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REPARATIONS

Will money or an apology suffice?

by Henry Gibbons
Tri - State Defender

Is an apology stupid? or is asking for money the best thing to do?

That's what local Black activists and scholars said are the underlying messages of the movement for reparations for slavery. Because of all the talk, anguish and discussion about slavery in America in the 137 years since it was banned, the nation has never formally condemned slavery, and apologized to Blacks for the deprivations it caused.

So whether they agree or not that the government or institutions that benefited from slavery should pony up a financial settlement, local Blacks said the first step is an apology.

"An apology would go far; that's where the healing starts," said Florida A&M history professor Larry Rivers, author of "Slavery In Florida: Territorial Days to Emancipation." "We need to come to the table, say this happened back then, it was wrong and we've gone beyond it. But Black people won't talk about it, [Black] people feel a void and feel they are not respected."

The issue of reparations for slavery has become a gathering storm, even as Blacks disagree among themselves about the need. Only a whispered notion a few years ago, reparations now have the support of the Rev. Jesse Jackson, the National Coalition of Blacks for Reparations in America and a handful of politicians. In recent months, descendants of slaves have filed suit against corporations - insurance companies, banks, railroads - whose founding institutions profited from

slavery before the 13th Amendment abolished it in 1865.

Supporters of reparations point to the historical precedents. They note Germany and other European nations have made financial reparations to the victims and descendants of the Jewish Holocaust during World War II.

They note the U.S. government made reparations to Japanese-Americans who were interned in detention camps during World War II, and it made financial accommodations for Native Americans, who lost land during the colonization of America. Yet Blacks, famously promised "40 acres and a mule" after the Civil War, have received no recompense for slavery. "Blacks feel they never got what was promised," said Barbara Rollins, a local activist. "[Governments] delivered for the Jews, they delivered for the Japanese, why not for African-Americans?"

Actually, supporters said, the reparations movement has been muddled by the belief it is about individual financial awards, or the modern-day equivalent of 60,000 acres and an SUV. They agree with critics who say it would be a logistical

nightmare to determine which descendants receive for cash awards and how much each should receive. But they say money is needed to repair social conditions that remain the legacy of slavery: higher unemployment for blacks, fewer educational opportunities, unequal medical treatment, higher rates of infant mortality and disease. They envision corporations that benefited from slavery and the U.S. government contributing to a

fund that would help reduce those inequities. "Don't give me money. I can afford to send my daughter to Yale," said Tallahassee physician Ed Holifield. "But there are a whole lot of Black people who can't afford to send their children to college. There are a whole lot of Black people still caught up in the vicious cycle of slavery in every parameter you can think of."

Holifield said slavery reparations by the government are political "lost cause," because of the opposition by Whites and conservatives. But Holifield believes corporations and universities such as Brown University, whose founder was involved in the slave trade, can be forced to make reparations through litigation. He noted successful lawsuits have been brought against many European corporations for roles they played in the Holocaust.

"The same arguments made against reparations for Blacks were made about reparations for Jews," Holifield said. And yet surprise, surprise, the Jews wound up prevailing. Rivers counters that the U.S. government could be held responsible for slavery

in a court of law - and thus forced to make financial compensation. He said the Constitution's labeling of Blacks as only "three-fifths" of a citizen, and a constitutional provision that made the slave trade legal for 20 years after the constitution was written in 1787, are evidence of the government's support of slavery.

"I think the government was culpable," Rivers said. "And I think the government has to be part

of the solution."

Yet the real need, said even those who don't support reparations, is an apology. The Rev. Wilbert Hobbs opposes financial reparations as a waste of resources. He said the discussion about reparations diverts people from "issues of impact today to those of years ago." But Hobbs agrees that Black Americans deserve an acknowledgment from their government that the institution of slavery was wrong and a promise to continue overcoming the inequities it caused. "I think most Americans of color will be satisfied when America admits its role in slavery and the historic discrimination against (people of color)," Hobbs said. "The real reparations would be for America to come out of denial."

History of the 14th Amendment exhibit opens

A traveling exhibit, "Marching Towards Justice: The History of the 14th Amendment of the U. S. Constitution, highlighting the struggle of African Americans for equal rights under the U.S. Constitution," opened in Nashville, Tenn. on May 17, which is the 48th anniversary of The U.S. Supreme Court's decision in the Brown vs The Board of Education case. That decision made segregation in public schools illegal. Roderick G. Gillum, GM vice president of Corporate Relations Diversity, attended the opening of the Marching Towards Justice exhibit. General Motors is a major sponsor of the Marching Towards Justice Exhibit.

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by Jim Rouse
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THE
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EDITORIALS

The Civil War: What if
the South had won?

One of the most difficult things for most of us to do is to admit to the shortcomings of our ancestors. This is particularly true when these shortcomings have for generations been represented as virtues.

There are those who argue that slavery was not the cause of the Civil War. It can be conceded will that a convincing argument can be made that it (slavery) was not the exclusive cause of that horrible conflict that continues to divide us.

It is a fact, however, that had there been no slavery there would have been no war. It is also a fact that the Union victory not only precipitated the end of slaveryit also marked the beginning of real economic opportunity for people who mistakenly believed they had a vested interest in fighting on the side of the Confederacy!

That Union victory set events in motion that not only freed millions of slaves but poor and struggling Whites as well and this is the point that is too often missed. Slavery oppressed everyone except the planter elite who enjoyed its economic benefits. The only beneficiary of a con-

federate victory in the Civil War would have been the planter elite. Poor and struggling Whites were not a part of the "southern culture" made possible by a slave-based economy.

In fact, the probability is that had that economic system survived, poor Whites would have continued to have little hope of escaping their economic or social position. The philosophy of "grow more cotton so that you can buy more slaves so that you can grow more cotton" precluded any potential progress on the part of the poor (and often landless) Whites.

Should the descendants of non-slave owning Whites be proud of their ancestors who fought and died to (as they perceived it) protect what little they had? Of course they should! Should they also, however, realize and accept the fact that their ancestors were blinded by a bigoted based philosophy of White supremacy? The answer again is yes!

For those who would argue that this was not the case, think about it honestly. There can be no other logical explanation for their involvement in the Civil War.

Give District of Columbia residents
a voice, coalition urges congress

Americans across the country were shocked to learn that millions of their fellow citizens were denied their right to vote in the November 2000 election. Most Americans do not know, however, that for many years nearly 600,000 Americans — more than the population of Wyoming — are not allowed to elect representatives to Congress.

Residents of the District of Columbia, a city in which a majority of residents are African American, have no representation at all in the U.S. Senate and are allowed only a non-voting delegate in the House.

"The absence of full representation for the people of the District of Columbia is one of the leading Civil Rights failures of our time," People For the American Way President Ralph G. Neas said. "District residents deserve the same representative government as other Americans."

Neas joined Norton and others last week to discuss D.C. voting rights with Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle.

People For the American Way (PFAW)

leaders and members are joining the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights and other advocacy groups to lobby senators to support the "No Taxation Without Representation" Act. Scores of D.C. residents, elected officials, and other citizens are participating.

The bill, introduced by Norton, would require full voting representation in the Congress for District residents, or exempt them from federal income taxes until those rights are granted. The Act is co-sponsored by Sen. Joe Lieberman, D. Conn. As Chairman of the Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs, Lieberman will conduct a May 23 hearing on voting representation for the district's citizens.

D.C. residents fulfill more than their fair share of civic responsibility by providing critical skills that enable government to function effectively, serving in the nation's military in times of war, and paying nearly \$3 billion in federal income taxes each year. So far, more than 100 members of the House have signed on as co-sponsors of the "No Taxation Without Representation" Act.

There is another war
on the HIV/AIDS virus

Good news from the land down under in the war against AIDS has surfaced. Researchers in Melbourne, Australia, are optimistic that a vaccine for HIV/AIDS will be widely available within 10 years.

We wish the scientists well in their endeavors, but would like to see them go to work and succeed in two concerns they mentioned with the perceived vaccine.

One — that the effectiveness of the medication may be limited and two — that the cost of the vaccine may be out of reach for many low-or moderate-income people.

First, results of the testing of 9,000 people currently participating in clinical trials in Thailand, North America and the Netherlands could be available as early as next month and then there would be another, larger trial that would be conducted over three years, according to an official of the National Institute of Health in the United States.

We encourage the Institutes of Health to

conduct research into how production costs can be held down, making the availability of the vaccine possible for poor people and Third World nations, where the incidence of HIV/AIDS is highest.

"There has never been more optimism than there is now that an AIDS vaccine can be identified," a spokesman for the Institute recently told delegates at the sixth International Conference on AIDS in Asia and the Pacific.

We hope the scientists can make it happen sooner rather than later, but also make it happen for the millions of people in the world, who cannot afford a cure that is inordinately priced.

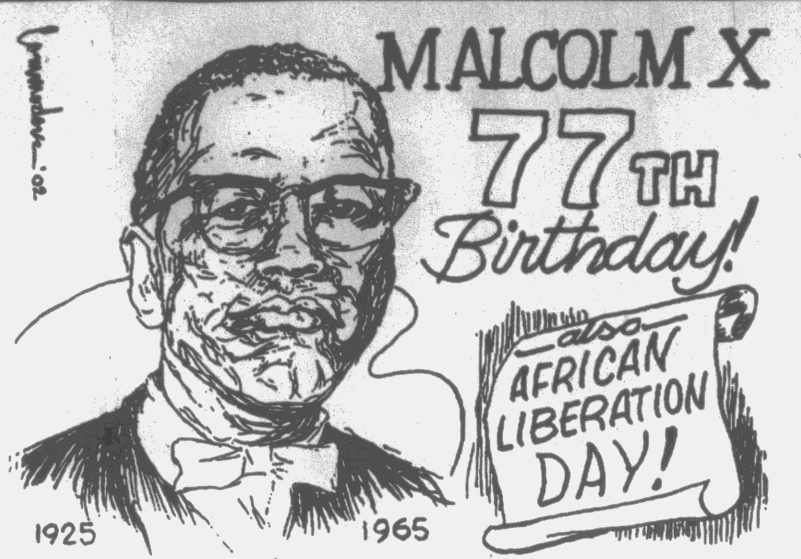
With nearly 22 million people in the world already dead from AIDS in the 20 years that we have known it to exist, and some 36 million people around the globe currently living with HIV, the virus that leads to AIDS, something must be done — and soon — to alleviate a situation that is more menacing to the world than any war — save a nuclear one.

