agenda for personal aggrandizement. This type of leadership builds fan clubs and call them organizations and suffers from delusions of grandeur while building personal-ity cuts, not collective leadership."

This position is clearly an indictment of what we know takes place, self-promotion under the guise of organization. It's difficult for many in our "personality driven" communities to understand what drives leadership and what derives from "real" leadership; outcome, driven measures of progress and a far-reaching involvement in any and every initiative that seeks to compromise the collective advancement of our permanent "quality of life" interests. Leaders who make decisions "for the whole" aren't always popular and don't want to be everybody's friend.

We don't know leadership because we don't "check" leadership. We, as a people, are afraid to challenge leadership (a slavery drawback), even the self-appointed ones. However, when real leadership is not evidenced and there is little community benefit, then the community has a right to ask, why?

Lauryn Hill says in her song,



KLEAVER'S KLIPPINGS

The History Surrounding Black History

As most of us are aware, the month of February has been named Black History Month. This has not always been the case. It certainly is not the brainchild of a society that sought to keep us enslaved for more than 100 years.

In point of fact, we celebrate the history of our forebearers because of the efforts of a man named Carter Godwin Woodson, PhD.

Woodson's constant quest to find out more about himself and his people led to the writing of several books as well as the formation of an organization, whose sole purpose was to make certain our deeds are recorded and the history we have created lives on through the years.

His involvement was no accident. He started out his professional life with the primary intent of learning more about himself and where his people had sprung.

Born on Dec. 19, 1875, in New Canton Va., Dr. Woodson was the oldest of nine children born to James and Anne Elisa Woodson. Both of his parents were former slaves.

Instead of going to school as a youngster, he worked in the coal mines. Researchers indicate that all the time, there was something in him that made him want to do more and know more.

At the age of about 17, (Some researchers say he was 20), his family moved to another town, Fayette, Va. It was here that he was able to enroll in high school. He was so adept, that he completed all of his high school courses in one and half years. After high school graduation,

he managed to move on to Berea, Ky. where he attended college.

Although he had not acquired a degree from Berea College, he came back to Fayette, Va. and became the principal of the very high school from which he had graduated, Douglass High School. This was in 1900. He did not earn his degree until 1907.

From 1903 until 1906, Dr. Woodson supervised schools in the Philippines, traveled in Asia, North Africa and Europe, studying and teaching. He even attended the University of Paris.

Returning to the United States in 1909, Dr. Woodson taught history, English and Spanish at Dunbar High School in Washington, D.C. By taking correspondence courses and attending summer classes at the University of Chicago, he had received his bachelor's degree in 1907 and his master's degree in 1908. In 1912, he received his doctorate from Harvard University. He remained at Dunbar until 1918.

It was while he was at Dunbar High School that he started the Journal of Negro History. He also founded the Association for the Study of Negro Life. It would later be called the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History.

In 1919, Dr. Woodson became the head of the graduate faculty and dean of the school of Liberal Arts at Howard University. He then became the Dean of West Virginia College Institute. While at West Virginia, he organized Associated Publishers, which has been considered

the most famous Black publishing company.

While going about his academic duties, he never stopped researching and studying the history of black people. Although his research had shown him that black people had a tremendous past and history, he also saw that all of this was patently being ignored in the history books that were being given to children in the public schools.

To countermand this, he wrote *The Negro in Our History* which was published by Associated Publishers. He believed that young black men and women should grow up with strong and driving knowledge of their own past and historical accomplishments. Oddly enough, he wrote the book with the hope that whites would also read it and have a better understanding of black people in this country.

It should be noted this was not his first book. In 1917, he wrote and had published, *The Education of the Negro Prior To 1861*. This is thought to be his most important work.

In an essay, Jason McNeal says, "Woodson, an esteemed journalist, had a passion for the promotion and preservation of the black history and culture that he had grown to love so dearly. His writing expertise was demonstrated in helping preserve black history."

Seeking to pay homage to his hero, Frederick Douglass, Woodson chose Douglass' birthday as a starting point. This evolved into the celebration of Negro History Week. The year was 1926. Contrary to much convention, the celebration

in February is not because it is the shortest month in the year, but rather because it includes the birthday of Frederick Douglass.

For 50 years, the celebration of black history was limited to a single week, and then in 1976, mostly through efforts of the Association, which is now called the Association of African American Life and History, the week was extended to include the entire month of February.

It is interesting to note that most historical documents only note the month of Douglass' birth, February, as opposed to the date. It is believed that this is because no true accurate records were kept of slaves' birth except in a generic sort of way.

Woodson's concern for the accuracy of information regarding the history of African Americans was so acute that he edited the journal he had started, for nearly 40 years. His life seemed to be dedicated to educating people about the history black people. He never married. On April 3, 1960, he died of a heart attack at his home in Washington, D.C.

This month, we celebrate the history of black men and women, but as we do we should remember the genesis of such a celebration.

There will probably never be a national holiday for Dr. Carter G. Woodson, but each time we recognize the accomplishments of black men and women, there should be a special place in our hearts and minds for the man who gave his life that we might have a better sense of who we are and from whence we came.



URBAN PERSPECTIVE

Thomas Kilgore Jr. Community Convention

The first in a series of Town Hall Meetings leading to the Thomas Kilgore Jr. Convention was held Jan. 22, at Second Baptist Church in Los Angeles. The purpose of the Community Convention is to bring together African Americans throughout Los Angeles to discuss issues and unite for community empowerment and mobilization.

Panels and community interaction at the first Town Hall Meetings focused on political mobilization, the criminal justice system, including Proposition 21—the Juvenile Crimes Initiative—the three strikes law and growth of the prison industry; health and welfare, education and jobs. The other town hall meetings will be held in March and April; the series culminates with the Community Convention in June at Los Angeles Southwest College.

The need for African Americans to come together around key issues has never been greater. Unity, i.e., intragroup collaboration is necessary before viable partnerships with other groups can take place. The Community Convention series is focusing on issues identified by community participants in previous meetings and is an attempt to provide a framework for effective collaborative action on multiple

fronts. Everyone knows that such collaboration is critical but relatively few actually work in partnership with other African Americans to alleviate problems that affect all of us. Such is the bane of a continuing legacy of racism.

It should also be clear that as long as racism is still a factor in this country, (and it will be for the foreseeable future), race and ethnic-specific strategies are essential. Some blacks are in a state of denial, claiming that race and color are not as significant as in previous times and, therefore, should no longer be the focus of strategies to alleviate social political and economic problems. These people may be in sync with white liberals but their position has little to offer the black community (especially poorer blacks) which continue to fight systemic inequities based on color on a daily basis.

The moderator of the first Town Hall Meeting was Dr. Mervyn Dymally—U.S. Congress (Retired). Presenters addressed a range of subjects, previously listed. Panelists included Supervisor Yvonne Brathwaite Burke, Congressman Julian Dixon and Congresswoman Juanita McDonald, who stressed the importance of a complete and accurate census for African Americans. State Senator Richard

Polanco, A. Anthony Samad, Dennis Duncan, (Families Against Three Strikes) and Percy Pickney (BAPAC) discussed problems, statistics and potential solutions concerning the criminal justice system and the dangers of Proposition 21 on the upcoming March 7 state ballot, which proposes that juveniles increasingly be treated as adults. The implications for African Americans in each of these were cited.

The final presenters were Congressman Rod Wright, Professor Sidney Morse, Al Washington (SEIU Local 99), Loretta Stevens, (SEIU Regional Home Care Coordinator) and this writer. Topics and discussion included new jobs and technology, AIDS-HIV, African Americans and organized labor, and the crisis in public education as it affects African Americans. (Involvement with African American youth was discussed in the planning phase, but still received inadequate attention at this meeting. This must be rectified in the future.)

Audience participation was an unscheduled highlight of the first Town Hall Meeting. The outcomes of this and subsequent meetings will constitute the basis of recommendations to be adopted for action at the Community Convention

this June.

The Rev. William Monroe Campbell, Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice is the coordinator and driving force behind the Thomas Kilgore Jr. Community Convention series. CLUE grew out of a meeting in early 1999 between African American religious leaders and John Sweeney, national president of the AFL-CIO. CLUE and other organizations such as the Coalition of Black Trade Unionists, A. Philip Randolph Institute, Second Baptist Church, First AME Church, Los Angeles Urban League, Organization Us and other community organizations came together as sponsors of the Thomas Kilgore Community Convention.

Dr. Thomas Kilgore Jr. was a friend and confidant of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. He served as pastor of Second Baptist Church in Los Angeles for over 22 years and was nationally renowned for his spiritual and community leadership. It is because of Dr. Kilgore's unwavering commitment and broad community accomplishments that the Community Convention proudly carries his name. Hopefully, organizers and the community alike are prepared to sustain Dr. Kilgore's legacy by accepting responsibility for developing strategies and concrete actions that advance community interests.

community. Classic observations of how another generation of people are making money in our community, selling what "the community needs" but never really affecting more than a relative few—and being alright with that. "Can't help everybody," "Get rich quick on poverty dollars" is the history of many a Negro leader. This Negro behavior has transcended to another generation who would rather be "up front," than "upright" in terms of making sure the community benefits too.

Not that you have to be perfect, you just have to make sure you're on point for those you say you represent. The Negro leader has always benefited from community misery and efforts to rectify it. But to challenge the causes of that misery is not part of the deal. It's symptomatic of "wanting to be everybody's friend," and not taking a position on controversial issues that might upset the mainstream (white/Jewish, whatever) power structure. And that's classic "Negro" behavior. What makes articles like Barron's, and another article by Dr. Kamau Kambon that recently appeared in the *Final Call* (12/14/99) *The Last Will and Testament of the Last Black Man Standing*, is that black leadership failure and behavior is now being seen and is a part of the national dialogue, in terms of assessing why

people aspire to be leaders; more to separate (them from us—the disparities socially inflicted upon poor people), than to elevate "the masses." We have finally figured it out.

