

NAACP Mother Of The Year Receives Trophy

By Elva P. DeJaron

Mrs. William Davis, NAACP "Mother of the Year" received her 1976 Trophy as a special feature of the regular meeting of the Durham chapter of the NAACP. Mrs. Davis, a member of Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, had brought in the highest amount of funds during the year in support of the NAACP and earned her title of "Mother of the Year".

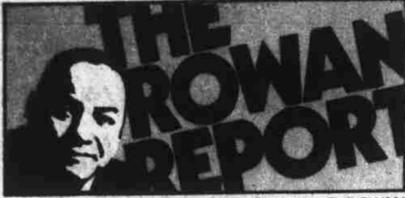
A challenging and inspiring address was delivered by Rev. W. W. Easley, Jr., pastor of St. Joseph's A. M. E. Church. The Inspiration Singers under the direction of Mrs. Carolyn Williams provided special music for the occasion.

Alexander Barnes, president emeritus of the Durham Chapter.

Other notes of interest included the membership report by J. B. Philyaw and the Legal Redress report by J. A. Tucker.



1976 "MOTHER OF THE YEAR" RECEIVES TROPHY - Shown from left to right are Alexander Barnes, immediate past president of Durham Chapter of NAACP, Mrs. William Davis, honoree, Sam Reed, 1st Vice President and presiding officer at meeting; Mrs. Wilson Barbee, Program Chairperson, and Rev. W. W. Easley, Jr., speaker for the occasion. Back Row: Mrs. A. M. Bynum, state coordinator, Mrs. Nonnie Hamilton, '45 winner, partially hidden; W. M. Gilliam, Mrs. Elizabeth Napoleon, Dr. Howard Fitts and J. E. Cromartie.



BY CARL T. ROWAN

Carter and Tax Reform

Millions of Americans are very skeptical about President Carter and his campaign promises. This cynicism is deepest when the subject of tax reform is raised.

One of Mr. Carter's most dramatic promises came during his acceptance speech at the Democratic convention when he said: "It's time for a complete overhaul of our income tax system. I still tell you it's a disgrace to the human race. All my life I have heard promises of tax reform, but it never quite happens. With your help, we are finally going to make it happen and you can depend on it."

Most Americans relate this to "tax loopholes" which have permitted the rich to avoid billions in taxes. They assess Mr. Carter's promise in terms of things like the Treasury Department announcement recently that in 1975 182 wealthy persons with at least \$200,000 in income paid no tax. About 6,000 other persons with adjusted gross income in excess of \$200,000 had an effective tax rate of about 20 percent, the same paid by a father of three children earning \$11,000.

But if the President's promise of "tax reform" is to mean anything, it must go beyond wiping out such

glaring inequities. The simple question is whether Mr. Carter means to really try to alter the pattern of income distribution in this country.

The Census Bureau tells me that in 1975 the 11,250,000 families who make up the lowest 20 percent in terms of income got only 5.4 percent of the money. The 20 percent of our families with highest income got 41.1 percent of the money.

This means that 11 million poor families got just over one-fourth the income they would have received if the money had been distributed equally to all families, while the top 11 million families got double their "share" of the income.

In fact, the top 5 percent of our families (about 2,800,000 of them) had just about the same income in 1975 as the 22,000,000 families at the poor end of the totem pole.

Census Bureau reports that blacks make up a whopping 20 percent of the poorest fifth of our families which got little income, but only a handful of black families (3.8 percent) are in the top 20 percent getting most of the money.

President Carter surely knows that those figures do not represent

any recent phenomenon. They symbolize the American way of life—as evidenced by the fact that the pattern of income distribution in 1975 was almost precisely the same as in 1948 or 1968 or any other year you wish to name.

Part of the cynicism about Mr. Carter and his promises relates to the question of whether he really intends to try to alter income distribution in America. His Budget Director, Bert Lance, suggested to a few of us at breakfast a few days ago that he doesn't think that is the President's primary goal in pushing for tax reform.

Lance said he doesn't think it's Mr. Carter's intention to take from those who have money and give to those who don't have any.

But what kind of meaningful tax reform can there be if it doesn't achieve this result to a significant degree?

The reason real tax reform "never quite happens" is that it involves some serious changing of "the American way," or what is loosely called "the free enterprise system." We wait to see if the President is committed heart and soul to this complete overhaul of our tax system.

Alliance Pickets Hunt

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Carter supported the cause of a man dubbed a Soviet dissident by the Western press. The Soviets responded by focusing on cases of the Wilmington 10 and the Charlotte Three as examples of denial of human rights by the U. S. to U. S. citizens.

The case is clearly becoming an embarrassing situation to North-Carolina officials. North Carolina Attorney General Rufus Edmisten said last week he wanted the case resolved soon because it was taking up too much of the state officials' time. Governor Hunt said, following the azalea planting ceremony, that he, too, wanted an early resolve of the six year old case.

The last criminal case which involved as much international publicity and attention by North Carolina officials was the alleged kidnapping of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Stegall by Robert Williams of Monroe. Williams, then a member of the NAACP had called on the Cuban government to support the struggle of black Americans in Monroe for economic, social and political justice which were contained in a ten point program.