"Race was invented and defined by those who would divide and control all of us."

—Edgar L. Brown

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COMMENTS

NAACP, National Urban
League educate the public

by George E. Curry

In recent years, the NAACP and the National Urban League (NUL) have been returning to their origins by placing a greater emphasis on education, teachers, administrators, students, parents and government officials to close the gap between Black and White achievement.

Spearheaded by NUL President Hugh Price, Urban League affiliates have been particularly successful at organizing programs that honor academic achievement in the same manner that high school athletic banquets honor gifted athletes. The NAACP recently held its fifth biennial Daisy Bates Education Summit in Atlanta. Bates, a former field director for the NAACP in Arkansas, led the "Little Rock Nine" past a mob to successfully desegregate Central High School in 1957.

NAACP President Kweisi Mfume announced at the Atlanta conference that just as it has sued major corporations that discriminate against African Americans, the organization will now file complaints against states that refuse to help close the gap between Black and White student accomplishments.

"Twenty-eight governors have pledged to join the NAACP and our partners in the efforts to reduce racial disparity and close the achievement gap," Mfume said. "However, 22 states failed to respond by the May 20, 2002 deadline. The NAACP will file Title VI complaints with the Office of Civil Rights at the U.S. Department of Education, and the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Justice Department against those states that did not submit an equity in education plan."

Each state has been asked to submit a plan that will help reduce the racial disparity gap by 50 percent over the next five years. The NAACP is looking at five key areas: testing, graduation rates, suspensions, placement in special education and the lack of access to gifted and talented programs.

States not complying by the May 10 deadline are: Alabama, Colorado, Florida, Hawaii, Idaho, Kentucky, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, New Mexico, Nevada, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Vermont, Virginia and Wyoming.

John H. Jackson, NAACP national director of education, says the first complaints will be filed against Florida, Louisiana and Ohio. In Florida, for example, African-Americans make up 25 percent of public school students, yet are 44 percent of those suspended, 35 percent of those expelled and 48 percent of students earning GEDs rather than traditional diplomas. According to the U.S. Department of Education's Office on Civil Rights, only 7 percent of Blacks are enrolled in advanced placement mathematics and 6 percent in advanced science.

The NAACP in its "Call For Action in Education," has announced a goal of reducing racial disparity in the nation's public schools by 50 percent over the next five years.

Among the recommendations made in the 42-page special report are:

- Track and publicly report on the disparate distribution of school resources;

- Federal, state and local educational agencies should aggressively recruit highly-qualified, certified teachers for high-poverty schools and provide them with multicultural teacher training, professional development, mentors and effective retention incentives;

- Increase the number of early childhood programs available to people of color and the poor;

- Curb tracking programs and redouble efforts to place students of color in advanced placement programs and classes for the gifted and talented;

- Reduce class size, especially in urban schools;

- Narrow the digital divide by at least 50 percent over the next five years;

- Declare a moratorium on high-stakes testing of children until all states can guarantee that all students have an equal opportunity to learn the tested curriculum;

- Provide more detailed information on racial and ethnic academic achievement;

- Increase efforts to involve more parents;

- Develop effective strategies for intervening before a student is labeled "mentally retarded" or placed in special education classes;

- Move away from overly harsh "zero tolerance" policies that disproportionately impact students of color;

- Give magnet schools priority over the establishment of charter schools;

- Oppose measures that would impose one-year structure immersion programs for students needing language assistance;

- Increase funds to Historically Black Colleges and Universities and institutions that serve Native Americans and Hispanics;

- Encourage colleges to target people of color for enrollment and retention, maintain affirmative action programs, increase need-based grants, and increase the number of Black doctoral candidates.

At his press conference in Atlanta, Mfume said, "The NAACP reaffirms its commitment to continue the legacy of Daisy Bates by working to ensure that all students, regardless of race, gender or ethnicity, have equal access to quality education."

If George W. Bush really wants to be known as the "Education President," he should quickly embrace the educational strategies outlined by the NAACP and the National Urban League. That's the best way to leave no child behind.

(Curry is former editor of "Emerge: Black America's Newsmagazine.")

Racial divisiveness in
Memphis is appalling

by Arthur L. Webb

There are but few individuals in Memphis and Shelby County who would not list racial divisiveness as being near the top among problems that afflict our city.

This problem, though it exists in varying degrees in other cities throughout the country, is particularly detrimental here because of the population ratios. People of color or African Americans, if you will, constitute more than 60 percent of the population in Memphis and more than 50 percent in terms of total Shelby County population.

What racial divisiveness does to a city with this type of population ratio is that it prevents the evolution of a commonality of purpose and the establishment of common priorities.

My grandfather often said, "If you clearly understand the problem, the solution is obvious." In Memphis and Shelby County I don't believe we clearly understand the problem and as a result, solutions have eluded us.

The problem of racial divisiveness cannot, because of its origins, be singularly defined. Minimally, the problem has four interrelated parts. Its parts are geographical, economical, attitudinal and political. All four of these aspects have historically interacted in ways that have resulted in today's negative environment.

The Geographic Divide:

Historically, the races in Memphis have almost always existed in geographically distinct environments.

When major annexations to the city occurred during the latter part of the nineteenth century, the majority of African Americans whose occupations were not agriculture related resided in Memphis. As the boundaries of the city moved east, the city residential areas became more segregated. Much of this was dictated by the fact that African Americans were typically less mobile because of economic limitations.

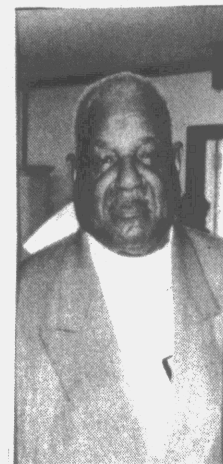
Most African Americans who lived in Memphis were tenants as opposed to their being property owners. Because there were few rental opportunities in the expanded territory, African Americans remained, for the most part, where they were. In addition, Memphis' government supported the erection of legal barriers to "mixed" neighborhoods and developed an official policy of segregated residency in Memphis by allowing covenants that prohibited anyone other than Whites to purchase homes in newly developed subdivisions. There might be those who would suggest that this was done to preserve the economic integrity of neighborhoods. This suggestion would not stand up under cross examination, however, because regardless of the economic status of an African American family, that family could not, by law, purchase a home in any of those "covenant protected" areas.

Next week: The Economic Divide.

(Webb is a nationally recognized historian and staff writer with the Tri-State Defender.)

~ OBITUARY ~

"Come to me all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me, for I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls, for my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." Matt. 11:28-30



Bishop James Lot Smith,

the son of the late Mr. Arthur and Mrs. Madie Green Smith, was born on August 1, 1925, in (Jones County) Trenton, NC. In the fall of 1930 he relocated to Pitt County with his father, mother, sisters and brothers.

In 1949, he was united in holy matrimony to Martha Jones of Chocowinity, NC. In this union 15 children was reared. She preceded him in death on August 14, 1991.

On September 11, 1993, Bishop married Minister Vera Wooten. They loved each other and dedicated their life to serving God.

He leaves to cherish his lovely memories, his wife of 8 years, Minister Vera Wooten Smith of the home; his children: Jack Jones (Callie), Washington, NC; Gormie E. Jones (Ben) of Rocky Mount, NC; Larry Vaughn (Brenda) of Goldsboro, NC; Linda Council (Benjamin) of Brooklyn, N-Y; James Ivery Smith (Betty), Marietta Grantham (Bobby), William Earl Jones, Helen Cox, Beverly Savage (Elton), Yetta Keys (Ruffin), Wanda Patrick (Dennis), Leo Smith (Denethia), all of Greenville, NC; Gloria Moore (Joseph), Martha Chamberlain (Melvin), Carolyn Spencer (Zachariah), Thomas Smith (Vivian), Virgil Smith (Brenda), Gwendolyn Smith, of Grimesland, NC; one son: Jesse Lee Jones (preceded him in death); Eric Pettaway, stepson (Tamara) of Greenville, NC; Felisha Best, stepdaughter, of Clayton, NC. He leaves 78 grandchildren, 72 great grandchildren; four brothers: Henry Smith (Johnnie Bell), Johnnie Smith (Deloris), of Grimesland, NC, Allen Smith (Doris), Ellis Smith (Lillie Mae), Newark, NJ; two sisters: Cora Baker, Newark, NJ; Mildred Golette of Greenville, NC; two sisters: Jane Boyd and Thelma Smith (preceded him in death); three brothers: David Smith, Arthur Smith and Clyde Smith (preceded him in death); 3 sister-in-laws, 4 brother-in-laws, 4 godchildren; 18 foster children; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

If a mule knew his strength, he would never pull another plow
Bishop James L. Smith

In Loving Memory Of
Daniel Bullock, Sr.

Deacon Daniel Bullock, Sr., was born in Warren County on May 3, 1930, to the late Mr. Lemuel Bullock and Mrs. Leah Sommerville Bullock. He left this life to meet His Heavenly Father on Tuesday, May 28, 2002. A homecoming service will be on Saturday at noon at Sycamore Hill Baptist Church on Hooker Road.