It's a constant debate to try to discourage another generation from following down many of those same paths, the paths of sameness, easy pacification and compromise. In fact, we have a group in Los Angeles called the "New Leaders." They are a variation of the "Young Black Professional (YBP)," educated groups of young professionals that emerged in the '70s and the '80s to try and "reach back." And they're "so vain, they probably think this piece is about them," to paraphrase Carly Simon's '70s song (daa, ya think?) and being considered "out of step" with changing times.


What we learned from YBP groups was that leaders were exposed to new fortunes and access that, when it came time to challenge the status quo, made them vulnerable—jeopardizing their new individual lifestyle—and in effect, useless in the struggle. Comfort and access is the ultimate attainment for the old Negro leader. Will that be the case for the "new leader" also? Or is he, or she, just the "new Negro," another in a series of "new Negroes" we've created down the years?

The notion that there is a new "black leadership" emerging is misleading if nothing really changes, but the faces. Discussion taking place all over the country is whether those who call themselves leaders are actually leading, or are they just following the mold created by the old Negro; to protest to gain attention, than cooperate with limited access which creates the classism in our interface that whites have created in the larger society.

That's what black America is up against; the notion that another generation of leaders will be self-seeking compromisers, or "classic Negroes" in a new millennium.


The "groom" that has been (and continues to be) to find favor with money, fortune and access "by any means necessary," including taking what they give to our communities instead of what is due, and forcing us to make due with it. And thanking them for it while deflecting criticisms of their own who know what they obviously see, a "sell-out" of their interests and their future.

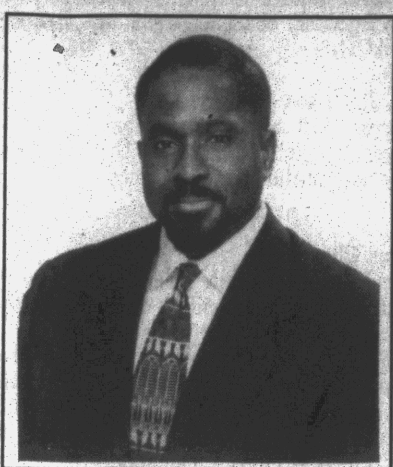

Those who call themselves "new leaders" should know that what we see in them is nothing new. Just a newer version of what got us in this mess. Negro Compromise. A compromise that doesn't have to remain a reality. Unless the new become the old.



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GREENVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

Wright Elected Legislative Black Caucus Chair

Assemblyman Roderick D. Wright has been elected chair of the Legislative Black Caucus by his colleagues in the Assembly and Senate.

"I am honored that my colleagues have confidence in my abilities and commitment to the African American community to choose me as their leader entering the 21st Century," said Assemblyman Wright.

"We mean to be more relevant to our constituents and African Americans around the state," he said.

Challenges of adjustment to the new information age, economic development, welfare reform, prison reform, appointments by the governor; and increasing our numbers in the Legislature are among the priorities the caucus can be expected to address.

The Legislative Black Caucus is comprised of two state senators and four members of the assembly. They

are Sens. Teresa Hughes, member of the senate rules committee, and Kevin Murray, chair of the senate elections and reapportionment committee.

The Assembly members are Ed Vincent, chair of the elections and reapportionment committee; Carl Washington, member of the rules committee and Democratic whip; Herb Wesson, chair of the governmental organization committee, and Wright, who chairs the utilities and commerce committee.

Comments, ideas and recommendations about legislative and policy issues can be directed to Assemblyman Wright at Legislative Black Caucus, Box 942849, Sacramento, Ca. 94249-0001.

Assemblyman Wright was the featured speaker at the Urban Issues Breakfast Forum last week. After discussing a range of issues facing our community statewide as

the 2000 session of the Legislature opens, Wright responded to questions posed by guest discussion host Dr. Earl Ofari Hutchinson; a media panel comprised of Pat Means, *Turning Point* magazine publisher; Gloria Zuurveen, *PACE* newspaper publisher; Frank Mc Crae, *WAVE* newspaper reporter; John Mitchell, *Los Angeles Times* reporter, and members of the audience.

With a candor that indicates a more aggressive and insightful approach to legislative leadership, Wright spoke to the real priorities of the caucus: education, "since it has been selected by the governor to be one of his priorities," and the budget.

Wright described his approach to the legislative process as the elected representative from the 48th District.



Keith W. Cooper

Senior citizens have contributed a great deal to Pitt County for innumerable years. As a matter of fact, if we were not for older Americans, we would not be alive today. Therefore, senior citizens deserve to be respected and honored for their invaluable services to their communities.

There are many reasons why elderly citizens deserve much attention. First, they are generally stigmatized and devalued in America (unlike China and many other non-Western cultures). Also, too many senior citizens are regarded as non-producers in a society, which values productivity. Secondly, Social Security and other pension benefits don't compensate, adequately, for the loss of wages made prior to retirement. Thus, many seniors are forced to visit Joy Soup Kitchen and other social service programs. Nest, as older Americans become even older, the likelihood of a divorce or separation increases. Therefore, senior women, for example, will need extra help with household chores and other basic responsibilities.

In early January, I asked the Pitt County Board of Commissioners to proclaim the second week in May (Older Americans Month) as Senior Citizens Appreciation Week.

They did. I later asked Greenville City Mayor Nancy Jenkins to do the same for the City of Greenville. Mayor Jenkins went a step further. She-Bless her heart-declared the whole month of May as Senior Citizens Appreciation Month for the City of Greenville, effective January 31, 2000. Senior citizens will be forever grateful for the aforesaid proclamations.

- Give senior citizens due respect and recognition, boosting self-esteem and morale among them;
- Encourage general support for a group too often ignored;
- Establish camaraderie among senior citizen;
- Give participating senior citizens a token of appreciation for their outstanding services to the city;
- Encourage community leaders and grassroots supporters to build coalitions to support senior citizens;
- Educate the city about issues impacting our elderly population;
- Help the elderly maintain their cherished independence and avoid institutionalization; and
- Promote intergenerational activities to encourage a bond between senior citizens and the youth.

Too often, when proclamations are made, they are not actualized in meaningful and appreciable ways. If we practice a fraction of the honorable ideals on paper, we'd have a much better, more productive society. Let's narrow the gap between lofty ideals and harsh realities.

I encourage churches, businesses, local government, and other institutions and individuals to plan activities for May. Inviting guest speakers to address elderly concerns is one way to focus much needed light on the plight of our seniors. Also, organizing information booths in strategic locations throughout the county is yet another of numerous ways to address issues, health and otherwise, disproportionately affecting senior citizens.

Attention Pitt County Residents!

The Pitt County Board of Commissioners Wants Your Input

As Pitt County begins planning the Fiscal Year 2000-2001 Budget (effective July 1, 2000, through June 30, 2001), we are seeking input from Pitt County citizens. Pitt County Government solicits *your* comments and suggestions about the priorities *you* see facing Pitt County.

Your input is appreciated and encouraged!

FOR FISCAL YEAR 2000-2001 BUDGET

1. What do you see as the most important priority facing Pitt County?

2. What new programs, services, or facilities would you like to see provided with County funds in the coming year?

3. Are there services you believe should be discontinued? Why?

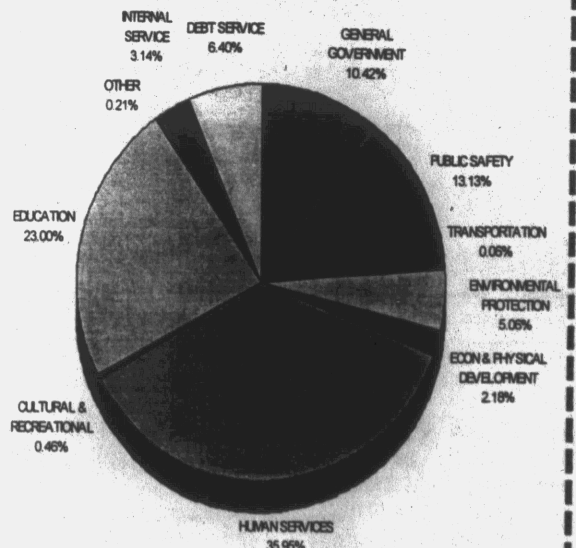
4. What suggestions do you have for the County to improve service to citizens?

5. Other comments/suggestions for the FY 2000-2001 Budget?

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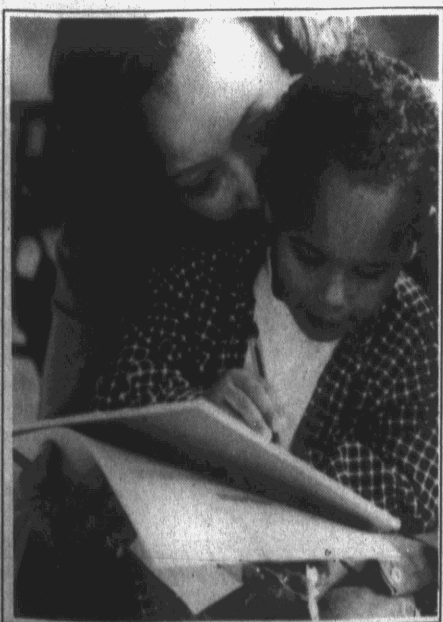
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Leo Jenkins - Vision for eastern North Carolina to be on "equal footing" with the piedmont to build East Carolina into an outstanding institution; shepherded the development on the ECU Medical School.

Prezell Robinson - President of St. Augustine's College, and huge player in the work with the United Negro College Fund

Lewis C. Dowdy - President, then Chancellor of North Carolina A. & T. State

University who greatly understood the "land grant" concept for his institution.