So much international attention was called to that case that present Assistant for Minority Affairs to Governor James Hunt, Dr. John Larkins, was sent to Monroe by then Governor Terry Sanford to find out what Williams wanted.

Larkins reportedly told Williams that the ten point program was unrealistic. Williams' calls for protection from white vigilante attacks to Larkins and appointment for Sanford Hugh Canon went unheeded. Williams, in a book he published in 1968, called Larkins an "Uncle Tom". Larkins denied Williams' charge. Larkins also conducted a similar investigation on the Wilmington 10 case recently.

As freedom riders came into Monroe in the Spring of 1961, much like Rev. Ben Chavis went into Wilmington in 1971, the Klan mobilized resistance of reactionary whites in record numbers which reached 4,000 in the summer of 1961 when Williams fled Monroe for his safety and lived in exile of the United States. He returned for trial on the kidnapping charge in February, 1976 and was acquitted in the Spring of 1976.

NCCU Students Meeting Top Professionals In Atlanta

ATLANTA, GA. — After a year of fund-raising activity, thirty-nine North Carolina Central University students are meeting the top professionals in their field in Atlanta this week at the annual meeting of the American Society for Public Administration.

Among the professionals the public administration majors from the Durham university are meeting are several of the authors of their textbooks. The students are also participating in panel discussions on the latest developments in public administration. Accompanying the group to Atlanta are Dr. Tyrone Baines, director of the public administration program at NCCU, and six other faculty members: Earl Brown, Clarence Brown, Don Combs, Mrs. Ruby S. Hargrove, Dr. Michael McKinney, and Arl Williams.

NCCU's public administration program, part of the university's political science department receives funding from

UNC Board of Governors Plan Visit To FSU

FAYETTEVILLE — The Board of Governors of the University of North Carolina System will make a two day visit to the campus of Fayetteville State University, April 7-8, university officials announced recently.

The current Chairman of the Board of Governors is William A. Johnson of Lillington; Mrs. Howard Holderness, Greensboro, is Vice-Chairman and Dr. E. B. Turner, of Lumberton serves as Secretary. FSU is currently in the midst of its Centennial Year Celebration, (founded in 1877) and is the second oldest state supported institution in North Carolina.

the W. K. Kellogg Foundation. 1972 and now has 130 majors. The program was founded in [See NCCU Page 3]

Livingstone College Gets Final Allocation

SALISBURY — Livingstone College received its final allocation from the United Negro College Fund campaign. The check just received brings Livingstone's allocation from the New York office to \$194,819.53. This is in addition to \$109,585.44 raised in the joint UNCF-Livingstone College campaign.

The \$13.5 million raised in 1976, sets an all-time record for the Fund's aid to its member institutions.

The UNCF exists for one purpose: to raise money and provide services for its 41 fully accredited colleges and universities. Dr. F. George Shipman, president of Livingstone College, in commenting on the total amount of allocation for 1976 said "I am pleasantly surprised and thoroughly grateful for this kind of financial support."

He expressed joy and delight that the national campaign had done so well and expressed confidence that the American public does have a commitment to these institutions. He alluded to several large gifts to the national campaign including \$300,000 from the Lilly Endowment, Inc.; \$200,000 from UPS Foundation; and \$175,000 each from the General Motors Corp. and the Andrew Mellon Foundation as the pace setters and great friends of UNCF and its member institutions. The largest corporate donor in addition to General Motors was Johnson Publishing Co.

Dr. Shipman declared "We at Livingstone are committed to UNCF and its annual campaigns as a vital source of financial aid." He stated further that "Voluntary leadership and financial contributions of leaders from the Salisbury-Rowan area and the satellite communities solicited by Livingstone have been a great inspiration and a significant source of help for Livingstone." He was very high in praise for George H. Pounds III, plant manager of Fiber Industries, Inc., campaign chairman; Wiley I. Lash, local businessman, co-chairman; Mrs. Samuel R. Johnson, chairperson, women's division and R. O. Everett, senior vice president, Wachovia Bank and Trust Co., local treasurer for UNCF. Many, many interested and generous friends contributed to the success of the 1976 UNCF - Livingstone campaign.

DURHAMITE GETS MARINE CORPS PROMOTION

Marine Corporal Johnnie E. Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Marshall of 805 Drew St., Durham, has been promoted to his present rank while serving with First Marine Aircraft Wing, Marine Corps Air Station, Futema, Okinawa. He joined the Marine Corps in December 1974.

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Parents Day At St. Aug. Sunday

RALEIGH — The Ninth Annual Parent's Day will be held at Saint Augustine's College on April 3 at 10:30 a.m. in the Emery Building. The speaker for the occasion will be Father Clyde E. Beatty, the College Chaplain.

Other highlights of the program will include an All-College Dinner for parents, the college students, and high

school seniors who will be visiting. The Pershing Rifles Drill Team will perform at 2 p.m. on the College Mall in front of the College Union; the Pershingettes at 2:20 p.m. in the Emery Building. The College Concert Band will be featured at 2:30 p.m. and the Gospel Choir in concert at 3 p.m. also in Emery.

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