As a young man, Mr. Bullock was an active member of Greenwood Baptist Church, Warrenton. He was educated at John R. Hawkins High School and later completed studies at Harris Barber College in Raleigh. He served as owner and operator of Bullock's Barber Shop for nearly 30 years. Bullock's Barber Shop was a landmark in the West Greenville community. Through this business, he and his wife Frances, were able to send all of their four children to college to receive four-year degrees from universities of their choice. Deacon Bullock was a community model serving as a vital member of Beautification Committee of the City, leading in organizing community cleanup for the elderly. He was an initial board member of the Greenville Weed & Seed. He was recognized for outstanding community service by Little Willie Center, Pitt County NAACP, Weed & Seed, The Boy Scouts of America, and foremost, an outstanding political campaign volunteer for US Congresswoman Eva Clayton. He was also affiliated with the Sertoma Club.

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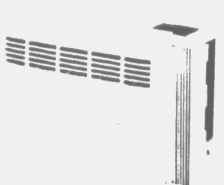
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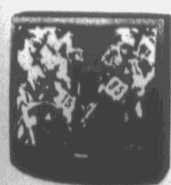
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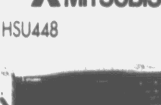
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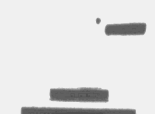
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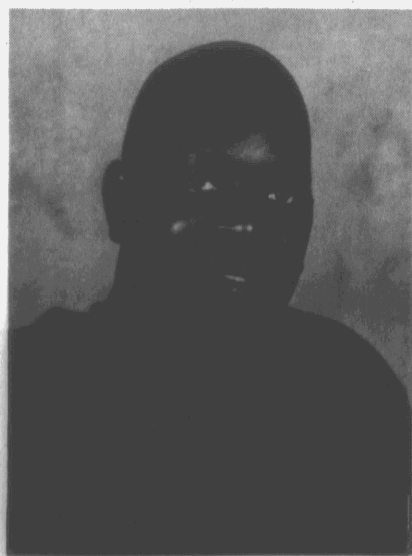
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Iota Kappa Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. sponsored its Second Annual Arts Extravaganza recently. Piano students of Gloria Hines, along with children of chapter members, were the guests performers. The program included pianists, violinists, soloists, and dancers. Artwork from students at Aycock, Eastern, Elmhurst, and Grifton schools was also displayed. Laura Carmon is chapter president while Gloria Hines and Helen Harrell co-chaired the event.



LOCAL EDUCATOR COMPLETES LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM



Willie Joyner, Teacher, Chocowinity Middle School recently graduated from the Developing Future Leaders (DFL) program, a series of four, two-day seminars designed and conducted by LNC's Principals' Executive Program (PEP) to encourage and prepare, promising teachers to become school administrators. One of 66 participants selected for DFL-the first program of its type in North Carolina-Willie completed fifty-six hours of classroom instruction and produced a professional portfolio that includes a career plan, examples of educational achievements, and a personal statement of educational philosophy. The participants also spent a day in Raleigh focusing on instructional leadership, visiting Exploris, an interactive museum about the world, and the North Carolina Art Museum.

Graduation ceremonies, attended by the participants along with the principals and district superintendents who nominated them for the program, were held at the Historic Carolina Inn in Chapel Hill. Mr. Daryll Powell, Associate Director of the Principals' Executive Program delivered the commencement address.

Said PEP assistant director Dr. Shirley Arrington, who designed the curriculum, "The Developing Future Leaders Program continues to grow, with this group, operated in Rocky Mount and in Asheville, being our largest class yet. We are so pleased with the success of the program and of our decision to expand DFL to the piedmont and the mountain areas of North Carolina."

With this significant achievement Willie Joyner joins the growing number of educators who have successfully completed a leadership-training course offered by PEP, the oldest leadership-training program for school administrators in the nation. To his achievements, Willie Joyner is also the founder of The Pastors Basketball Game and Scholarship Fund which raises money for African American Seniors who wish to further their education.

Reflections, Expressions and Reviews



Suejette Jones

Should God Only Bless America

Following September 11, God Bless America signs appeared everywhere. But what does "God Bless America" mean to us? Hopefully, we are not being exclusive. Do others see and hear something like this, "God Bless me and my country, never mind you and yours?" But it should have been perfectly clear to all that after the callous act of

September, the victimized nation was reaching out to the Almighty for help, comfort, guidance and grace. Memorial services brought the unused words, "God Bless America," to the lips of many who had not remembered them since their school days---or since they heard Kate Smith singing them.

Appeals for God's grace can and should be consistent with the words Jesus taught his disciples, "Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven." Remarkably, those words are not meant for any special nation. They do not exclude any group of people. When John wrote in 3:16, he was not speaking of a limited group who were to be blessed. God, who "so loved the world," did not give his Son to sacrifice life for just a few and give in to evil by losing the blinded majority to humanity to eternal death. God has already richly blessed America with unprecedented freedoms for the common man. God has especially blessed America

with a Constitution guaranteeing freedom of speech, press, worship and the right to assemble---as well as great material wealth, natural resources and technology. Of course with blessings come responsibility. This past century was the most violent in history. In spite of the rallying of a nation, with anthems, hymns, flags and prayers, still, there is much pain and sorrow in America---and everywhere. What plans does God have for wiping away sorrow and tears---and really blessing people? Will God use America as a leader in the world to stop the pain and terror and bless all the nations of the world? After all we know that God intends to bless the whole world---not just America. Genesis 22:18 reads: "And in thy seed shall all nations of the earth be blessed."

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NCCU HONORS JAZZ ARTIST WITH HONORARY DOCTORATE

DURHAM, N.C. - Jazz artist and vocalist Grady Tate received the North Carolina Central University honorary doctorate of fine arts from Chancellor James H. Ammons during the University's 99th commencement ceremony.

For the past three decades, Tate's distinctive sound has graced literally hundreds of recordings with world-renowned artists such as Quincy Jones, Jimmy Smith, Lionel Hampton, Stan Getz, Pearl Bailey, Tony Bennett, Ella Fitzgerald, Aretha Franklin, Lena Home, Peggy Lee, Della Reese, Sarah Vaughan, Michael LeGrand, Lalo Schifrin, and Andre Previn.

Tate graduated from North Carolina Central University with a degree in English literature, Drama and a minor in Psychology. He taught English and speech at Howard University in Washington, D.C., but his desire to pursue an acting career led him to New York City and the American Academy of Dramatic Arts. Once in New York however, his reputation as an outstanding musician resulted in work with Quincy Jones. Tate also performed six years as drummer for Johnny Carson's Tonight Show and served as assistant conductor and drummer for Broadway shows, Lena Home, The Lady and Her Music, and Black and Blue.

CONGRATULATIONS



SCHOOL COUNSELOR HONORED

Wanda A. James, Counselor, Collins Hill High School, Suwanee, Georgia, was named "Counselor of The Year", Friday, May 24, 2002 when more than 400 Gwinnett County Public Schools Counselors, Administrators and

Staff gathered at the Atlanta Athletic Club to honor top counselors and celebrate the closing of a particularly difficult year (events of September 11).

Wanda's name and application will be submitted for consideration in regional competitions, and could go on to state and national competitions.

Brenda Thomas, counseling consultant, said she was nominated for the honor mostly by her peers.

Wanda, the daughter of Leroy and Bettye James of 306 Greenfield Blvd., received her B.A. degree from Hampton Institute (University), Hampton, Virginia, M.A. from Florida State University, Tallahassee, Florida and her Ed.S. from Lincoln Memorial University, Harrogate, Tennessee.

Wanda, a 1976 J.H. Rose High School graduate, was counselor for three years at the school prior to her present position.



Salute to our Seniors..... posing for our camera is Bro. Frizzell and his lovely wife attending an Annual NAACP meeting. Bro Frizzell encourages all our youth to continue in education.

photo by Jim Rouse

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FATHER'S DAY JUNE 16th

REMEMBERING SENATOR - EDITOR GEORGE ALLEN MEBANE

JUNE WEDDING

Mr. George Allen Mebane was born July 4, 1850 at the Hermitage in Bertie county to slave parents. He was a black educator, legislator, editor, businessman, and writer. His father was Allen Mebane. Nothing is known of his early life except that his parents were refugees to McKean County, PA. In the latter part of 1864, young Mebane served in the Civil War as a mess boy in Company A, Eighty-fifth New York Regiment of Volunteers. While living in McKean County in the towns of Prentissville and Eldred, he attended the common schools for fifteen months.

Returning to Bertie County in 1871, Mebane, for a time, was a schoolteacher, probably in Windsor, and held a first-class teachers' certificate. Over the course of his life, he taught for at least fifteen years in three counties. Twice, he was elected as a Republican to represent the Third District (Bertie and Northampton Counties) in the state senate (1876-1877 and 1883).

He won his first campaign by 2,161 votes and the second by 1,200. Senator Mebane served on the Committees of Education and Corporations and claimed credit for introducing a Sunday prohibition law. In reaction to laws sponsored by white legislators to restrict relationships between black men and white women, Mebane proposed a bill to prohibit white men and black women from cohabiting. The bill was killed in committee. Around this time, Mebane also was an editor of the black-owned newspaper, Carolina Enterprise, along with E. E. Smith and John h. Williamson. Soon after

leaving the senate, he was elected Registrar of Deeds of Bertie County and operated a provisions store in Windsor.