Charlotte Hawkins Brown - Founder of Palmer Memorial Institute in Sedalia

Bonnie Cone - Visionary leader for the development of UNC-C

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Harvey Grant - First Black Mayor of Charlotte and First Black Graduate from Clemson University

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The Reverend Lorenzo Lynch - Former Pastor of White Rock Baptist in Durham-Scholar, Leader, Disciple

The Reverend Joy Johnson - Outstanding Legislator for the people of southeastern North Carolina

Kay Yow - Head Women's Basketball Coach at North State University, Coach with legendary champion teams in the ACC

Paul Roberson - Lawyer, All-American Football Player, Actor, Singer, "The Greatest Othello" who performed ever.

Julius Chambers - President of North Carolina Central University Architect of the historic "Swann v. Charlotte-Mecklenberg Decision" and Former Lead

"Ronald McNair - MIT Ph. D. in Physics with undergraduate degree from North Carolina A.&T. State University in Greensboro, and Astronaut

Dorothy Counts - One of the students who led the integration of Charlotte schools with her enrollment at Harding High School.

Doris Duke - Benefactor of the Duke tobacco fortune, and philanthropist.

Richard Petty - "King Richard" on the NASCAR circuit and winner of over fifty NASCAR races

Dr. Sonya Stone - First Black Afro-American Professor at UNC-CH and historic figure in the advancement of Black Student interests at this institution

The Reverend W.W. Finlator -

Raleigh minister with special interests in justice and equal fairness

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Senator Sam Ervin - United States Senator for four terms and Chair for the Congressional Watergate Investigation

Clarence "Bighouse" Gaines - Winston-Salem State University Men's Basketball Coach for over Forty Years, Olympic Coach

Dean Smith - UNC-CH Basketball Coach, All-Time Major College Winningest Coach, Olympic Head Coach

Jim "Catfish" Hunter - Baseball Pitcher from Hertford

Brian Piccolo - Former Wake Forest Football Standout whose courageous battle with cancer and endless friendship with Gale Sayers inspired the movie, "Brian's Song".

Dr. Craig Phillips - State Superintendent of Public Instruction

Jonathan Daniels - Founder of "The News and Observer" in Raleigh

Willis Whichard - Founder of "The Daily Reflector" in Greenville who provided news

throughout eastern North Carolina.

Michael Jordan - Born in Wilmington, graduated from UNC-CH, six time champion of the Chicago Bulls, and arguably the greatest NBA basketball player ever.

Dr. Leroy Walker - Former NCCU track coach who instructed some of this nation's greatest NBA basketball player ever.

Hugh Morton - Developer and Political Kingpin

James Shepard - President and Founder of North Carolina Central University in Durham

P.B. Young - Founder of the "Norfolk Journal and Guide," a newspaper for primarily Black North Carolinians from the early 1920's through the 1960's

Floyd McKissick - Civil Rights Leader and Founder of Soul City, North Carolina

Charlie "Choo Choo" Justice - North Carolina Tar Heel Football Great

David Thompson - North Carolina State University Basketball giant who led his team to 1974 NCAA Championship.

Note: This scholarly reference compilation was done by John Maye Jr., the son of Mrs. Beatrice Maye.

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MY THOUGHTS The Touchy Question of Reparations

In December, the Dallas City Council approved a resolution asking Congress to set up a commission to study the feasibility of paying reparations to the black descendants of the victims of slavery. The bill authored by House Democrat John Conyers Jr. would allocate \$8 million to fund the commission. The city council's endorsement of the bill drew the instant wrath of the white council members.

They claimed that the reparations issue is too murky and messy, will deepen racial fault lines, demonize the federal government, dredge up a long by-gone past that should be buried, unfairly compare the plight of blacks with other victim groups that have received reparations, and ignores the huge economic and social gains blacks have made since slavery. The slim majority of the council that passed the resolution dismissed these objections. But the reasons the council members objected to it can't easily be dismissed.

They, like many Americans, bristle at the notion of paying blacks for slavery. They fervently believe that the passage of three civil rights bills, numerous affirmative action statutes, piles of court decisions that guarantee civil rights and civil liberties protections, a tepid acknowledgment from President Clinton that slavery was wrong, and massive government spending on business, education, housing, health and social programs for blacks have done much to right the historic injustice of slavery and its legacy. Since the toppling of legal segregation, the spectacular rise of a wealthier, better-educated, and more upwardly mobile black middle class, they say, is convincing proof that blacks have gone far in shaking loose the legacy of slavery. They also raise these troublesome questions on the reparations issue.

• White liability. The U.S. government,

corporations, and religious groups have been fingered as prime culprits in maintaining slavery and therefore, reparations proponents insist, they must pay. While the U.S. government encoded slavery in the Constitution, and protected and nourished it for a century, it also waged the civil war that cost thousands of white lives, and ultimately ended slavery. Northern industrialists supplied weapons and financing for the war and many white churches relentlessly called for the total destruction of slavery. Moreover, millions of European immigrants came to America decades after the Civil War ended and slavery was formally abolished in 1865. They derived no tangible economic benefits from it.

• Money and consequences. No one has yet come up with a credible sum that should be paid, nor a method to pay it for slavery. If the U.S. government is indeed liable, the burden of payment would fall on taxpayers. This would ignite a monumental backlash among many whites to the use of their tax dollars for reparations. It would cause nightmarish jitters among many African-Americans, who regard the reparations issue as too little too late, that they would be targets of massive scorn and vilification for harping on an issue that is many decades past. It would prompt Chinese Americans, Mexican Americans, and Native Americans to rightly claim that since they were racially abused, viciously exploited for their labor and had their lands ripped-off, so they are also entitled to compensation. At the very least, they would justly claim that their tax dollars should not go to pay reparations for slavery.

Reparations to others. Japanese-Americans, Holocaust survivors and the Korean comfort, women bagged big cash payments for atrocities committed against them. But there was near universal public and official consensus that they were the victims of

blatant violations of civil and international law by the U.S., German, and Japanese governments and are liable for their crimes. Also, the Swiss bankers agreed to pay billions to those Holocaust victims who entrusted their money, valuable objects and jewelry to them. The bankers shamefully looted those assets and, therefore, had a clear obligation to repay them for their profiteering.

In 1997, the black survivors and family members of the two-decade long syphilis experiment begun in the 1930s by the U.S. Public Health Service that turned them into guinea pigs got \$10 million from the government and an apology from Clinton. They were victims of medical genocide conducted with the full knowledge and approval of the U.S. government. The government was duty bound to pay and apologize to them for their suffering.

These are the objections that many Americans repeatedly make whenever the demand is made to pay for slavery. But these objections don't alter the fact that slavery was a morally monstrous system that wreaked severe pain and suffering on America, generated stupendous profits for bankers, industrialists, and big landowners, saddled many blacks with the horrific legacy of poor schools, a drug and crime plague, high rates of incarceration, family deterioration and racially-isolated neighborhoods.

If it takes a federal commission to help explain if, why and how reparations should be paid for slavery, then Congress should move quickly and set it up. This just might do a lot to make reparations much less of a touchy question for many Americans.

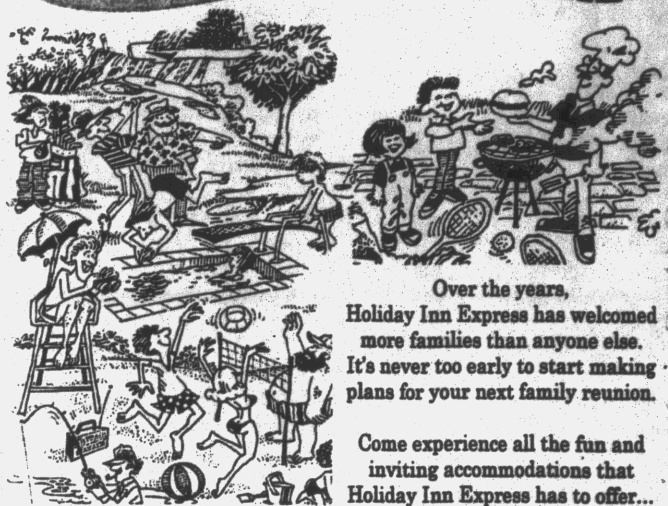
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In an effort to force Greenville City Council member Chuck Autry to change his vote, a small group of mostly non-city residents picketed Mr. Autry's shop on Dickinson Ave on 2-09-00. Controversy came to a head at the 2-10-00 city council meeting when Police Chief Hinman was forced to resign by a 4-2 vote of the City Council. The city Council majority, consisting of Mildred Council Mayor Pro-Tem, Rose Glover, Ariel Morris, and Chuck Autry found discrepancies in Chief Hinman crime reporting statistics and his cover-up of abuses of police power. Top photo Mr. Bennie Roundtree state SCLC president Mr. William Nobles 2nd photo angry protesters 3rd photo Bishop Ralph Love (left) pastor of Holy Trinity Church and Bishop T.L. Davis pastor of progressive FWB church talking with white citizens from picket line.

