

# Hillside Hi Classes Hold 44, 54 Reunions

## 100 Youngsters Join Rochester Police In TOPS Program



**A TOP SESSION** — Rochester Police Sergeant Don Williams (left) discusses map of city patrol districts with members of Rochester's Teens On Patrol (TOP). This instruction was part of the 1969 orientation week for the 100 TOPs who will be working with the police at city playgrounds, swim areas, parks, libraries, and neighborhood functions. TOP is in its third summer and is funded through an Eastman Kodak grant to Rochester Jobs, Incorporated.

### Enrollees Glad To Take Part in Third Program

ROCHESTER, N. Y. — About 100 youngsters from Rochester's inner city started their summer last week in police headquarters.

They were happy to be there and the police were happy to have them. The youngsters are enrollees in the third summer program of Rochester's Teens on Patrol (TOP).

After a week of instruction, they work in cooperation with the police at playgrounds, parks, swim areas, libraries, and special inner-city functions.

The program, which originated in Rochester, has been closely watched, praised, and copied by cities across the country. It was started in June, 1967, through an Eastman Kodak Company financial grant when Rochester Jobs, Incorporated (RJI), sought to help provide summer jobs for youth. Kodak has continued to support the program on a year-round basis through RJI. Goal is Understanding.

The primary goal of TOP is the improvement of relations and understanding between youth and law enforcement officers.

William M. Lombard, Rochester's police chief, says, "We have seen positive results. There has been an improvement in the relationship between teenage youths and the police department. TOPs — and even those inner-city youngsters who are not in the program — understand us better."

The benefits work two ways: Lt. Thomas F. Hastings, director of the Police Community Service Division and the administrator of TOP, says, "My outlook has changed. So has the outlook of other policemen who have come in contact with the TOPs. All of us now understand the problems of the inner city better. A line of communication has been opened."

Most of the TOP teenagers are black, but there are some Puerto Rican and white young- (See YOUNGSTERS 9A)

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## Jas. Farmer To Address 49th Session Insurance Association



**THE PLANNING COMMITTEE** of the Hillside Graduating Class of 1944 Reunion held here Saturday, July 5 at the Downtowner Motor Inn. Those in the picture from left to right are: Mrs. Evelyn Malone Thorpe, Treasurer; Mrs. Andrew Bell Cobb, Chairman of Banquet Committee and Social and Henry Garner, Vice-Chairman of the Reunion and Overall Planning of the Silver Anniversary. Not shown is Mrs. Vivian Austin Edmonds, President of the Class. (Photo by Purefoy)

### Meet to be Held At Hilton Plaza Hotel in Miami

CHICAGO — James Farmer assistant secretary of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, will address delegates to the 49th Annual Convention of the National Insurance Association to be held at Miami Beach's Hilton Plaza Hotel between July 21-24, according to an announcement made by NIA President, Wardell C. Croft, president of Wright Mutual Insurance Co. of Detroit.

Early predictions indicate that more than 400 representatives of the 46 black-owned operated member life insurance companies, doing business in 29 states and the District of Columbia, will indulge in serious discussions of the conference theme, "The Sale Is the Payoff," as well as to consider age-old problems of profits and improved operations. (See FARMER 9A)

## First Suit In Lending Law Filed Against Merchant By NAACP

### LDF TO ASSIST IN PROSECUTION OF DEFENDANTS

NEW YORK CITY — The nation's first suit under the federal Truth in Lending Law was filed this week in the United States District Court against a Harlem merchant who failed to advise a customer that 18 per cent of the cost of his new TV set, purchased on time, was interest.

The NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc. (LDF) teamed up with the Harlem Consumer Protection Union to bring the suit only hours after the law passed by Congress in 1968—went into effect.

The action was against the Future Furniture Company, 2 East 125th Street, which sold an Admiral Console TV set to Henry A. White for \$338.33. The suit charges the company with failing to tell White that \$60.90, which represents 18 per cent of the total, is the additional price he will have to pay for buying the \$277.43 set on time.

White, who serves as director of education for the Harlem Consumer Protection Union, went to the store to purchase a TV set for himself, as well as to test operation of the new law in Harlem.

His organization is a new consumer self-help group which is working with the Legal Defense Fund to crack down on ghetto merchants, finance companies, and loan companies which violate the law.

The Union will be sending testers into Harlem stores just as civil rights organizations use testers to see if companies comply with fair housing and public accommodation laws. The case represents part of an ongoing program of LDF (See SUIT page 9A)

## Last Rites Held For Elja Hooker Here July 10 by Father Brew

Elja Hooker, 60, of Harmon Rd., died Monday, July 7, at Watts Hospital following a brief illness.

Born in Union, S. C., Hooker was the son of the late John and Elizabeth Hooker. He had been a resident of Durham for the past 45 years, having been employed for 40 years at Hibberd's Florist. He also was employed by DuVal-Hackett Florist.

Hooker was married to the former Lenora D. Slade of Nashville. Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Lenora Slade Hooker, seven brothers; Jackson, Thomasville; Washington, Union, S. C.; Curtis, Winston-Salem; Silas and John, Spartanburg, S. C.; Noah, Brooklyn, N. Y.; and James, Terrell, Pa. Surviving also are four sisters; Mrs. Mary Wright, Lexington; Mrs. Fannie Garrett, Paelet, S. C.; Mrs. Sallie Henry, Terrell



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Pa.; and Mrs. Rosa Gary, Spartanburg.