In 1885, Mebane proposed writing a book entitled "The Prominent Colored Men of North Carolina." Covering the period from 1860-1885, the study would include biographical sketches of over two hundred prominent black businessmen and politicians, as well as a description and history of those institutions in the state aiding Blacks. He even went so far as to send out a detailed questionnaire to the prospective subjects of the sketches to obtain information on whether their parents had been freedmen or slaves before the war, the extent of their schooling, their occupations, and the amount of property they owned. Although there is no evidence that this book was ever completed, Mebane did publish two other works in 1900. His article, "Have We An American Race Questions? The Negro Vindicated," which appeared in the Arena, a national publication, used data from the 1890 census and other statistical material to document the progress blacks had made in education and to refute the claim that they committed a disproportionate number of crimes. Mebane also edited a pamphlet: "The Negro Problem" as Seen and Discussed by Southern White Men in conference at Montgomery, Alabama, with Criticisms by the Northern Press which analyzed the issues raised at the Montgomery Race Conference.

In May 1888, he challenged Henry P. Cheatham for the Republican nomination for the Second Congressional District. The district convention resulted in a split nomination for the two Black candidates, which might have ensured the election of the incumbent white Democrat, Furnifold Simmons.

Although perhaps for political reasons, a prominent Democratic newspaper praised Mebane and his candidacy. Mebane decided to drop out of the race in late September. According to some accounts, the Democrats offered him money to stay in the campaign, while others say the Republicans paid him to leave. Whichever version is correct, and both may be true. Mebane's withdrawal enabled Cheatham to win a narrow victory; thereafter the Republicans won a majority of the campaigns in the district through the end of the century. In 1893, his political career behind him, Mebane was an incorporator of the Elizabeth City Colored Normal and Industrial Institute. After moving to Elizabeth City sometime during the mid-1890's, he served as the school's financial agent and general superintendent.

On February 11, 1877, Mebane married Jennie Mills Sanderlin of Windsor. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sanderlin. They had six children. The children were: Hubert Allen Wilberforce Mebane, George E. Mebane, John Alexander Mebane, Addie Mebane, Hattie Mebane Tillett, and Francis Howard Mebane.

*** From the Dictionary of North Carolina Biography edited by William S. Powell Volume 4 L-O. The University of North Carolina Press, Chapel Hill and London. North Carolina State Archives 1909. ***



"A MARRIAGE MADE IN HEAVEN...."

Shown above is Kaniel Joanmar Williams, the daughter of the late Lovell and Barbara Williams, announces her engagement to Kevin Donald Willoughby... son of Rev. Donald & Girthier Willoughby of Farmville, NC. A June 15, 2002, wedding is planned

photo by Jim Rouse



Praises On The Air Giving glory to God and all smiles is Rev. Hargrove of WCPS 760AM in Tarboro NC. photo by Bro Jim Rouse

HAIR FASHION & TALENT Extravaganza

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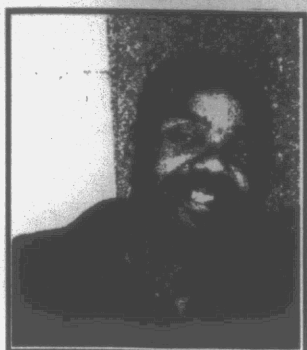
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" In My Spirit "



Bro Adams

Greetings:

First let me begin by saying, what follows are the things that bring questions to my mind about everyday life. You may have asked yourself questions and just didn't know where to find an answer. Hence the title ' In My Spirit'. You may not agree with what I say (We do have freedom of speech in America) and if by chance you think I am talking about you, don't flatter yourself. Moving On ! In My Spirit? WHO IS A BISHOP? ? ?

I TIMOTHY CHAPTER 3 (KJV)

3:1 This is a true saying, If a man desire the office of a

bishop, he desireth a good work.

3:2 A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behavior, given to hospitality, apt to teach;

3:3 Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous;

3:4 One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity;

3:5 (For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?)

3:6 Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil.

3:7 Moreover he must have a good report of them which are without; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.

First point, If a man , In this modern age in which we live It has been said that there is no gender difference in the spirit, we are all one. I do recall in Genesis it was recorded Male and Female created he. (Nuff said). One must have a good reputation. " Every time I turn around your name is in the middle of some confusion." I use this statement only to bring

a point across. Another thing, You say that you have been called or the Lord spoke to you and said you are to be a Bishop. Paul said " It was an office and not a calling. Yet I must agree with Paul, You have chosen a good work. If you are new in the ministry I doubt very seriously that you will be successful in this office. I do recall a young minister saying to me that he was called to be a Bishop. Alas, the enemy ensnared him with the temptations of life and now he resides in prison. If ever you here a person always defending their position then you had better watch out that he don't fall on your toes, you might get hurt. Of course, anyone can make a mistake and we who are of the household of faith must do all we can to lift our brothers up from self-condemnation. Please pray ye one for another. I must say that was .

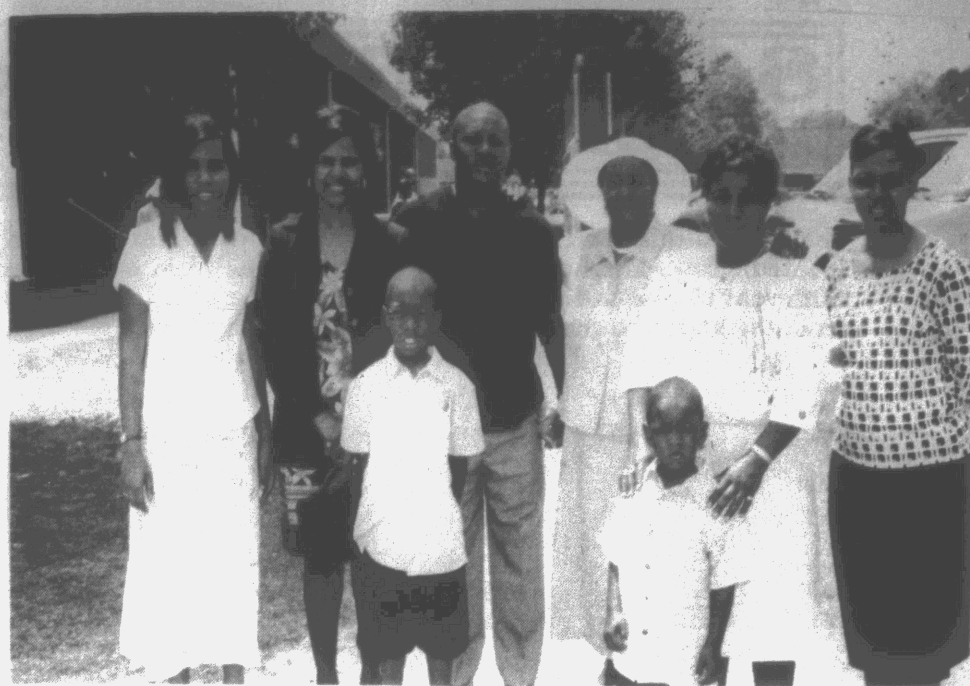
" IN MY SPIRIT "

In parting I would like to leave you with this Bible question.

How many times is the word religion recorded in the Bible?

Nuff Said !!!

Michael Adams



Happy Mother's Day "Mother Boyd"..... Mother Lula Boyd and family were caught by our roving M' Voice camera on Mother's Day as they leave another rousing service at the Mt Calvary FWB Church. Pictured on the front row are great grand sons Tyre Davis(7yrs) and Trey Davis(4yrs). From left to right is LaKeshia Boyd, (granddaughter) D' Ann Boyd, (daughter in-law) Charlie Ray Boyd (Son) Lula Boyd, Edith Boyd, (daughter) and Sonya Boyd , (granddaughter)

photo by Jim Rouse



WCPS 760AM caught by the M' Voice camera while hosting the Jim Rouse Show was Crystal Maye while interviewing Tara Knight, campaign manager for Roy Gray, candidate in the Senate race. You never know where the M' Voice camera will show up.

photo by Jim Rouse



The Winterville Senior Citizens Club 10th Anniversary Banquet

Held Sunday, May 19, 2002 at the City Hotel & Bistro. The theme was Bringing Seniors Together. Pictured above front row, Beatrice A. Henderson, founder and program coordinator of The Winterville Senior Citizens Club. 2nd Row, 1st runner-up in the King and Queen Contest. She received roses and a gift certificate to Golden Corral.

Crowned Queen was Pauline Boyd, she received a trophy, a dozen of roses and gift certificate to Hair Network. Fannie Cannon, 2nd Runner-up received a trophy a bouquet of flowers and gift certificate to Bob Evans Restaurant.

Mr. Jessie Roberts was crowned King and he received a trophy and a gift certificate to K & W Restaurant and Perkins Restaurant.