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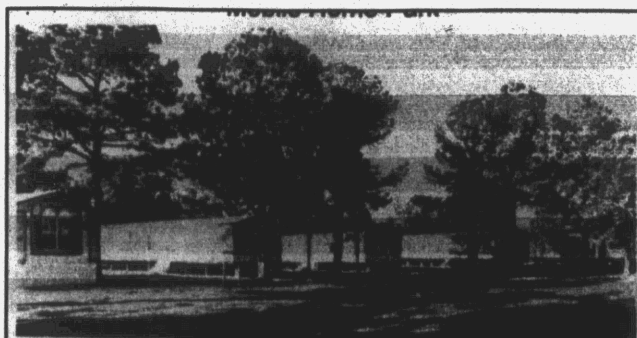
One of the most compelling human rights activists of modern America, Malcolm X was an ideological heir to Marcus Garvey and others who regarded black self-hatred as the most insidious product of racial oppression-and the most fundamental obstacle to black self-realization. In the now-classic Autobiography of Malcolm X (with Alex Haley, 1964), he recounted his own journey from troubled youth to exponent of black power as an adherent of the Nation of Islam. Born Malcolm Little, he replaced his surname with the designation "X" (for the unknown African tribe of his origin) in the early 1950s and articulated a political vision more concerned with challenging white domination than racial segregation per se, using rhetoric that was distinctly harsher and more separatist than that of the mainstream civil rights movement. With an ever-searching intellect, Malcolm X also had the courage to revise his ideas as his thought evolved, holding up his transformations as useful examples for others. Though assassinated in 1965, Malcolm X remains a powerful symbol of unbowed black dignity and possibility.

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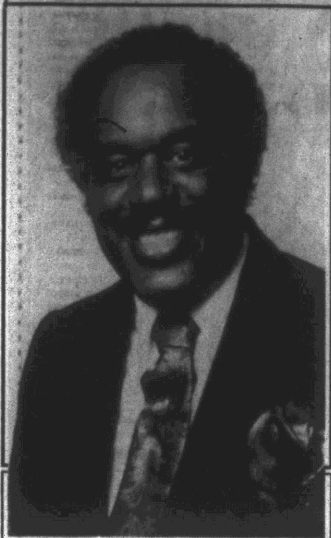
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We can learn from Jesus. I know of no man that suffered so great a persecution as He did, but He stood His ground. What people thought or said about Him did not shake him. He came to do the will of His Father and that He did.

A majority of Jesus' persecution did not come from the sinners but from "believers". The sinners received Him more readily than the believers. The sinners were the ones receiving salvation, miracles and deliverance. He met their needs because they believed and received Him. They believed the Word. When Jesus stood within the synagogue and read from the Old Testament scroll according to Isaiah; the spirit of the Lord is upon me, He listed purposes of the spirit's ascension upon Him. First of all, it was to anoint Him to go about His ministry unto the Father, to preach the gospel to the poor, to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives and

recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord. From that time on, He did not spend a lot of time trying to prove Himself to the people and what His mission was. It spoke for itself. He was backed by the Word and validated by God Almighty. He went on about the Father's business.

The scriptures at the beginning of this article warn of apostasy. Apostasy means a great falling away from the truth. The spirit of apostasy has crept into the churches and before God will allow the devil to get "glory" in His house, He had rather see it in rubble. God has a way of using spiritual "shock therapy" to wake His people and mentally zap them back in the right direction. Be careful that you are not deceived. Beware of wolves in sheep clothing. Ask the Lord to anoint your eyes and discernment. It is yours for the asking. Ask and it shall be given. Seek and ye shall find. There are no big "I's" and little "you's".

It is important to know who you are in Christ and where you stand with Him. This is a know-so-thing. Regardless of what people think about you, regardless of the way they feel about you, regardless of the way they treat you, you must know for yourself! You must know who you are in Christ and you cannot be shaky about it! You must know your rights! You must know your authority and exercise it! You must know where you stand with Christ! I cannot stress to you the importance of this! You have got to know! Proving time is at hand! There are people in the church that the devil has raised up to try to block your progress (note I said try) if you let them. The devil can do no more than YOU allow him to do. "Church" people that try to hinder and hurt you "IN THE NAME OF THE LORD" are not of God but of their father the devil. They are wolves in sheep clothing and venomous snakes.

Jude verse 17 says these people complain and blame others, doing the evil things they want to do. They brag about themselves and they flatter others to get what they want (New Century Version).

The Lord said in prophecy to the church that we are going to know who He the churches, which He has already begun to do. We may not understand why God moves the way He does but He said His thoughts are not our thoughts, neither our ways His ways.

I often think about Jesus' ministry here on earth. He was awesome! He was able to meet every circumstance and situation with

authority. Regardless of what people said, when the time came for Him to confront whatsoever, He stood with boldness and authority. In other words, call me what you will, say what you will, believe what you will about me, it doesn't matter. All that matters is that when I rise up, the anointing rises with me to get the job done and the Father is glorified through it all! I imagined Jesus said it's all right that you don't believe who I say I am, but I will tell you this, I hold the key to your deliverance. You can't come to the Father except you come through me!

You know sometimes the people that you dislike the most are the ones that have your deliverance in their hands.

Jesus got victory over every obstacle and demonic power. God did not let Him down. When Jesus had to be gentle, he was gentle; where love was needed, He gave it; where rebuke was needed, He did it; where deliverance was needed, it was done; when He had to be hard, He was able to do that too. When the time came for Him to give His life for the sins of the world, He willingly and obediently.

surrendered Himself to be nailed alive to a tree. He wasn't a weakling but He demonstrated the power of an Almighty God. He was a man in a class by Himself. Jesus knew how to minister in every given situation. When the devil roared in His face, the Holy Spirit rose up greater in Jesus. The devil never got the upper hand. Jesus was always victorious. He was always the conqueror. We have the same power/authority that Jesus had while here on earth. He lives on the inside of each of us that has repented of our sins. He said greater works than these shall we do.

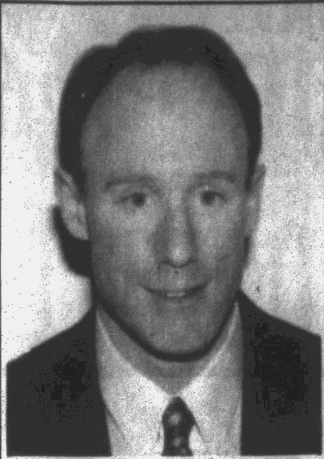
God was pleased with Jesus because He obeyed Him. If we want to please God, we must obey Him. Obedience is better than sacrifice and to hearken than the fat of rams.

In conclusion, I say unto you beware of evil men and seducing spirits. When you see that something or someone is hindering your spiritual growth and process, you should do just like Joseph did in the case of Potiphar's wife, run for your very life! Run just as fast and as hard as you possibly can in the other direction because your very life is at stake. Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor George A. Hawkins

Dr. George Hawkins is the pastor of Tabernacle Church of Deliverance in Greenville

Perry files for the office of Pitt County District Court Judge



Glenn Perry

On Wednesday, February 2, 2000, Glenn Perry filed for the office of Pitt County District Court Judge currently held by Judge Jim Martin. Perry is the Chief Assistant District Attorney for Pitt County District Attorney, Clark Everett. He has served Pitt County as an assistant district attorney since May of 1992

Perry filed as a candidate in the Democratic Primary to be held on May 2, 2000. Sarah Minges will serve as Treasurer of the Committee to Elect Glenn Perry.

Perry was raised in Williamston.

He graduated from East Carolina University in 1988 with a Bachelor of Science degree in accounting and from Wake Forest University School of Law in 1991. After passing the North Carolina Bar exam in 1991, Perry worked in the Greenville office of the law firm of Ward and Smith until being hired by then District Attorney Tom Haigwood in May 1992.

Perry is married to Ann Perry, a graduate student and graduate assistant at East Carolina University.

Perry is actively involved with the March of Dimes, currently serving as the Vice Chairperson of the Coastal Plains Division Board of Directors. He has also served on the Chef's Auction committee for the March of Dimes since 1998. Perry was also a member of the Greenville Jaycees and chaired the Jaycees' circus for two years that raised money for the Pitt County D.A.R.E. Programs.

Perry is a member of the Pitt County Domestic Violence Network. He served on the Zero Tolerance subcommittee, which developed the Domestic Violence Protocol for Pitt County.

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Scarface 'Rests In H---,' Pastor Says

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'WE'LL MARCH'



A MOTHER MOURNS—Mrs. Nancy Johnson is shown as she left the funeral services held at the Rollins Funeral Home, Washington, D.C., for her son, Kenneth (Scarface) Johnson. Mrs. Irene Plummer, nurse, is assisting her.

'Scarface' rests in h...--minister

WASHINGTON (The deceased now rests in hell.)
The Rev. Walter C. Jones used this graphic and terse statement during funeral services for Kenneth (Scarface) Johnson, 26, of 172 N. Pulaski St., Baltimore, Friday.

Accused slayer of 'Scarface' released

James Armstrong, 35-year-old construction worker was released on his own recognizance on a writ of habeas corpus this morning (Tuesday).
Mr. Armstrong had been in City Jail since last Tuesday when he was charged with the fatal shooting of Kenneth C. (Scarface) Johnson. The writ for his release was signed by Judge James K. Cullen, Monday afternoon. Johnson, a former heavy-weight boxer, was shot and killed as police said he attempted to invade the apartment of Mr. Armstrong at 603 W. Frank-
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Sports at a glance

WEEKENDS RESULTS BASKETBALL
Dunbar 61, Carver 59 (MSA title)
Morgan 56, Lincoln 54
Morgan 69, W. Salem 65
Sellers 58, Tubman 51
Mace's-Lane 56, Douglass 55
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Dunbar 28, Patterson 16
COMING EVENTS
TUESDAY
Carver at Forest Park.
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BEATS CHAIR

Tot sitter's killer gets 18 years

"The only evidence to indicate that any violence was committed anywhere but in the bedroom is the bloodstains leading up to the attic. The explanation of the man going into the attic with a knife is pure speculation."
"All you have on rape is the defendant's statement that some type of force was used. The
(Photo on Page 3)

State has failed to prove rape. "There is nothing to indicate that he was trying to kill her to shut her mouth."
"There is no evidence to sustain a conviction of first-degree murder under the facts or the law."

