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**VIRGIN ISLANDS CONFAB**—William Baker (second from left), Northeastern regional vice president with the F.W. Woolworth Co., discusses the company's Caribbean operations with Virgin Islands Lt. Gov. Addie Ottley and Sen. Eric Dawson, a member of the Virgin Islands legislature. Accompanied by his wife, Baker recently completed an inspection tour of Woolworth stores in the Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico, and during his stop in St. Thomas met with these two Virgin Islands leaders. Expressing faith in the social, political and economic future of the Virgin Islands, Baker pledged Woolworth's assistance in all cooperative efforts of government and business designed to strengthen the Islands' tourist oriented economy.

## Miss Black International Beauty Pageant Gateway to Film Career

New York City has been selected to host the 1974 Miss Black International Beauty Pageant. A different world capital city will host subsequent annual pageants.

Miss Black Jamaica International - 1973, 18 year old Terri Cooper, is presently traveling throughout the country promoting state pageants.

The Miss Black International concept is explained by Wyndelynn Harvey, the pageant's worldwide coordinator and veteran pageant producer, as "an international beauty contest with a proud sociological sensitivity to the color Black."

The lucky girl who wins the Miss Black International - 1974

title will need more than looks, grace and talent. She will have to possess that special glow that lights up a movie screen, because one of her many prizes is an actual movie screen test.

Interested producers and contestants can obtain further information by writing the Pageant Headquarters; P. O. Box 12; Jamaica, N. Y. 11434.

As the title indicates, the pageant is open to ladies of African descent (Black, African, West Indian, Afro-Canadian, Coloured English, etc.), seventeen (17) to twenty-four (24) years of age and single.

"Miss Black International" will take her place among the beauties of the world as the most beautiful Black Woman in the World.

## Durham Mortician To Head the Masonic Research Committee

Illustrious Peer J.A. Carter, Grand Inspector General of the



CARTER

33rd and last degree of the United Supreme Council, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, was elected chairman of Masonic Research at a recent convocation of the Commanders of the Rite held at the Sheraton Motor Inn, in Fayetteville. Other members of the committee include such other Masonic Notables as Ill. Peer Otto R. Morgan 33, Willie J. Til lery 33 both of Fayetteville. Ill. Peer Wm. Edwards 33 of Kinston, Ill. Peer Clarence Bryan 33 of Albany Ga. Ill. Peer Wm. Smith 33, of Whiteville. Carter is affiliated with the Scarbrough & Hargett Funeral Home, a member of Oak Lodge 28, Patron of Prospect Chap. 379 O.E.S.

Commander in Chief of Durham Consistory 218, Potentate of Zafa Temple 176.

The commanders of the rite acknowledge Allegiance to the United Supreme Council of the Sovereign Grand Inspector General of the thirty third and last degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Prince Hall Affiliated, of the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of America, whose holy See is in Washington, D.C.

The Commanders of the Rite was organized Jan 21, 1971 and constituted under auspices of the Illustrious Dr. Joo G. Lewis Jr. 33 S.G.I.G. Sovereign Grand Commander: Illustrious James A. Mingo 33 S.G.I.G. Sec'y Gen'l of the Holy Empire. Illustrious G. Westley Allen S.G.I.G. M.D. 33 Deputy for the Orient of N.C. Sovereign Grand President of the Commanders of the Rite.

The Commanders of the Rite believing that men of like attainments and of similar ideas of Masonic brotherhood and Fellowship, by binding ourselves together for maximum service to humanity, by aiding mankind's search with God's help to achieve better men in a better world with the ultimate purpose of creating a deeper feeling of brotherly love and fraternal respect for each other, do enact and establish that while other people and organizations are talking about Faith and Brotherhood, this body is making a serious effort to make it a reality.



MS. XERNONA CLAYTON

## December Essence Woman: Born Communicator!

NEW YORK, NY—Xernona Clayton could well be called the first lady of "color" TV. Back in 1967, Ms. Clayton began hosting her own weekly TV talk show on WAGA in Atlanta—a first for the country, and the beginning of a prestigious career in media that has spanned more than half a decade.

When superactive Xernona isn't busy producing and starring on her own television show, or organizing fund-raising events for the MLK, Jr. Birthplace Memorial Restoration Committee or for sickle cell anemia research, she might be found at a meeting of the Television and Motion Picture Commission for the State of Georgia, or on location for her role in "The House on Skull Mountain", a Black horror film being shot in Georgia.

As an active member of the T.M.P. Commission, it "was recently one of Xernona's duties to show young, Black producer, Joe Hartsfield, various sites in the state suitable for location shooting. Hartsfield was so impressed with her that he proposed her taking a part in his film. "I wasn't at all interested in acting at first," recalls Xernona, "but I became interested because I was so committed to his project. I like to see people who have energy and the emotional vitality to identify a goal and see it through to the end."