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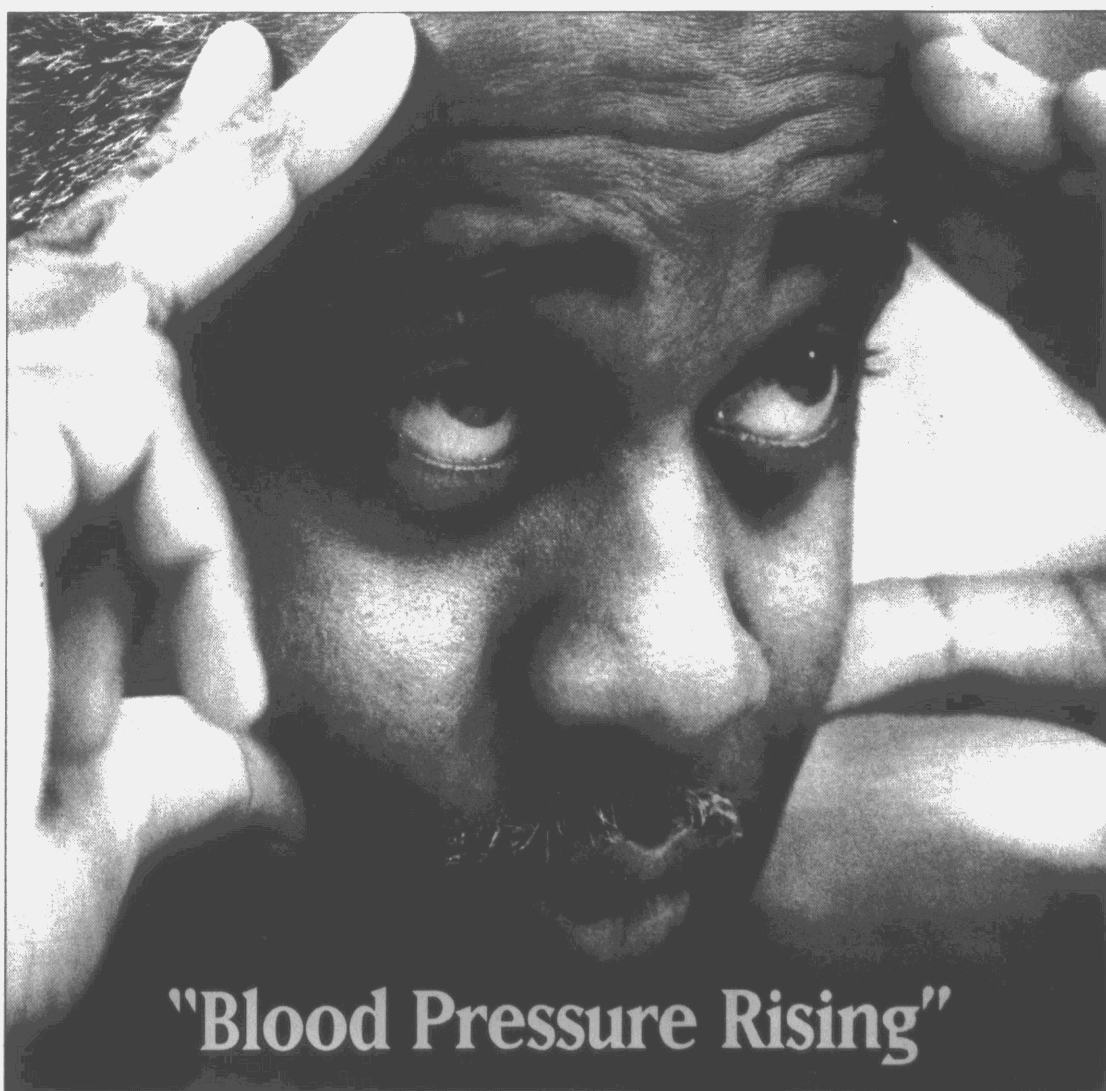
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- ▶ sudden trouble seeing, dizziness, loss of balance or coordination
- ▶ sudden severe headache with no known cause

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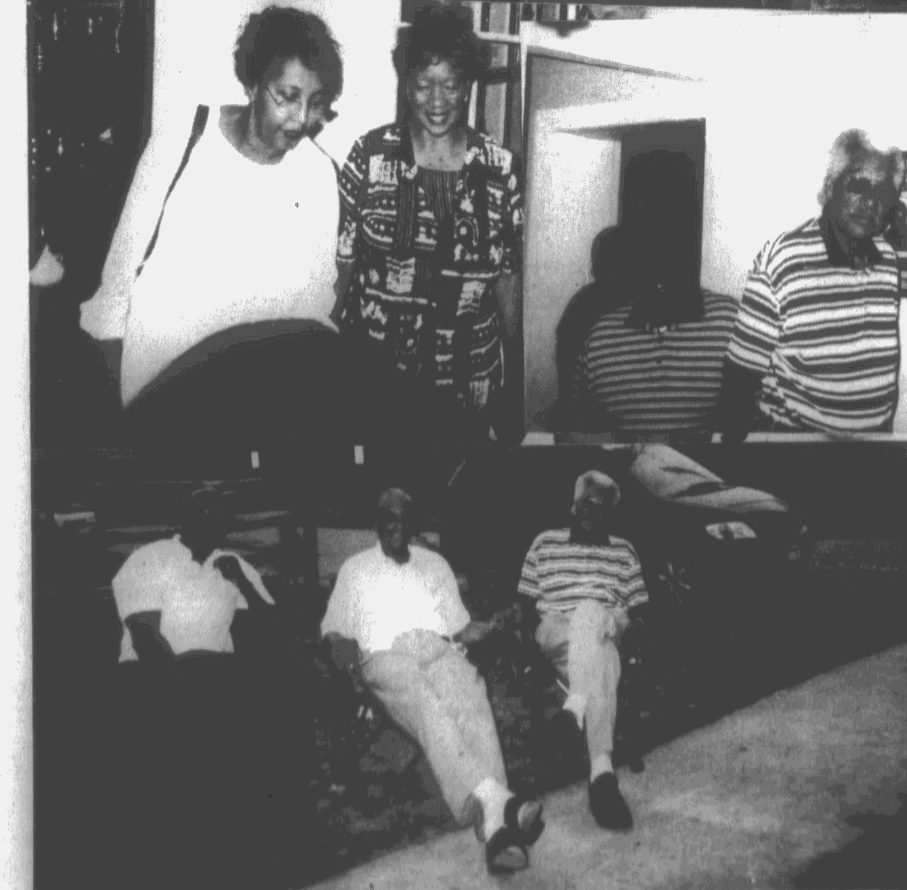
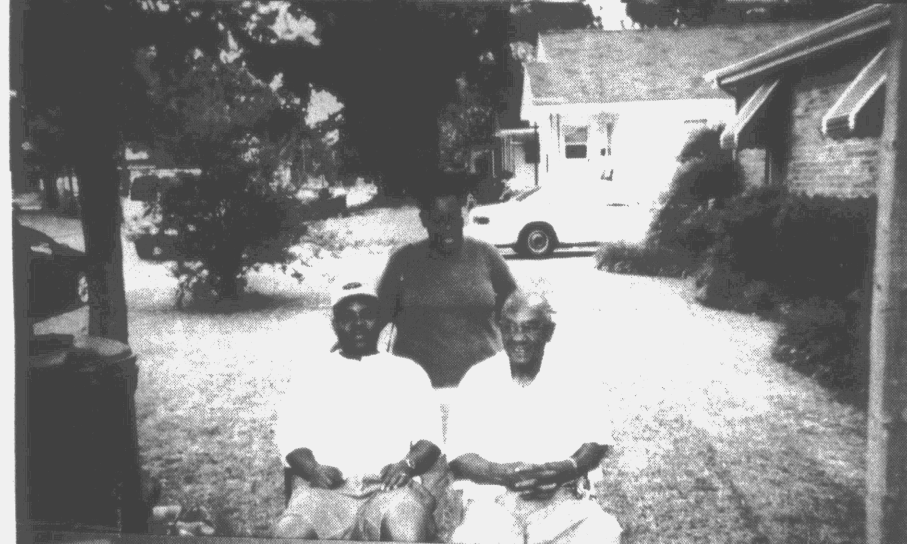
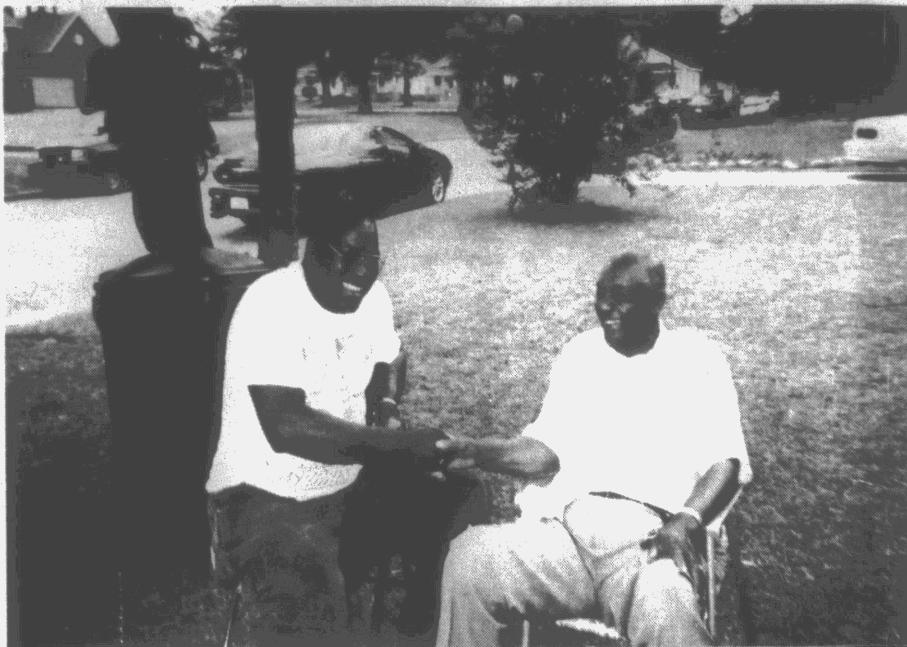
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82nd Birthday Celebration

Featured in this pictorial are the friends of Mr. Francis H. Mebane (seated). Bro Mebanes had just returned home from celebrating his 60th year of graduating from A & T State University. Congratulations from the staff and management of the M' Voice Newspaper

photo by Bro. Jim Rouse



Marine Corps, Navy, and Coast Guard Report: Accomplishments of Local Recruits

Titus E. Blow - Marine Corps Pfc. A graduate of Greene Central High School, Snow Hill, Blow recently reported for duty with 7th Communication Battalion, 3rd Marine Division, Okinawa, Japan.

Nathan C. Cannon - Marine Corps Pvt. Cannon, son of Linda K. and Nathan L. Cannon of Grifton, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C. Cannon is a 2001 graduate of Ayden-Grifton High School of Ayden, N.C.