Attacking the prosecution's theory in the "baby sitter" murder case, Milton Allen argued thusly in a tense and crowded courtroom Friday in successfully saving his teenage client from life imprisonment or death in the gas chamber.

Anderson Lee Best, 19, 2400 block S. Pace St., was sentenced to 18 years in the Penitentiary for the Oct. 4 fatal stabbing of his estranged wife's sister, Miss Shirley Blocker, 16.

At the time the Cherry Hill High School student was stabbed seven times, she was baby sitting for Best's two small children and her younger brother. The slaying took place at 2213 W. Hamburg St., Mt. Winans.

PRESTON PAIRO, assistant State's attorney, asked Chief Judge Emory Niles, presiding in Youth Court, to find the defendant guilty of first-degree murder.

The prosecutor contended that Miss Blocker had been raped, and that the case came under the State's murder-felony law which called for a conviction in the first degree.

In his final argument, Mr. Pairo said:
"The body received seven stab wounds and it's impossible for it to have happened the way he (Best) explained it."

"The defendant would have you believe that he was fighting a wild woman. The only reason she was a wild woman was because she was fighting to keep
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\$350,000 fortune fails to excite two Miss, sisters

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—Falling heir to a \$350,000 fortune has failed to excite Mrs. Florence Crowell, a retired schoolteacher, and her sister, Miss Emma Green, both of West Point, Miss.

"They're taking their good fortune in stride," Thomas F. McDonald, their attorney said. The money was willed to them by Mrs. Caroline Wilkinson, widow of a barber.

Her husband, Edwards, who died in 1945, operated a barber shop in the Chamber of Commerce building, where many brokers and businessmen were his customers and made him their confidante.



WARNS OF MARCH—The Rev. Martin L. King Jr., Montgomery, chairman of the Southern Leaders Conference, reads the telegram warning President of a mass pilgrimage on Washington, if he continues silent on the reign of terror gripping the South. The conference ended in New Orleans on Feb. 15.

Flash News In Brief

The Week's Report Of Progress

DETROIT—Harry C. Hackett, law clerk for U.S. Judge Frank A. Picard, has just been appointed Federal bankruptcy referee in Michigan, the first colored lawyer to be given this position. He's a native of Birmingham and a graduate of Wayne University law school.

NEW YORK—The Federal Government no longer will grant mortgage insurance to builders who violate the provisions of New York's Metcalfe - Baker law prohibiting racial bias in housing. That was the pledge. FHA Commissioner Norman P. Mason gave Charles Abrams, chairman of the State Commission Against Discrimination, Friday.

RICHMOND, Va.—Colston A. Lewis, Richmond attorney, announced plans last week to seek a seat in the Virginia House of Delegates, subject to the July 7 Democratic primary.

NORFOLK, Va.—School

boards of Newport News and Norfolk, Tuesday, were given until August 15 to integrate classes under their jurisdiction. The order was given by U.S. Judge Walter E. Hoffman. He told board members they need not fear action by state authorities, as he would stand behind them.

ANN ARBOR, Mich.—The University of Michigan has been asked to cancel its football game scheduled for next fall with the University of Georgia.

NAACP gets \$35,000

A judgment of \$35,000 from a trust fund left by the late Charles E. Russell was awarded the NAACP in a court order granted by District Judge James McGuire, this week.

The remaining \$35,000 in the \$70,000 fund was awarded to a granddaughter, Mrs. Louise Gihrede of San Francisco, Calif. The grants were in accordance to terms of a will made by Mr. Russell on April 27, 1938. Mr. Russell was a writer

and one of the founders of the NAACP.

UNDER THE terms of the 19-year-old will, the NAACP was to get one half of Mr. Russell's estate following the death of his widow and son.

The other half was to go to Mrs. Gihrede. A petition for a declaratory judgment was filed by the Munsey Trust Company which handled the estate. Francis Poulhous, attorney, represented the NAACP.

PEACE AND HARMONY REIGN

Shriners honor Allen

By B. M. PHILLIPS
In a beautiful display of peace and harmony, local Shriners conferred their highest honor on Dr. Willard W. Allen, most worshipful grand master of Maryland Masons, here on Sunday.
At the formal session held in the Masonic Temple, nobles donned their orange and red fezzes and full dress to watch as Dr. Allen received the past imperial potentate degree, for his 34 years of "enlightened" service to Masonry which mark him as the dean of grand masters.
This is the top office in the Ancient Egyptian Arabic ord-

er, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. The local group is known as Jerusalem Temple No. 4.
Witnessing the ceremonies was the Shriners' Imperial Potentate Booker T. Alexander, who flew from Detroit; and Bishop Howard Z. Plummer, Imperial Lecturer, who came from Portsmouth, Va.

IN A SURPRISE tournabout, designed to seal the peace and harmony theme, Grand Master Allen made Potentate Alexander an honorary member for life of the United Supreme Council 33
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Prayer crusade to Washington is planned by group

(SPECIAL TO THE AFRO)

NEW ORLEANS—Shocked because President Eisenhower has turned a deaf ear to their pleas that he speak out against the rising wave of violence in the South attending desegregation of schools and other public facilities, colored leaders here this week announced plans for a pilgrimage to Washington unless the Chief Executive speaks out.

The plan was unanimously approved at a two-day meeting of the Louisiana Baptist Ministerial Alliance held at New Zion Baptist Church, the Rev. A. L. Davis, pastor.

The announcement was made by the Rev. Martin Luther King of Montgomery, president of the Southern Leaders Conference, comprising 97 leaders from all of the southern states.

THE REV. MR. KING, also head of the Montgomery Improvement Association which led a successful year-long bus boycott movement in Alabama's capital city, told newsmen he did not know exactly what form the pilgrimage would take.

He added, however, that thousands of colored people, joined by thousands of whites in both the North and South, would go to Washington.

"This will not be a political march. It will be rooted in deep spiritual faith," the Rev. Mr. King pointed out.

The press session was called after a telegram had been sent to Mr. Eisenhower imploring him to speak out against lawlessness in areas where integration was taking place.

THE MESSAGE is the third addressed to the President by this group since the first of the year. On Jan. 11, the Leaders Conference asked the President to speak anywhere in the South. Later, the Rev. Mr. King asked Mr. Eisenhower to speak anywhere in the nation about the violence erupting in the South.

The President, after consulting with the Justice Department, replied that he would be unable to do so, despite pleas from many individuals and organizations that he publicly discourage lawless elements.

The telegram also urged the President to call a White House conference on the maintenance of law and order.

"WE BELIEVE such a conference can help develop in the South and in the nation an orderly growth toward civil rights," the telegram said.

"Since our last appeal," the telegram stated, "violence has continued to erupt by night and by day. It has grown to alarming proportions. Some of the acts of violence would be unbelievable were the grip ruins not mute testimony."

The Rev. F. L. Shuttlesworth, leader of the fight against bus segregation in Birmingham, Ala., whose home like that of the Rev. Mr. King has also been bombed, remarked that the group was not trying to "threaten the President" with the telegram.

HE CITED from the message:
"In the absence of some early and effective remedial action, we shall have no moral choice but to lead a pil-

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Church leader held for numbers

Mrs. Juanita E. Haggie, 42, of 1340 1/2 Argyle Ave., identified as a prominent church leader, was ordered held in \$2,500 bail for grand jury action on a lottery charge following a hearing on Saturday in Northwestern Police Court.
The matron entered a not guilty plea and was released from custody after posting bail. Arrested with Mrs. Haggie was Willie Banks Jr., 31, of the 600 block W. Lafayette Ave., who also entered a not guilty plea and was released under the same bail.
Mrs. Haggie was described as the operator of a dry cleaning establishment at the Argyle St. address and as a long time member at the Emmanuel Christian Community Church.
A member and a soloist with the church's cantor choir, Mrs. Haggie was also listed as the president of the Wilbur

Henry Waters Auxiliary to the Federal Credit Union, business manager of the Associated Business Peoples' Council of Emmanuel Church and the leader of a singing group of her own.
Rackets Division officers said
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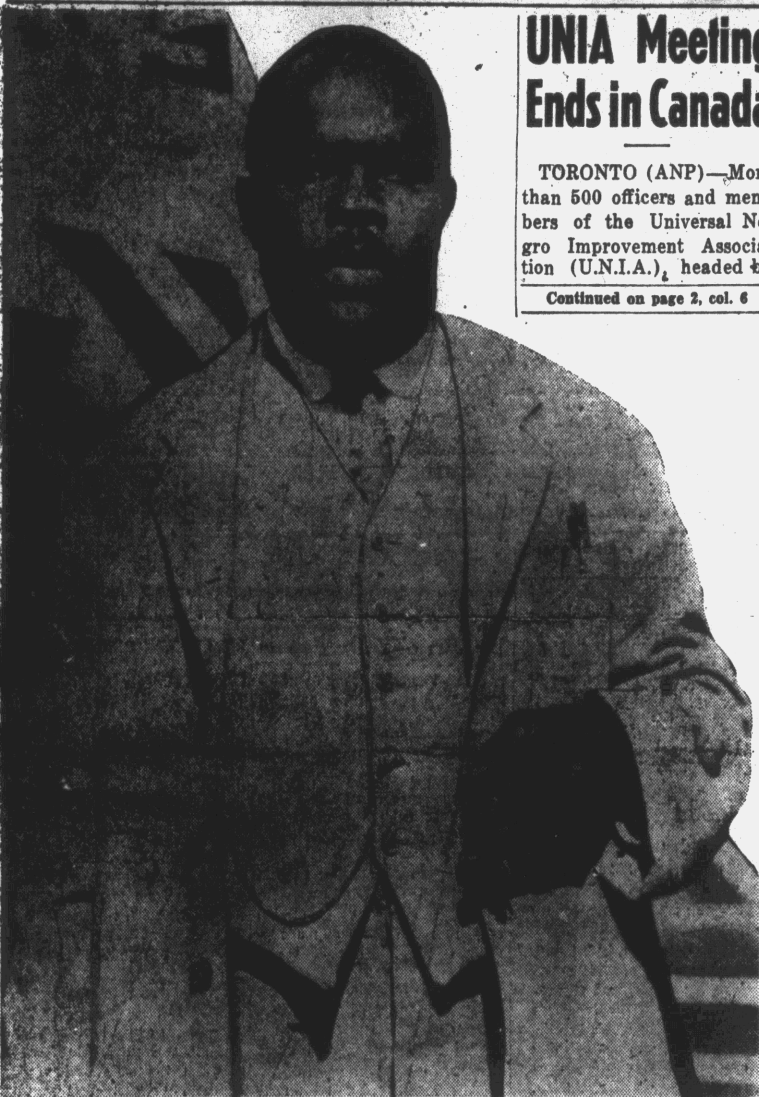
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UNIA Meeting Ends in Canada

TORONTO (ANP)—More than 500 officers and members of the Universal Negro Improvement Association (U.N.I.A.), headed by

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Victim 40th Since 1925

Second Jury's Freak Verdict Frees Slayer of CCC Man

Lawrence Basey was the fortieth colored person shot to death by Metropolitan police since 1925. Every officer involved has been exonerated. Most of the victims were under 21 years of age.