The late Ralph McGill, a famous journalist and publisher of the Atlanta Constitution, once called Xernona a natural communicator. And, it was McGill who was in many ways responsible for her beginning in television. Says Xernona, "I sincerely believe that white people don't hate us because we are Black. They just haven't had the privilege of knowing us. They need to be educated."

During the early years Xernona doubted her talents at show business, but her beaming charm, optimism and intelligence made her show an instant hit. In the past six years, she had a full spectrum of guests on her show, from governors to welfare mothers. And, on almost all her shows she features whites as well as Blacks, because that's her philosophy. "Racism is what we've been fighting to get rid of!"

Editor, Maurice Peterson, profiles Atlanta's first lady of television in the December issue of Essence, and finds her life devoted to helping others.

Concludes Peterson, if Xernona Clayton could have one wish, she would be a philanthropist. However, stuck with reality, she can't afford to give money, therefore she gives of herself...and she has much to give.

## DCC Approves Resolution To Reduce Consumption of Energy

Directors of the Greater Durham Chamber of Commerce have approved a resolution initiated by its Environmental Action Committee which hopefully will encourage Chamber members and all private and corporate Durham citizens to voluntarily reduce consumption of energy.

Here is the text of the resolution: WHEREAS, the ever-increasing consumption of energy in its various forms has greatly depleted the natural resources available in meeting our needs, and

WHEREAS, the national shortage, having been complicated by international affairs, have lowered supplies to crisis proportions, and

WHEREAS, it is the duty of every citizen of the United States to preserve our natural environment and to conserve

the energy resources which it holds.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Greater Durham Chamber of Commerce strongly urges its individual members, its member firms, industries and institutions to: (1) strictly honor the requests of Congress and the Administration in regards to the energy crisis, (2) refrain from the use of unnecessary exterior and interior lighting except that required for safety and security, (3) discontinue the unnecessary use of motorized or other substantial energy-consuming signs or displays, (4) develop other policy within their own organizations to limit energy consumption, and (5) encourage employees to be "energy conscious" at home as well as on the job.



**MEDICAL AID**—The office of Student Financial Aid at Meharry Medical College has received a \$5,000.00 grant from Pepsi-Cola Company earmarked for scholarship assistance to deserving students attending the Nashville, Tennessee institution. Dr. Lloyd C. Elam, left, President of Meharry, is seen receiving the gift from Bill Tucker, Sales Manager of Beaman Bottling Company, Nashville bottler of Pepsi-Cola products.

## Benedict Professor Attends Seminar in Israel

Dr. Alfred F. Young, Professor of Chemistry and Chairman of the Division of Education at Benedict College, will be one of 20 Black American educators participating in an Israeli Seminar in Tel Aviv from December 26 to January 16.

Sponsored by the Government of Israel in cooperation with the Institute of International Education, the study program is designed to foster a better understanding of Israel and the Middle East conflict among faculty members at predominantly Black institutions.

During their three-week stay

in Israel, members of the seminar will participate in lectures and discussions of Jewish history, government and politics of Israel, Arab-Israel relations, and Soviet Jewry.

From Tel Aviv, participants will be escorted on numerous field trips, including visits to Jerusalem, Nazareth, Bethlehem, Judea and Samaria, the Golan Heights, and the Allenby Bridge.

In addition, the participants will have an opportunity to see a Kibbutz, a Moshav, an Israeli Arab village, and a development town.

Dr. Young's special interest during the seminar will be

Israel education and science. A native of Clanton, Alabama, he holds the bachelor's degree from Alabama State College, the master's from Atlanta University, and the doctorate from Oklahoma State University.

Dr. Young joined the Benedict faculty in 1963 as a professor of chemistry and since has served in several key administrative posts, including Director of Student Affairs.

His professional experience includes consulting services to the University of South Carolina Desegregation Center and the Columbia Organic Chemical Company. He also has been a faculty research participant at Argonne National Laboratory in Illinois, and currently serves on the Professional Review Committee for Evaluation and Approval of Teacher Education Programs in South Carolina institutions of higher learning.

Dr. Young's organizational affiliations include membership in the American Chemical Society, the American Association for Colleges of Teacher Education, Phi Delta Kappa, Danforth Foundation Associate Programs, the National Science Teachers Association, American Council on Education, American Association of Higher Education, and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity.

He is active in numerous community and civic affairs, serving presently as Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Columbia Area Sickle Cell Anemia Foundation, and as a director of the Babcock Center for the Mentally Retarded and the Governing Board of the local OEO.