Freddy Casias - Marine Corps Pfc. Casias, a 2001 graduate of Greene Central High School, Snow Hill, recently graduated from the Bulk Fuel Specialist Course.

Anthony T. Chapman - Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class. Chapman, grandson of Irene Chapman of Washington, N.C., recently reported for duty aboard the aircraft carrier USS Harry S. Truman, home ported in Norfolk, V.A. He is a 1984 graduate of George W. Wingate High School of Brooklyn, V.A., and joined the Navy in October 1990.

Kelvin M. Dew - Navy Seaman Recruit, is the son of Elaine McKoy of Greenville and Lee E. Dew of Rocky Mount. He recently graduated from Operations Specialist School. Dew is a 2001 graduate of Northern Nash Senior High School of Nashville.

Jerome J. Dixon - Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class. Dixon is a 1995 graduate of Eastern Senior High School in Washington. He recently returned from a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf while assigned to the guided missile cruiser USS Vella Gulf, home ported in Norfolk, V.A.

Joseph O. Downing - Marine Corps Pfc. He is the son of Denise and Gino C. Downing of Washington and recently graduated from the Basic Hygiene Equipment Operator Course at Marine Corps Engineer School, Marine Corps Base Camp in Lejeune, N.C. Downing is a 2001 graduate of

North Pitt High School of Bethania and joined the Marine Corps in June 2001.

Jason K. Eastwood - Marine Corps Reserve Pfc. Eastwood is a 2000 graduate of Farmville, Central High School in Farmville and recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C. He is the son of Danny K. Eastwood, also of Farmville.

Christopher E. Floyd - Navy Petty Officer 1st Class. The grandson of Jessie J. Floyd of Greenville, Floyd recently graduated from the Information Systems Administrator Course while assigned to Naval Technical Training Center, Corry Station, Pensacola, F.L. He is a 1988 graduate of Laney High School of Wilmington and joined the Navy in April of 1992.

Travarous L. Harris - Marine Corps Reserve Pvt. Harris, son of Phyllis A. Allen of Rocky Mount, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C. He is a 2001 graduate of North Edgecombe High School of Tarboro.

Jamie R. Jenkins - Marine Corps Cpl. Jenkins is the son of Kimberly H. McLawhorn of Williamston and James R. Jenkins of Greenville. He recently participated in exercise Infinite Anvil in the Hashimite Kingdom of Jordan while assigned to the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit, based in Camp Lejeune, N.C. He is also a 1999 graduate of Bear Grass High School of Williamston and joined the Marine Corps in Marc of 1998.

Casey T. Langley - Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class. Langley is the son of Diane I. and Vann T. Langley of Chocowinity and recently returned from a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf while assigned to the guided missile destroyer USS Hayler, home ported in Norfolk, V.A. He is a 1989 graduate of Chocowinity High School of Chocowinity and joined the Navy in September of 1989.

Kimberly M. Parker - Navy Seaman. Parker, daughter of Barbara D. Best of Greenville, recently reported for duty at Naval Air Station, Keflavik, Iceland. She is a 2001 graduate of D. H. Conley High School of Greenville and joined the Navy in August of 2001.

Rodney K. Swafford - Navy Chief Petty Officer. Swafford is the son of Carol E. and Anthony R. Northern of Washington. He recently departed to the Asia/Pacific region following an unexpected deployment change while assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Kitty Hawk, forward deployed to Yokosuka, Japan. Swafford is a 1979 graduate of Washington High School of Washington and joined the Navy in June of 1979.

Terrence L. Williams - Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class. Williams, son of Milton D. Roberson of Ayden, recently graduated from the Gun Operation and Maintenance Course while assigned to Fleet Combat Training Center Atlantic, Virginia Beach, V.A. He is a 2000 graduate of Ayden-Grifton High School of Ayden, N. C. and joined the Navy in June of 2000.

Thurston Wishop, Jr. - Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class. Wishop is the son of Cassandra and Thurston Wishop of Tarboro and recently received a Letter of Commendation while assigned at Naval Submarine Support Facility New London, Groton, C.T. He is a 1989 graduate of Tarboro High School of Tarboro and joined the Navy in July of 1989.

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Congratulations Joel Butler

Pitt County Community Schools and Recreation Volunteer of the Year

NAACP Citizen of the Year

Joel Butler, Vice President of Community Services at Pitt County Memorial Hospital, has been recognized by Pitt County Community Schools and Recreation and the NAACP for his outstanding contributions to the people of this community.

Mr. Butler was honored by Pitt County Schools for his leadership in the Chamber of Commerce and his commitment to improving the educational opportunities of Pitt County children. The NAACP recognized his efforts to organize and promote the Chamber's *Building Bridges* race-relations program.

We are proud to have Mr. Butler as part of our team at PCMH and congratulate him for his remarkable achievements.

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HEALTH FORCE

Health Force provides care to patients in their homes through Medicaid programs, Personal Care Services, Community Alternative Programs for children/adults/developmentally disabled, or private pay. Health Force has been an excellent member of Greenville's home care community for the past 12 years. In celebration of Nurse's Week, May 06-11, Health Force honored its staff. On May 06 at its location at the Hospital Professional Center, across from the hospital. The celebration included presentation of awards, pins, door prizes and refreshments. Fun was had by all. The following staff received pins for their first year of employment with outstanding service: Michele Anderson, Amy Bryant, Mary Dupree, Florence Staton, and Sue Gagnon.

The following staff received Employee Recognition for Excellence in patient care: Bertha Gaye, Geraldine Williams, Vemestine Williams, Delois Parker, Brenda Dupree, Rosa Walker, Ada Carmon, and Carolyn Jones. Health Force and the community are most fortunate to have these ladies providing personalized care, professional service to all they nurse. If you would like to congratulate them or ask questions about our services, please contact them at 2245 Statonsburg Road, Suit K, Greenville, 27834 or call 758-2700.



Michele Anderson



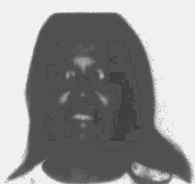
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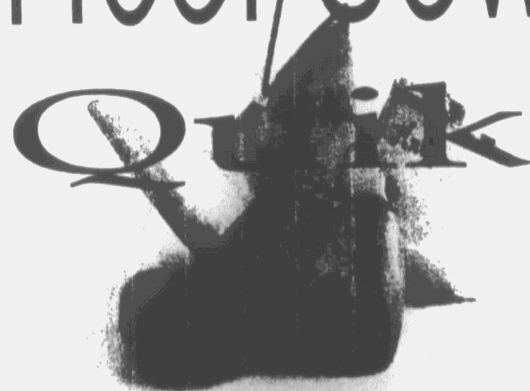
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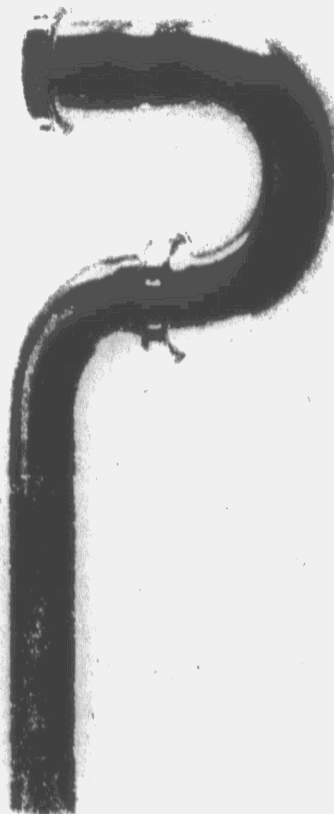
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Mother monk grew up in rural Pitt County. She later moved to Greenville NC. She was gamefully employed at ECU ffor 20 yrs. She enjoys (feels so good to say that), going to church and reading her bible. She has three (3) children. William Commings, Mattie Pearl Cummings, David Earl Cummings, who preceeds her in death. 1 daughter-in-law, Mother Ruth Cummings, 2 foster children, Deacon Nixon Atkinsion & Deacon Roosevelt Kig, 13 grandchildren 2 foster grandchildren. She has many, many, many, (did I say many), great grand children and nieces and neohews and a host of very loving friends.

Mother Monk joined English Chapel in 1922 and served on the usher board and is now, thank the Lord, still siting on the mother's board. Mother Monk was caught by our camera while celebrating her 102nd birthday. Below are family members and friends who joined in the celebration.



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US Rep. Cynthia McKinney (D-Ga.), after being stridently criticized for suggesting that the Bush Administration had knowledge of an impending attack on the United States prior to September 11, has claimed vindication in the wake of recent disclosures that both the CIA and FBI had received such reports. President Bush has come under increasing criticism since it was recently reported that US intelligence agencies received a series of clues that the US was about to be attacked but did not act on them.