Following twenty-two hours of hearings and deliberations, during which one coroner's jury was discharged, Officer Vivian H. Landrum, white, of the Ninth precinct, was exonerated late Tuesday night in the fatal shooting of Lawrence Basey, 27, a CCC enrollee, the night of August 31.

The second jury, which reported at 10 p.m., almost five hours after it retired, based its verdict on the assumption that Landrum feared for his life as a result of "a mental process, and not by any overt act or acts" on the part of his victim.

Landrum had testified, when asked whether any of the five CCC men he had placed under arrest just before the shooting had actually struck him, that he did not give them a chance, as a "vision of Officer Kennedy at Truxton Circle flashed through his mind."

He was apparently referring to the slaying of Milo Kennedy, white policeman, in Logan Circle.

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What a Whale of a Difference a Few Years Make
Latset photo of Marcus Garvey, founder of Universal Negro Improvement League, who attended a league convention in Montreal, Canada, last week. Ten years ago he was more popular in New York than Father Divine. The best he could do was to go to Toronto. He is barred from the United States. New York has forgotten him.

Soviet Reds Admit They Are Wiser Than God

U. S. Tourists Who Say God Intended Races Not to Mix Severely Heckled.

By HARVEY PARTWELL

MOSCOW — Separate schools, with their inferior training for colored youth, and their salary differentials for teachers, found not one supporter in a canvass made among Americans visiting Moscow during the past summer.

Rejoice given the comments of several Americans who were approached by the AFRO on the subject.

MISS JUNE FURCELL, GUILD member of the staff of Union University: "Segregated schools are distinctly different to colored people. They cannot supply equal educational facilities to both races. The law demands it. In practice colored people are everywhere receive inferior training in jim crow schools. It is but an example of the same in real life the colored people do not get his constitutional rights."

RUSSIA FOR SOCIAL EQUALITY PROVIDED GOD IS AGAINST IT

One white Georgian and a white Texan, while not expressing themselves as being for or against jim crow schools, said they thought that mixing would "disturb" the races, that "Go down for the races to be apart," that mixing "might result in social equality and intermarriage," etc., etc.

The writer pointed out to the Southern gentlemen that quality and mixing of the 165 nationalities in Soviet Russia only resulted in complete harmony, whereas under Czarist rule, when there was separation and segregation, the country was overrun with continual racial disturbances and programs, ie. lynchings. Since the Soviets came to power, abolished God and threw all races together, the result has been brotherly love and harmony, while before the Revolution, when there was a God, racial separation and perpetual bloody feuds and strife, the Bible belt gentlemen were asked whether they thought the wisdom of the Communists or the wisdom of God preferable. But there was no answer.

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MRS. FAUSET HEADS WOMEN DEMOCRATS

NEW YORK—Mrs. Crystal Byrd Fauset, of Philadelphia, was named by the Democratic National Committee to head up the women's division campaign for the Democratic party, Friday.

Mrs. Fauset, prominent in politics and civic work, is a former international secretary of the YWCA and has been the head of the WPA work in Philadelphia.

MEANEST BANDIT CAUGHT

PHILADELPHIA — James Shumard, 28, 2317 N. Van Pelt was

Spaulding Wants F. D. Re-elected

Insurance Head Had Been Listed as G.O.P. Speaker

"The publishing of my name as G.O.P. campaign speaker is without my knowledge or consent," C. C. Spaulding, president of the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company, told the AFRO-AMERICAN, Tuesday.

"I feel that a change in administration at this time of national economic improvement would not be wise. To my way of thinking, if the present administration had done little else than revive confidence in the banking business and place banks on a sound basis, it would have justified its existence."

DURHAM, N.C. — Emphatically denying that he would speak for the election of Governor Alfred M. Landon, C. C. Spaulding, President of the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company and the Mechanics and Farmers Bank of Durham, N.C.; stated that he favors the re-election of President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

"I am a firm believer in President Roosevelt's humane administration," he said. "If he had done nothing else but revive confidence in banking business and place banks on a sound basis he would have justified his position."

Charles E. Mitchell, head of the Speakers' Bureau of the Republican Campaign Committee, listed Mr. Spaulding as a speaker for the election of Governor Landon without consulting with him. The announcement occasioned surprise and the insurance head began to receive letters from friends asking him what had caused him to change his mind.

Expressing his objections to being listed, Mr. Spaulding said he had been asked to

Hung Jury in Basey Case Thought First in History of D.C.

So far as this city's oldest lawyers can remember, the coroner's jury which on Saturday considered for twelve hours the fatal shooting of a CCC enrollee by a white policeman, was the first ever discharged here without reaching a verdict.

John R. Pinkett, Jr., 22, of 122 V Street, Northwest, was a member of the six-man jury. The other five were white.

According to reports, five jurors favored exoneration of the officer, while one is said to have held out for grand jury action. It was generally assumed that Pinkett was the lone juror opposing exoneration of the officer.

Just for Fun Jesse Shows How He'd Make a Speech



Whether or not the GOP wins its fight to get Jesse Owens on the stump for Landon at least they have gotten a sunflower in his buttonhole.

Ga. Mob Hangs Suspect While Sheriff Sleeps

DALTON, Ga.—A. L. McCamy, 21, arrested after breaking into the house of a widow, was lynched here, Sunday, by a mob of about 200 white hoodlums while Sheriff J. T. Bryant slept.

McCamy was shot down by the mob, which surrounded the jail, as he attempted to escape after the leaders took him from his cell. More or less dead, he was strung up to a telephone pole and his body riddled with bullets.

Sheriff Bryant was asleep in his quarters adjacent to the jail. He said that when he arrived at the scene of the lynching, McCamy was dead and the mob had dispersed.

Year's Twelfth Lynching
McCamy's death marks the twelfth lynching of the year, the last being in Fort Smith, Ark., in July, when officers and citizens shot down a preacher-farmer, Charles Evans.

This community will be remembered as that in which Miss Juliette Derricotte, national YWCA official and Fisk University faculty member, was fatally injured in an auto accident, in 1930, and was refused admission to the local hospital.

Sheriff Names Three

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (ANP) — Three persons will be on the staff of J. Carroll Cate, Knox County sheriff, who assumed office this week. Rufus Cain and Lindsey Graves have been named deputies and the sheriff has announced he will appoint a third as a plain clothes detective at the salary of \$100 monthly.

"No Politics for Jesse"

Says Bill—But G.O.P. Say Owens Is for Landon

NEW YORK—"Jesse Owens, world's fastest runner, last week announced his support of Gov. Alfred M. Landon for President and told Representative Joseph W. Martin, Jr., white, Republican Eastern campaign manager, that he would take the stump for the Republican Presidential nominee."

This bulletin was sent out by G.O.P. headquarters on Tuesday.

"Jesse Owens will not stump for Landon or any other politician," says Bill (Bojangles) Robinson, unofficial Mayor of Harlem and world-famous tap dancer when interviewed at the Lincoln Theatre where he headed the stage show which inaugurated the theatrical season here last week.

"I've known Jesse for quite a number of years and I have a genuine regard for his future and I advised him not to get tangled up with it."

Won't Allow It
"I absolutely won't allow Owens to stump for Governor Landon or anybody else or to take any part in politics," Marty Forkins, white, Owens's pro manager, told the Associated Negro Press as soon as the news reached him.

"I don't think he's interested much one way or the other in politics. He told me he voted the Republican ticket but beyond that he didn't pay much attention to politics. He's in the public's hands now and can't be dabbling in political matters."

With these two conflicting opinions sent out this week, the public will have to wait to see what actually will happen. The G.O.P. campaign committee reported that:

"Owens visited Republican headquarters at 41 East 42nd Street and met newspaper men. Mr. Martin's afternoon press conference. The Olympic champion said he wanted to meet Governor Landon and expected to go to Topeka to see him."

"I have told Mr. Martin my Olympic triumphs would be a help."

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Young White Methodists Vote Down Unification, 147-17

BEREA COLLEGE, Ky.—White youth attending the Epworth League Institute here voted against unification with the M.E. Church, South, 467 to 17 on the ground that the plan called for segregation of colored brethren. They also voted to boycott the Louisville and Nashville Railroad because of its jim-crow cars. Bishop Blake, quoted as saying, "What else did you expect?" was given the reply:

"We expect you to live Christianity or quit talking about it."