## New Officers Are Elected By Atlanta, Georgia NAACP Unit

ATLANTA.—Dr. Robert C. Vowles, Dean of the School of Business Administration, Atlanta University, who ran unopposed, was unanimously elected president of the newly-reorganized Atlanta NAACP Branch, it was announced by Gloster B. Current, director of branches and field administration. Election was held on December 6, at Friendship Baptist Church here.

Others elected were: Mrs. Dorothy Coleman, first vice-president; James Couch, second vice-president, Mrs. Vivian Moreland, secretary; and Verdree Lockhart, treasurer. Mesdames Eunice Copper and Jocelyn Peters were tied for the position of assistant secretary, and a run-off election will be held at a

regular branch meeting.

Members elected to the executive committee are: Rev. Walter Beamon, Edwin A. Bethea, Dr. Wiley S. Bolden, Rep. Julian Bond, Mrs. Ella Brayboy, Thomas Dortch, Mrs. Ruby L. Edwards, Timothy Gilliam, Rev. P. Harold Gray Mrs. Naris Grier, Mrs. Linda Gulley, John Hix, Nathaniel Ingram, Dr. Julia Jackson, Jack LaSonde, Mrs. Maggie Moody, Mrs. Verline Pa Pledger, Ken Reaves, C.A. Scott, Dr. Grant Shockley, Benjamin Spaulding, Esq., Mrs. Marjorie Ushery, Lowell Vaughn, and J.O. Wyatt, Jr., Esq.

The election was supervised by Mrs. Margaret Davis, assisted by Mrs. Juanita Stone, Clarence Cooper and James Wright.

## Save Money This Christmas, Make Your Own Decorations!

Why buy the Christmas spirit when you can make it. Just a little patience, a few house hold discards and ingenuity, will bring you a holiday experience you'll enjoy much more than store bought tree-trimmings...and, the making of such decorations is an activity that brings the whole family together. After all, isn't that what Xmas is all about? Essence editor, Barbara Hart offers these suggestions:

**Denim Gingerbread Man**—Create a denim gingerbread man from an old pair of denim jeans. Cut out 2 shapes and place right sides out. Sew 2 pieces together 1/4 inch from edge with bright green or red embroidery wool in chain stitch. Leave 1 inch unsewn for stuffing; once stuffed, close seam and finish in chain stitch. Add felt facial features and string embroidery yarn to form loop for hanging.

**Felt Candy Cane**—This candy cane is done up in bright felt and trimmed in shiny metallic braid. Trace shape and cut 2. Cut a 3-inch long strip for hanging. Glue candy cane together 1/4 inch from edge placing felt loop at top. Trim with self-sticking trimming.

**Felt House**—The felt house is a half-pint milk carton. Glue red felt to top of carton, and

green felt to sides and bottom. From green felt, cut rectangles to form door and windows; glue on. Apply gold trim around door and windows. Frame house top and sides in gold braid.

**Cone Angel-Start** with a semi-circle of heavy paper; cut blue felt to shape and glue on paper. Add 2 rows of self-sticking lace trim. Roll into cone shape, glueing 2 overlapping edges together. Cut off tip of cone; glue on styrofoam ball. Add felt facial features and cotton for hair. Form pip cleaner wings and halo and glue securely to center back. Cut arms out of felt and glue onto cone.

**Glittery Ball-Divide** styrofoam ball down center. Spiral Self-adhesive gold fringe on each side of center. Glue together with fringe ends at center.

### Resistance Formed

**STOCKHOLM** — A democratic resistance movement has been organized in Chile, the oldest daughter of the late President Salvador Allende said Sunday.

Piranhas are tiny but voracious South American fish. They attack in bunches and can eat an animal as big as a horse in just a few moments.



**PRE-PLANS J-STATE CENTENNIAL**. Members of the Central Steering Committee pause to pose for photographers during a recent preplanning session for Jackson State College's Centennial Celebration in 1977. Committee members include (seated L-R) Edward S. Bishop, Sr., President of JSC's national alumni association; Mrs. Aurella N. Young, assistant professor of music; Mrs. Esther S. Marshall, social work lecturer; Dr. Dollye M.E. Robinson; chairman Division of Fine Arts and Head, Department of Music; and Dr. John A. Peoples, Jr., President of Jackson State. Standing (L-R) are Obra V. Hackett, director of public information; K Griffin, instructor of art; Dr. E.C. Foster, professor of history and political science; Dr. Paul Purdy, comptroller; Edwin Mullen, principal, Mary Johnson Elementary School; and Lee E. Williams, vice president for administration. Mr. Williams is chairman of the Committee.