The White House has finally acknowledged that President Bush was provided a written briefing on Aug. 6 stating that Al Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden and his followers had discussed the possibility of hijacking US airplanes. A July 10 memo from an FBI agent in Phoenix warned the agency of Middle Eastern men training

at a flight school here. "It turns out it wasn't an idle accusation, that there was some prior knowledge by the Bush Administration," says University of Maryland Political Science Professor Ronald Walters. Earlier, Walters had been mildly critical of McKinney by pointing out that she had made bold statements about Bush's prior knowledge without offering any proof. McKinney created a stir earlier this spring. "There was adequate warning. There were people who failed to act on the warning. And that's what ought to be investigated," she said March 25 on KPFA-FM, a radio station in Berkeley, Calif. "What did this administration know and when did it know it about the events of Sept. 11? Who else knew and why did they not warn the innocent people of New York who were needlessly murdered?" On the radio show, McKinney said former President Bush, the president's father, sits on the board of the Carlyle Group,

among the largest defense contractors, and that the Bush family stood to benefit as the president called for and received a \$40 billion defense-spending budget through fiscal year 2003. The five-term congresswoman and member of the House International Relations and Armed Services committees was excoriated in editorials and by liberal and conservative columnists for her charges. In a written statement, McKinney says: "I was derided by the White House, Right wing talk radio, and spokespersons for the military-industrial complex as a conspiracy theorists. Even my patriotism was questioned because I dared to suggest that Congress should conduct a full and complete investigation into the most disastrous intelligence failure in American history. "It now becomes clear why the Bush Administration had been vigorously opposing congressional hearings. The Bush Administration has been engaged in a conspiracy of silence. Ever since I came to Congress in

1992, there are those who have been trying to silence my voice. I've been told to 'sit down and shut up' over and over again. Well, I won't sit down and I won't shut up until the full and unvarnished truth is placed before the American people." Initially, even McKinney's colleagues in the Congressional Black Caucus did not come to her rescue. But, that appears to be changing. "It looks like she knows what she's talking about," says Rep. James E. Clyburn (D-S.C.). Clyburn initially said he hadn't given her radio comments enough thought to respond. He says the CBC will likely look to its members on committees related to defense before considering a formal statement. Fellow Georgian, Rep. John Lewis, had initially declined to comment on McKinney's controversial remarks. He now tells the Atlanta Journal-Constitution, "I think she had some information that she was about to retain from some source and, I hate to put it in this vein, but she may have the

last laugh. This is a very, very serious matter." The new disclosures have not caused McKinney's most avid critics to back down, including the Atlanta Journal-Constitution's Black editorial page editor, Cynthia Tucker or from online commentator, Jonah Goldberg. "When she asked for an investigation, she was condemned and ridiculed. But she will never be offered an apology from Cynthia Tucker, Sen. Zen Miller (D-Ga.) and her other attackers," Dee Turner says in a letter written to the Journal-Constitution, May 17. The letter was one of more than a half-dozen published that day in support of McKinney. Miller, who had initially called her remarks, "dangerous, loony and irresponsible," says he owes no apology. McKinney charged that the Bush administration deliberately covered up advance knowledge of the attacks in order to profit from them. It was a loony statement last month, and it is still a loony statement today."

White House spokesman Ari Fleischer initially made light of McKinney's allegations, comparing her to John F. Kennedy assassination conspiracy buffs. He has not backtracked nor apologized for his statements since the White House acknowledged that Bush received the memo. Goldberg, a columnist who mixed personal attacks on McKinney with his political column insight, says he fails to see how the new reports give credence to McKinney's allegations—especially her allegation that the Bush family might benefit financially. Goldberg now writes that he has also received numerous requests for an apology to McKinney. He responds, "McKinney is still an idiot." Ron Walters is keeping a close eye on developments in the nation's capital. I don't think there was a conspiracy," Walters says. "But, after it happened, Bush certainly took advantage of it. He proposed that it would be a long war, he announced a budget that was out of sight. And guess who benefits from it?"

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Dr. George Hawkins

Being Empowered by God

But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto me bothin Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. (Acts 1:8)

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ,

One of the most common excuses for not becoming a Christian is the fear of failure to live the Christian life. Besides overlooking the fact that men cannot be saved on the basis of good works (Titus 3:5), this objection neglects the truth that God provides the power to live the Christian life. Before Christ was crucified He promised the coming of the Holy Spirit to help believers (John 16:13, 14). The subsequent events of the Book of Acts supply ample evidence of the fulfillment of this prophecy (Acts 4:7, 33, 6:8).

The power of the Holy Spirit was not designed solely for the first-century church. Rather, all Christians are indwelt by the Holy Spirit to take control while the believer does nothing. The believer still must live the

Christian life, though he does it through the Holy Spirit's power. Romans 8:13 says, "If ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live." It is "ye" or you who are to put to death the sinful deeds of the body, but you are to do it through the Holy Spirit's power. The Christian who struggles in his own strength to live the Christian life will fail. He must by faith appropriate daily the power of the Holy Spirit (Romans 8:4,5). Described practically, this means that the believer trusts the Holy Spirit to empower him in specific instances such as sharing his faith with others, resisting temptation, being faithful, etc. There is no secret formula that makes the Holy Spirit's power available. It is simply a reliance on the Holy Spirit to help.



Faith May

THE POWER OF WORDS

We cannot afford to underestimate the importance and power of our words. The New Testament writer James said that even though the human tongue is a small part of the body, it has the power to make a tremendous impact (Jas. 3:1-12). The book of Proverbs reminds us that "the tongue has the power of life and death" (18:21). The language we use to communicate with one another is like a knife. In the hands of a careless or ignorant person, it can cause great harm. So it is with words.

The Bible teaches that kind word can uplift, nourish, and mend a broken heart. Proverbs 16:24 says, "Pleasant words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones." A well-considered word can help to restore confidence, hope, and purpose to a teen who feels dejected, lost, and confused.

Remember the schoolyard comeback, "Sticks and stones can break my bones, but words can never hurt

me." It's a lie. Unkind words do injure--sometimes deeply. Being yelled at or called a name like "stupid" or "idiot," especially by a parent, can inflict a wound that will fester for years.

How Are Words Used To Control and Attack?

- 1) Guilt Trips
- 2) Faultfinding
- 3) Name-calling
- 4) Yelling
- 5) Sarcasm
- 6) Blaming
- 7) Put-downs

Verbally abusive words can hurt at any level. But we are left with damage that is more extensive when the abuse becomes extreme. You can't see the bruises, as you can with physical abuse, but the injury is there and is just as great. The long-term effect of living with an irrational, belittling parent is that those who are being abused feel as if they're going to explode inside because they know something is seriously wrong but their parents continue to deny it. Some parents insist that nothing is wrong, and that if there is a problem it's not with them.

Extreme verbal abuse makes its victims feel small and powerless. They feel weak and helpless as individuals to change their circumstances. After living in a situation where nothing changes no matter what they do, they slowly give up. They begin to stop caring and start to lose heart.

Many of us who know someone who has been verbally abused notice this shift in the person's counte-

nance. The person who used to be happy, outgoing, and full of energy and hope is now unhappy, withdrawn, lethargic, and depressed.

Eventually, what affects the soul will take its toll on the body. It's not uncommon for children and teens who have experienced extreme verbal abuse to suffer with a host of stress-related illnesses, such as migraine headaches, nervous twitches, of severe stomach-aches. Sometimes hair loss occurs also.

Jesus teaches us to love our enemies (Lk. 6:27-36), but He doesn't demand that we forget or ignore the consequences of oppressive wrongs. He teaches us to love others even though they may have harmed us, and to be willing to forgive those who have sincerely repented (17:3).

Loving those who hurt us doesn't come easy. We all need time to get to the place where we want to show love to those who have hurt us so much. But to continue to withhold love is to become like the one who has harmed us. To harden our hearts and deny forgiveness to someone who has had a change of heart is to return evil for evil. We don't have the right to do this. The New Testament tells us that God alone has the right of vengeance (Rom. 12:19-21). If you know someone who is being mentally or physically abused, don't just stand by and do nothing. Call REAL Crisis Intervention 252-758-HELP.



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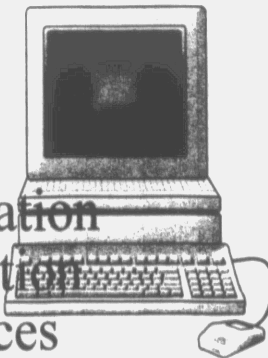
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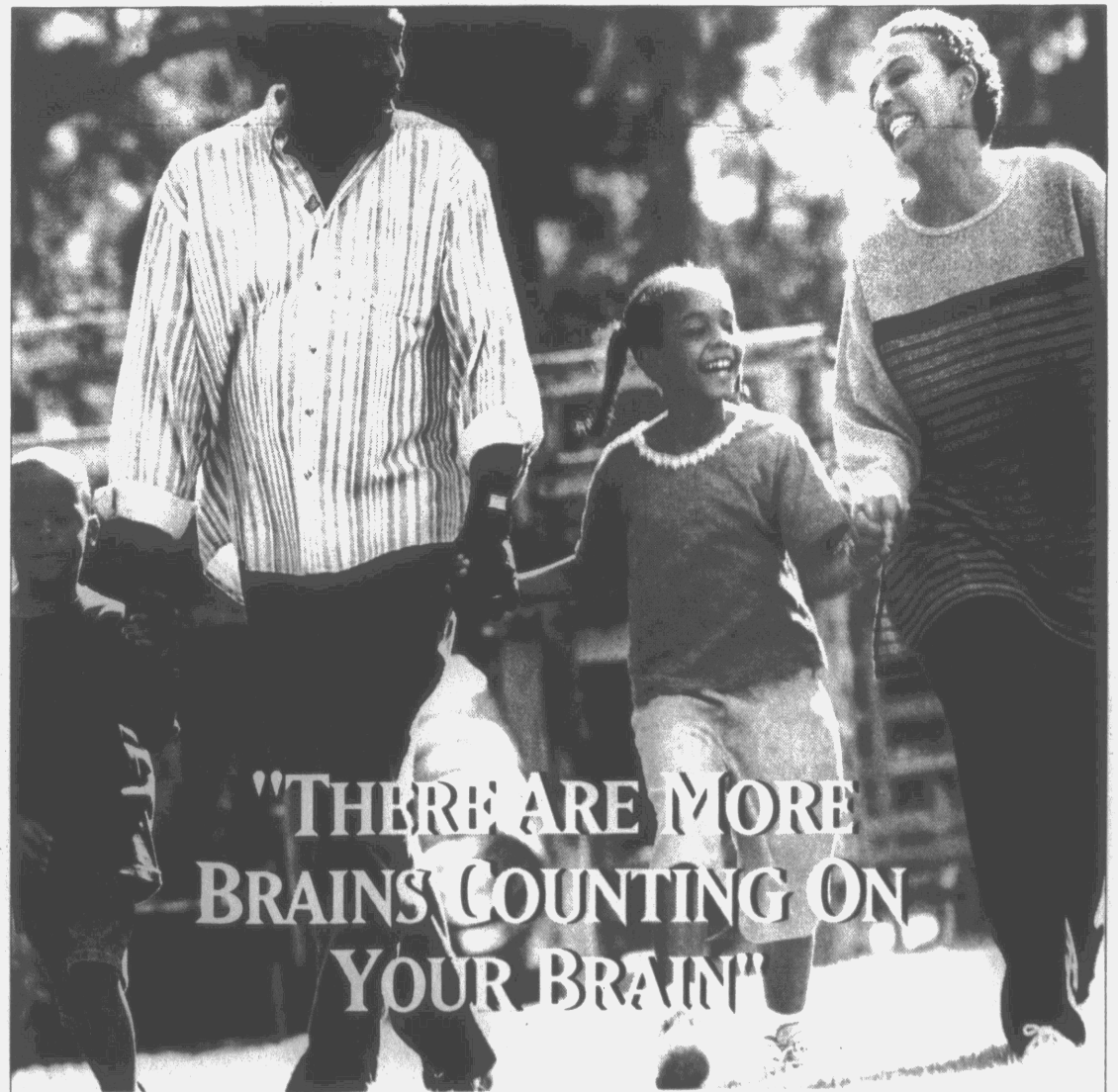