Conservative churchmen sought during the year to curb the liberal movement among young people. Two white leaders, Kirkpatrick and Owengreen, detailed here last year, were sent elsewhere. The understanding was that they were too progressive.

Juanita Jackson of Baltimore, is a vice-president of the body.

Baker Brothers, Alleged Embezzlers of Bank Funds, Released from Prison

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Edward A. and Clarence S. Baker, former cashier and bookkeeper, respectively, of the Prudential Bank, have been released from Lorton Reformatory, where they were serving embezzlement sentences of from eighteen months to three years each.

Their release followed a successful plea by their attorneys on Friday that Justice Joseph Cox vacate the sentences, which he imposed on July 15, 1935, and remanded the pair. They were immediately given new sentences of eighteen months each and put on probation.

Attorneys for the pair attacked the validity of the Indeterminate Sentence and Parole Act, enacted July 15, 1933, under which

Justice Cox took cognizance that the offenses to which the brothers pleaded guilty were committed in 1931, prior to the Indeterminate Sentence Act.

The brothers are required to report to J. Y. Reeves, white, District probation officer, once a month during their probationary period. They were granted permission to leave Washington and are reported to have gone to Richmond.

\$100,000 Reported Missing
The brothers were originally sentenced on pleas of guilty to one count each of separate indictments. The amount involved in the pleas was \$500, although the total amount allegedly found missing during the investigation of their transactions was given as around \$100,000.

Suits totaling \$35,000 were

filed to collect 100 per cent assessments on their stock toward satisfying the bank's obligations. Justice Cox is believed to have been influenced to some extent by numerous appeals by friends and acquaintances on behalf of the Baker brothers.

Bishop Intercedes
Those said to have made such appeals, either in writing or in person, include:

Bishop James Freeman of the Washington Cathedral; the Rev. Thomas J. Brown, Episcopal rector emeritus of St. Luke Church; Dean William B. West, of Howard University; George A. Robinson, 1410 G Street, Northwest; Dr. Hamilton S. Martin, Col. West A. Hamilton.

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WOMAN ACCUSED SLAYING INTRUDE

Charged with the fatal slaying of Raymond Jones, 35, is alleged to have broken into home, in the 1400 block S Street, Northwest, Tuesday, Mary Price, is detained at Women's Bureau, pending a quest.

Jones died on Tuesday morning shortly after he was sent to Freedmen's Hospital suffering from a gunshot wound near heart.

UNIDENTIFIED BOY DROWNS AT WHARF

The body of an unidentified year-old boy was fished out of the water, Wednesday, in front of Water Street fish wharf, by white market employee and seaman.

The youth is said to have

The Black GOP Revolution Will be Televised

By JOHNNIE MORGAN

The black Republican revolution is alive and well in South-Central Los Angeles. There is a new movement afoot—growing—due to the realization of what is at stake. It promises to transform the inner-city into an oasis of growth and progress in the next millennium.

However, before we focus on the 21st century, let's examine the past record of blacks and Republicans who have achieved success while working together during our country's history. In Congress, Republicans sponsored and passed the 13th, 14th and 15th Amendments to the Constitution. These amendments abolished slavery, granted citizenship, and provided blacks the right to vote. Every important decision of the Supreme Court dealing with equality has been based on these amendments. Additionally, in 1957, Republican President Dwight Eisenhower, working with a Republican Congress, passed the first Civil Rights Law in 80 years.

Although the evidence indicates that blacks have contributed significantly to the Republican Party in the past, a poll conducted this spring for the Black American Political Action Committee found that more than two-thirds of the African Americans surveyed feel the Republican Party has ignored the African American community. African Americans have the same concerns as other Americans who grapple with societal issues. Do we need more parental involvement in local schools rather than more government? When do we take criminals off the streets and how soon do we let them return? How do we promote strong moral values in our communities? These are the types of questions the Republican Party asks of active African Americans who participate within the Party. History has shown that the Republican Party cannot successfully address these critical issues without

input from those within our ranks who are aware of these challenges. We all agree on the need to improve our children's education, fight crime and drugs on the street, and restore strong moral values in our communities - be we African American and/or Republican.

The same survey also revealed that nearly half of African Americans think the Democratic Party has taken them for granted. The American economy continues to grow but many of our nation's poor still live in impoverished communities without access to many of the new job opportunities being created. The Republican party believes the best way to bring new opportunities to distressed areas is to expand small business ownership, foster entrepreneurship, encourage personal responsibility, and help people develop the skills necessary for effective participation in the Information Age economy. Government has tried unsuccessfully for years to create jobs and prosperity in America's inner cities. The Republican Party wants and needs African American leaders and community activists to become involved - not only to help to unleash the drive and initiative needed to

succeed in our market-based economy but also to spur innovative ideas that produce and promote wealth within the urban community. All Americans, especially African Americans, have the right to realize their full potential and experience the American dream.

The black Republican revolutionaries of today are homegrown and determined to make the dream a reality by offering themselves as candidates in all the inner-city districts that have been presided over by negligent black Democrats who continue to talk of government programs as opposed to self-empowerment opportunities. These black Republican candidates are prepared to lead on an assembly, state senate and congressional level. The Black Republican revolutionaries of the next millennium are unwaveringly committed to working for and with the community to bring about the liberation of our black people.

(Johnnie Morgan is a member of the Executive Committee for the California Black Republican Council and the California Republican Party. Morgan can be reached at P.O. Box 2101 Culver City, CA 90231 (213) 368-8087.)



AND THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE

The wedding ceremony of Ernestine Rowe and James H. Wilson took place Saturday, July 3, 1999 at New Deliverance F.W.B. church, Ayden, North Carolina. The bride and groom and their entire wedding party are shown below. May the happy couple have a long, blessed life together!

Congratulations and Happy Birthday Mr. James Herman Wilson Mr. James Herman Wilson son of James and Mary Wilson, was born February 9, 1923. Mr. Wilson is a native of Pitt County. He left Greenville, NC 57 years ago and joined the air force. Later he moved to New York City. Mr. Wilson says he was the first black man to buy a house in a block where there was only white families before. He then moved to Freehold New Jersey and worked as a watch repair person.

I worked in my community to help the young people. It was a good life. I decided to move back to my roots in North Carolina. I then married Ernestine Rowe on July 3, 1999. I want to thank all my friends and family. Especially my best man Ben Chapman. My birthday is next month, my wife is giving me a big turn-out February 12, 2000. Happy Valentine's Day and thank you to my sweet new wife, Ernestine Rowe-Wilson.

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day of Pentecost concerning the faithful patriarch David, said, "For David is not ascended into the heaven." (Acts 2:34)

It is supposed by many that Enoch, whom God translated, was taken to heaven, but not so. Evidently Enoch's "translation" consisted merely of his being removed in death without the necessity of himself experiencing the dying processes incident to death; and possibly before he had the distressing experience of seeing others die. The record is that he was translated that "he should not see death."

Paul, in the 11th chapter of Hebrews, includes Enoch among the faithful ones of the past, concerning whom he said, "these all died (Hebrew 11:5, 13) In Genesis 5:24 we are told that Enoch "was not; for God took him." A similar expression to this is found in Jeremiad 31:15, where, in describing the condition of Rachel's dead children, it says that they "were not." The evidence is convincing, then, that whatever else may be implied in the thought of Enoch's translation, He did not go to heaven.

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Tabernacle of Faith Revival center held their annual Singles banquet Saturday february 12, 2000 at 7:00 PM. The theme of the banquet was "Livin' Single Victoriously in Y2K. pastors Richard and pearline Moore encouraged the single men and women to strive for excellence. below are three lovely young ladies that were in attendance at the banquet. from left to right: Babara Randolph, Gracie Flemming and denise Suggs.

Photo by Faith May



Love Birds, shown above Mr. and Miss Mebane who has been married 50 years and stil enjoy courting, both are retired educators and love the Lord and encourage everyone to take it to Jesus.

Photo by Jim Rouse



The Love of A Son, brother Charles Watts who works for the US Post office. He grew up in Greenville. He is shown outside of S.T. Roundtree's Restaurant with his lovely mother, Sister Watts celebrating her 71st birthday.

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MASTER P

Suffers injury

When we heard Master P was attempting to give pro ball another shot we said "Get Yours."

When we heard he was becoming a sports agent we said "...Um ... OK." But now one of those endeavors has taken a major hit. P injured his ankle while playing basketball for the International Basketball League's San Diego Stingrays and will be on injured reserve for a few weeks.

BRANDY

On Puffy's album

According to Launch.com, Brandy has made a deal with a man some percieve as the music industry's Evil Emperor. She reportedly recorded a single for Puffy's gospel project. The track is one of many on the compilation from Bad Boy titled "Thank You."

World Health Organization: Threat from Tobacco Being Widely Ignored

NEW DELHI, India (AP)—The World Health Organization chief warned that tobacco could take a ghastly toll in developing countries unless nations act swiftly to control the substance.

Tobacco kills half its consumers, and could take 10 million lives annually by 2030 with 70 percent from developing countries, WHO Director General Gro Harlem Brundtland said Friday at a conference in New Delhi.

If countries do not act soon, tobacco will kill more people in the next 30 years than the combined toll from malaria, tuberculosis and child diseases, Brundtland warned. She spoke at a conference on

Global Tobacco Control Law, sponsored by the WHO, which is looking to gather support for a global treaty on tobacco control.

Brundtland noted that tobacco kills one person every eight seconds—4 million preventable deaths annually. But she said health risks from tobacco are widely underestimated.

"The tobacco industry subverted science, economics and political processes to market a lethal and inherently defective product that imposed a massive burden of disease and death on countries," she said.

Inaugurating the conference, Indian Prime Minister Atal Behari

Vajpayee said young Indians make up nearly 17 percent of tobacco addicts and should be denied access to the substance.