Graveside rites were conducted by Father Frederick A. Brew, S. J., on July 10, followed by interment at Beechwood Cemetery.

## GB United Methodist Vote To Join Publishing House Project

HOUSTON, Texas — The General Board of Publication of The United Methodist Church, doing business as The Methodist Publishing House, acting through its executive committee, voted unanimously today for The Methodist Publishing House join Project Equality.

Bradshaw Mintener of Washington, D. C., Board of Publication chairman, said the decision was based on the report of a special five-member committee of the board, appointed to study all the considerations involved in

Project Equality participation. The Methodist Publishing House, through the five-man committee of the Board of Publication, has been authorized to apply immediately for membership as a supplier, Mintener said.

Project Equality is an organization designed to promote fair employment for minority groups.

The 1968 General Conference of The United Methodist Church, meeting in Dallas, voted to endorse Project Equality and "recommended" that its boards,

agencies, and local churches participate in it.

The special five-man committee of the board which studied the matter will continue to function as a coordinating and liaison group for all matters involving Project Equality and The Methodist Publishing House. Members of the committee are A. Frank Smith, Jr., Houston, Texas, chairman; Cawthon A. Bowen, Jr., Nashville, Tennessee; Joseph E. Lowery, Atlanta, Georgia; Jack B. Russell, Richmond, Virginia; (See METHODIST 9A)

## National Bankers Association Recipient \$1 Million Deposit

### MEMBER BANKS TO BE JOINED IN PARTICIPATION

NEW YORK — Dr. Edward Irons, Executive director of the National Bankers Association, announced recently that the National Bankers Association would be the recipient of a \$1-million deposit for its member banks from the Glen Alden Corporation.

Irons and Paul A. Johnston, president of the Glen Alden Corporation, made the announcement jointly at a press conference held recently at the New York Hilton Hotel.

The 22 member banks of the NBA will share in the million dollar deposit which is part of a program which the NBA has launched to get more large corporations to deposit some of their bank deposits in black financial institutions.

Robert J. Brown, Special Assistant to President Nixon (See DEPOSIT page 9A)

## Funeral For Isiah Whitehead Held in Tarboro Thur., July 3

PRINCEVILLE — Funeral service for Whitehead, 75, were held here, Thursday, July 3 at 4:00 p.m. at the St. Paul Baptist Church. The Rev. J. E. James, pastor, officiated and delivered the eulogy.

Whitehead succumbed to a hospital in Tarboro, Sunday, June 29.

Whitehead was born and reared in Princeville, the son of the late Zell and Mrs. Millie Whitehead. He attended the Princeville public school and Brick Junior College. During World War I he joined the armed forces of his country serving until the end of the conflict.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Ethel Key Whitehead, an adopted son, Michael. Severa!



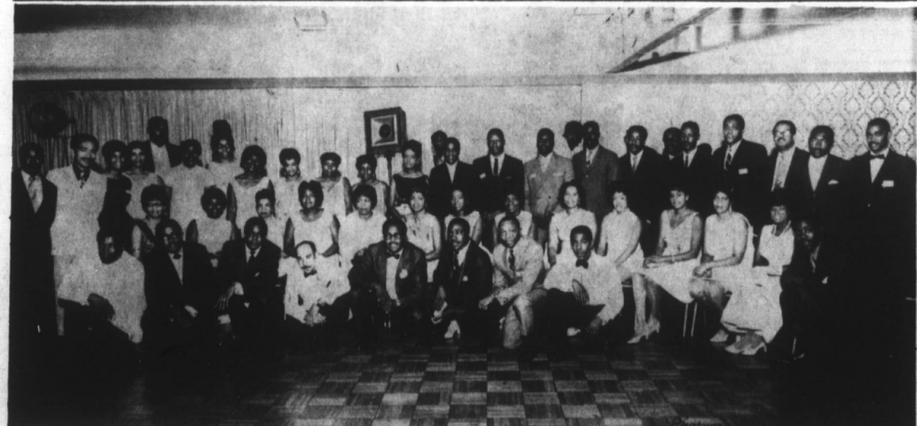
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cousins of Tarboro and Durham also survive. Interment was in the Community Cemetery. Beethoven was a violinist, organist, violist and clarinetist.

## Address of Atty. Marsh Feature Of '44 Reunion

Members of the 1954 graduating class of Hillside High School met in Durham during the past July 4 day weekend. The reunion was the celebration of the class' fifteenth anniversary and was highlighted with many and varied fetes of entertainment. Festivities included a cocktail hour on Thursday, July 3, in the Pine Room at the Downtowner Motor Inn. Ervin L. Hester presided over the Banquet-Dance held on July 4 in Cardinal Room of the Downtowner. F. Howard Alston, assistant principal of Hillside, was the guest speaker.

On behalf of the members of the class of 1954, Joseph Fogg presented an oil painting of the late H. M. Holmes, former principal of Hillside, to Alston, as a gift to the school.

Remarks were made by honored guests which included Mrs. (See REUNION 9A)



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