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From The Desk Of Mrs Beatrice Maye



Mrs Beatrice Maye

JABBERWOCK 2002

On Saturday night, May 04, 2002, seventeen young ladies participated in a local scholarship pageant, Jabberwock at J.H. Rose High Schools Performing Arts Center. The Greenville (NC) Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., sponsored the event. Funds are raised on behalf of each participant and they are awarded a scholarship upon their entrance into college. The young lady who raises the highest amount of money is crowned Miss or Little Miss Jabberwock. This year Diandra Miller was crowned "Miss Jabberwock 2002". Diandra, the daughter of Mary Sue Miller, is a junior at DH Conley High School. She is a member of the DH Conley School Marching Band, Gospel Choir, Women's Track Team, and Symphonic Band. Diandra enjoys singing, reading, playing the saxophone. Her most memorable experience was flying to California. She plans to attend UNC-Chapel Hill and major in Psychology.

The queen's court was announced as follows:

Kimberly Moore, 1st Runner Up- Kimberly, a senior at JH Rose High School, is the daughter of Randy and Jackie Blount; Diedre Hagans, 2nd Runner Up- Diedre, a senior at JH Rose High School is the daughter of Jay and Debbie Hagans. Roychelle Renee Payton was not announced, but placed as 1st Runner Up. Roychelle, the daughter of Erwin and Patricia Dunn, is a junior at North Pitt High School. She is a member of the North Pitt High School Spanish Club, and enjoys babysitting and volunteering at Camp Canaan. Roychelle's hobbies include: writing, poetry, and singing. Her most memorable experience was traveling to Madrid, Spain. Her goal is to attend college to become a web designer. Roychelle will also receive the 1st place prizes. Shonita Johnson was crowned "Little Miss Jabberwock 2002". Shonita, a 5th grader at Wintergreen Intermediate School, is the daughter of Ben Johnson and Monica Daniels. She plans to become a gymnast when she grows up. Alexis McDowell was 1st Runner Up. Alexis, a 3rd grader at Eastern Elementary School is the granddaughter of Wilson McDowell. The Greenville (NC) Alumnae Chapter is a public service organization and has served the Greenville community for over 30 years. The chapter currently holds the title. "Chapter of the

Year" for the South Atlantic Region (NC, SC, VA, and Bermuda) that consists of over 200 chapters. The Greenville (NC) Alumnae Chapter instituted the Jabberwock Pageant in 1962.

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3. Grandparents use smiles to a piece of string--handy to have ground and easily wrapped around the fingers of grandchildren.

4. A child outgrows your lap, but never outgrows your heart.
5. God gave you two ears and one mouth, so you should listen twice as much as you talk.
6. There are three ways to get something done: do it yourself, hire someone to do it, or forbid your children to do it.
7. Life's golden age is when the kids are too old to need baby sitters and too young to borrow the family car.

From: Outside the Dream, Child Poverty in America (1991) Aperture Children's Defense Fund Foundation, Inc.)

1. Every day 27 American children die from the effects of poverty.
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5. Every school day 2,478 teenagers drop out. US spending on elementary and secondary education, as a percentage of our Gross Domestic Product,

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12. Every day in 3.4 million families with children, at least one adult goes to work, yet these families are still poor.
13. Every day 1,849 children are abused or neglected. Three of them die.

To the Editor:

"The wedding is a fact; the marriage is a process, and it is on going," noted Ruby Dee, the forty-something year marriage to Ossie Davis.

Marriage is honorable... Hebrews 13:4. Married life is not a joke. It is something that should be taken seriously. Marriage is not a vacation or a prolonged holiday. Eighty percent of a marriage is work, compromise, adap

tations, changes, intimate conversions, laughter, sexual sharing, confusion, joy, smile, tears, pain, crises, reeducation, community, apologies, mistakes, more mistakes, new knowledge, and love. If children are involved, include parenting and repeat everything above twice for each year of the marriage. If the marriage lasts more than fifteen years, the couple should add wisdom. If it lasts the other twenty percent, perhaps the most successful marriages the couple will sleep. Thus, both you and your partner are always lovable even when you act unkindly or unwisely.

Just as a child lovable even when she/he is noisy or mischievous. Constantly, look in the mirror and ask ourselves: Would you marry me? Am I doing my best, giving my all, being the best I can be to myself. We need to take time to do some homework on self-love, self-esteem, and self-confidence.

When we pass the test of self-acceptance, the perfect someone who will complement all that we already are will walk right through the door. One does not find happiness in marriage, but takes happiness into marriage.

Note ----- marriage demands mutual love, fidelity (loyalty), responsibility, and respect.

Mrs Beatrice Maye

A Note From Mrs Maye On Father's Day

A Model for Christian Fathers

Today the lack of right child rearing is contributing to the erosion of the family unit, and the decline of the family is a major cause of the societal collapse we see taking place around us. Juvenile crime, drug abuse, psychological problems and even suicide are on the rise. Are you as a parent allowing God to work through you? Human fathers need to develop the qualities God the Father exercises in caring for His family. Let's look at a few.

A vital quality Christian fathers need is right leadership. Notice God's command: "Fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord" (Ephesians 6:4)

For fathers to be truly respected, they must display compassion, courage, godly understanding and firmness. Yes, your decisions as head of the family will stand, but you will use wisdom in making them, and you will carefully consider the input your wife and children offer. Your children desperately need mature, loving leadership from you.

God the Father is a good provider. He supplies all His Family's needs. During the wedding ceremony in God's church, the man vows, before God, to provide for his wife. This responsibility extends to any children they produce. God shows His scorn for any able-bodied man who refuses to work when He says, "if anyone will not work, neither shall he eat" (Thessalonians 3:10)

A father, not only provides physical needs, but he must give himself personally as well. This means spending time with your family, especially at meals. When was the last time you took your family on a special outing? Do you plan ahead to spend meaningful time with your wife and children, fellow-

shipping with them, teaching them and enjoying each other? A father must provide emotional and spiritual support for his family.

Your children look to you for guidance. God the father teaches His children the right way to live, and He commands you likewise to train up your children in the way they should go (Proverbs 22:6). Train your children to respect their elders. Teach them to take care of their belongings and the possessions of others. Expose them to the finer things of life. Learn to exercise discipline properly. Remember, too, that the example you set as head of the home, teaches your children more than any number of lectures does. Do they

hear you belittle your wife - their mother?

God the Father is consistent. The quality of consistency must be present as well as the makeup of a Christian father.

God is not the author of confusion, but of peace (1 Corinthians 14:33). In a consistently peaceful and reliable environment, your children can develop a right confidence in themselves and God's way of life.

Raising children properly in this world is a real challenge. God lays much of the responsibility in fathers. But you as a father can meet this challenge. God himself is your model. If you stay close to Him and practice what He teaches you in His Word, you can produce

some fine young people who may be leaders in the world tomorrow.

Paul encourages, "Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong; Let all your things be done with charity, love" (1 Corinthians 16:14). You can be a truly Christian father and God will be well pleased with your efforts.

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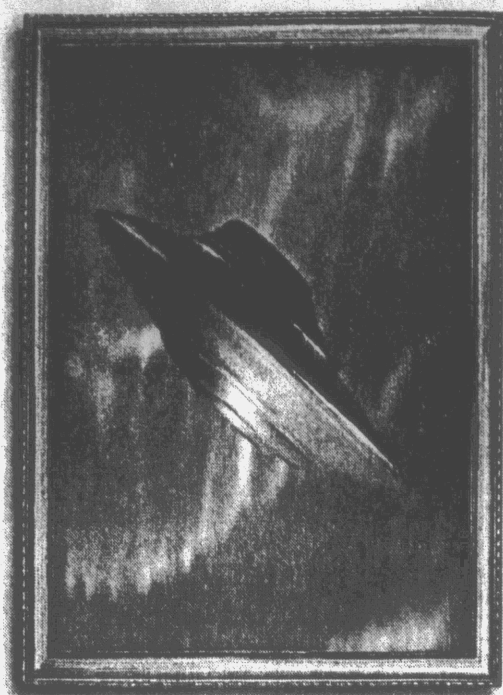
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