But Vajpayee said any legal measure to control the consumption of tobacco must be accompanied by job creation for those who now work in the tobacco industry.

India is the third-largest producer of tobacco, with nearly one million people involved in its cultivation. Some 4.5 million others are engaged in making bids, cheap hand-rolled cigarettes.

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April	Simpson, Grimesland, Pactolus - #6	Ella Telfaire - 752-1308
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June	Fountain, Falkland,	Syl Hughey - 752-3343
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Suejette's
Book Review

William Amos Mann IV arrived on his grandfather's doorstep in a wicker basket with a simple note attached that read: Eddie's Bastard. On the third of August 1970, Thomas Mann Junior, an herbalist and a failed entrepreneur, was living alone in his family's legacy, a ramshackle farmhouse. After drinking whiskey for breakfast, lunch, and dinner on his birthday, he stumbles outside to find the crying baby on his doorstep. Having recently lost his son Eddie in the Vietnam War, Thomas is filled with pride when he realizes that he will not be the last of the Mann family--in this abandoned baby in a basket, he sees hope.

Thomas is an eccentric and a loner who with the help of his longtime friend, Dr. Conner, sets out to raise young Billy the best way he knows how. With a disregard for the traditional institutions of church and school, Thomas educates Billy himself despite the repeated pleas and arguments of Dr. Conner. The boy is able to read Steinbeck and Livy's The Early History of Rome at a remarkably young age, and is amazed by his grandfather's many stories and a treasured Civil War diary belonging to his great-grandfather and namesake. Billy's childhood is a marvelous adventure full of love and attention. He has a natural curiosity about his parents, but he seems content to live with what little knowledge he has of them -- until a posthumous letter from Dr. Conner reveals the identity of his mother and circumstances of his birth.

Note:
In this novel the ties of family and the importance of personal history are revealed through a story with humor and the magnitude of a true American epic.

Submitted by: Suejette Jones

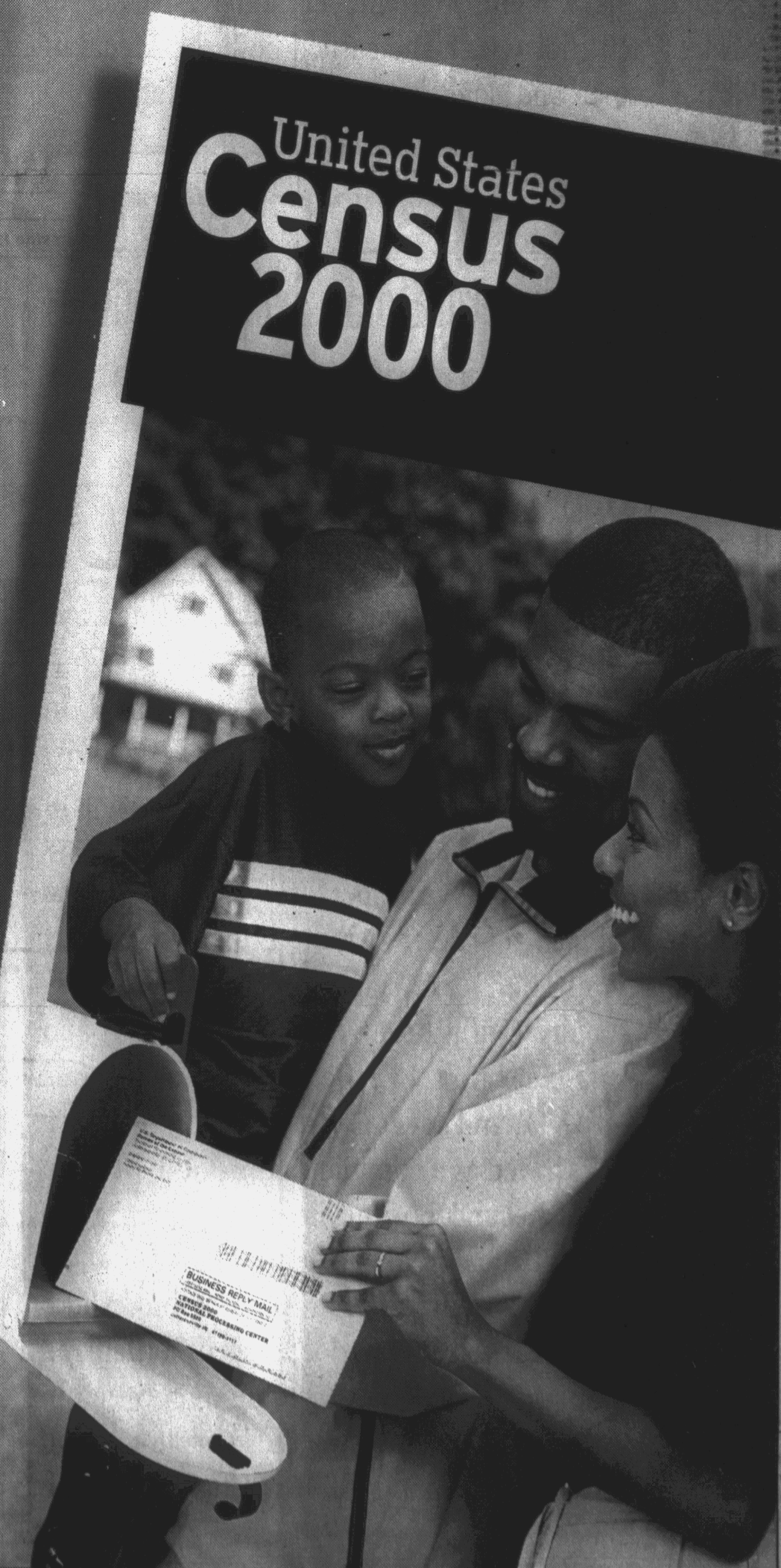
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Josephine Baker
(1906 - 1975)

From the time she was a little girl, Josephine Baker was drawn to the glamour of the theater. Despite living in the slums of St. Louis and being pulled out of school before she turned ten, she found the courage-and had enough talent-to follow her dreams. Baker danced in vaudeville houses and joined a traveling dance troupe when she was sixteen. In 1923, she landed a chorus line spot in the Broadway show Shuffle Along. But it was in Paris two years later that she stepped fully into the spotlight, in La Revue Negro. Baker fell in love with Paris, and the city responded in kind. She was irreverent and exotic, known for her magnetic stage presence, lush body, deep red lipstick, and outrageous promotional antics, including her famous walk with a leopard down the Champs Elysees. A politically courageous woman, Baker spoke and acted against racism throughout her life and was a member of the French Resistance in World War II, for which she earned both the Medal of the Resistance and, later, the Legion of Honor.

Simpson Industries Proudly Salutes Black History Month



Rosa Parks
(B. 1913)

Rosa Parks's place in history lies in a single courageous action, her refusal to give up her seat to a white man on a Montgomery, Alabama, bus on December 1, 1955. Her subsequent arrest, pictured here, resulted in a mass boycott of city buses and brought the civil rights movement and Martin Luther King Jr. to national prominence. Yet the popular view of Parks's catalytic action as that of a simple, tired seamstress is not altogether accurate. Though indeed a woman of quiet dignity, Parks was also a longtime mover in the Montgomery NAACP and a well-trained, disciplined activist, attuned in every respect to what she was setting into motion. Parks and her husband, Raymond, moved to Detroit in the wake of the bus boycott, and for many years she worked in the office of Michigan congressman John Conyers. Still lending her energies to the struggle for equal rights, Parks remains a powerful figure of hope and inspiration to millions.

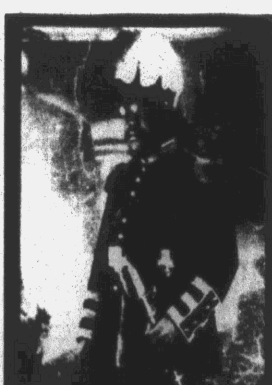
Don Brown Funeral Home Proudly Salutes Black History Month



Sojourner Truth
(1797 - 1883)

Sojourner Truth was, and in some ways still seems, ahead of her time-as a feminist in an abolitionist movement in which "slave" typically meant man and as an activist for African American rights in a suffragist movement in which "woman" typically meant "white middle-class woman?" If there was ever a person fit to take on the problem of black female invisibility, however, it was the electrifying Truth. Like Harriet Tubman, Truth was born into slavery (with the given name Isabella) and had no formal education. She fled the last of a series of masters in 1827, and several years later, in response to what she described as a command from God, became an itinerant preacher and took the name Sojourner Truth. One of her most memorable appearances was at an 1851 women's rights conference in Akron, Ohio, where she forcefully attacked the hypocrisies of organized religion, white privilege, and everything in between in her famous "Ain't I a woman?" speech. This photograph shows an artist's conception of her 1864 visit with President Lincoln.

Martin Community College Proudly Salutes Black History Month



MARCUS GARVEY
(1887 - 1940)

Marcus Garvey articulated a powerful vision of self-determination for peoples of African descent that, though ahead of its time, has inspired and informed movements for black economic and political power up to the present day. A native of Jamaica trained as a printer, Garvey had his first taste of political activism as a union organizer. Travels he made starting in 1910 furthered his interest in black history and black nationalist thought-and in actualizing the ideals they contained. In 1914 Garvey founded the Universal Negro Improvement Association, which at its peak in the mid-1920s had some 8 million followers, making it the largest international movement of African peoples in history. Though his efforts to launch a modern back-to-Africa movement-based on the view that blacks would never truly prosper in societies where they were in a minority did not ultimately succeed, Garvey's legacy of black pride and independence was profound and lasting. And the red, black, and green flag of African liberation that he made famous remains a beacon of black power and pan-African unity.