

Fayetteville Happenings

By Mrs. T.H. Kinney

Benjamin Ruffin, special assistant for minority affairs to Governor Jim Hunt, was guest speaker at Fayetteville State University recently on behalf of Black History Month.

His topic was the "Role of Black Colleges." Ruffin called on the local communities and institutions for support. He suggested that blacks be more supportive of organizations such as the NAACP. It is felt that when students, faculty, administrators and guests attended all assemblies and Vesper services during the yesteryears, there was more togetherness. A thought — maybe we should return to that type of campus support thus bringing town (community) and gown (educational institution) together.

Happy Birthday anniversary to Herbert Hodges, Jr., Brian Marsh, Ms. Lena Cooper and especially to Eddie Knight from relatives and friends.

The Omega Beta chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., observed "Finer Womanhood" in a week of various activities.

One in particular was held Monday night past in the Blue Room, Rudolph Jones Student Center, Fayetteville State University. Their theme: "Enhancing Leadership Skills for Community Outreach Services: A Priority for the 80's". Soror Carolyn Johnson presided. Invocation was given by Soror Sher-Lene Newkirk. The Occasion was given by Soror Kimberly Brisbon. Soror Denise Hempstead gave the welcome. IZ Cordelia Burden sang a solo. Soror Jeanette Council, Supervisor of Fayetteville City Elementary Schools, was the guest speaker. Soror Catherine Thompson recognized the guests. Soror G.T. Hollingsworth, Basileus of the Graduate Chapter, made special remarks. Soror Wanda Wesley made the Closing Thought.

The members of the Class of 1961 of E.E. Smith High made plans for their 20th class reunion celebration. For more information, call 483-5434.

Ms. Sharon Denise Drake, 1335 Levy Drive, has been named to the dean's list for the fall semester at Howard University.

La Madrinna Toastmistress Club held its speech contest on Tuesday evening at Emily's Restaurant. Mrs. Loritha Thompson, who spoke on "Mystery — The Beauty Treatment", was awarded first place. Mrs. Catherine Adams, who spoke on "Symbols — The Big Influence", was awarded second place. President Nora McLain presided. Mrs. Jessie DeVane served as Toastmistress. Mrs. Jewell Waddell, president, Council IV Blue Ridge Region, presented the awards. Mrs. I. Fowler, Mrs. V. Davis and Ms. C. Thompson served as judges.

Women of the Chapel at Fort Bragg and Pope Air Force Base will be hostesses to churchwomen of the Greater Fayetteville Area at World Day of Prayer at 10 a.m. on March 6 at the Installation Chapel on Ethridge Drive. Call 822-1009.

Area Jehovah's Witnesses will hold a two-day circuit convention during this weekend at Cumberland County Memorial Auditorium. Approximately 2,000 persons are expected. Theme: "Facing the Future with Faith and Courage." At 2 p.m., the featured address is open to the public.

On March 6-7 a debate and seminar on "Creation or Evolution" will be held at Fayetteville State University in Seabrook Auditorium. Various persons from various universities are included on the programs.

Fayetteville Urban Ministry will conduct a class for volunteer Adult Reading Program tutors March 10, 12, 17 and 19 from 6 to 10 o'clock each evening in Horace Sisk Building. Call 483-5944.

Lenton Season begins Ash Wednesday, March 4. Lent comes from an old English word meaning springtime. Many Christians observe Lent by fasting, giv-

ing alms or abstaining from amusements. Lent is the forty-day season of spiritual Easter preparation.

Ms. Jacqueline Riggins and Christopher R. Brewington, both of nearby St. Pauls, were married Saturday afternoon in the Second New Light Baptist Church with the Rev. Ollie Miller and the Rev. James Simpson officiating.

A reception was held in the church fellowship hall. The bride is employed with Carolina Footwear of Lumberton. The bridegroom is a senior airman in the U.S. Air Force.

The couple will live in Goldsboro.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Vann and children visited relatives in Goldsboro for the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacobs and children visited relatives in Charlotte recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Flinch and their children spent the weekend in Chapel Hill.

Dry weather conditions have caused the County Health Department to stop issuing outdoor burning permits.

Mrs. Evelyn Mason was awarded first place by Council Toastmistress president, Mrs. Jewell Waddell. The subject of her talk was "Fascination." Mrs. Affie Ray served as Toastmistress. This was Skyway Toastmistress Club's tenth annual speech contest.

Funeral services for James A. M. Dougald, 60, of 115 Scott Avenue, were held Sunday afternoon at Spring Hill Baptist Church. Sympathy is extended to the members of his family.

Funeral services for Roger Taft McKeithan, 58, of Route 1, Wade, were held Saturday afternoon at Mount Olive Free Will Baptist Church. Bishop McLean officiated. Sympathy is extended to the members of his family.

Mrs. Maggie T. Sawyer, 92, of 200 Treadway Court, died. Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at Stephen Rodgers Funeral Home. Rev. Harry J. Miller, Jr., officiated. Sympathy is extended to members of her family.

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Dental Plans To Be Surveyed

Prepaid dental plans, which may lead to better oral health by encouraging preventive care, are the subject of a two million dollar nationwide survey being conducted by Research Triangle Institute for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

About one of every five persons in the nation had prepaid coverage in 1977, and the American Dental Association estimates that the number now has increased to one in three.

The majority receive coverage as a fringe benefit from their employers.

"Most people know that when they get higher wages they'll also pay higher taxes, and thus take home a portion of a raise," said Research Triangle Institute sociologist Arthur Bonito, who heads the survey. "Workers and employers see dental prepayment as one way of getting full benefit because every family has dental care needs."

Working with the American Dental Association, RTI survey specialists will visit 1,370 households which are covered by prepayment

plans and an equal number which are not. Dentists will examine everyone in each household, and RTI's interviewers will gather information about their use of dental care services.

Bonito and other RTI analysts will compare results from both sets of households to learn how prepayment plans influence the use of dental care and how they affect dental health among plan members. The survey will be completed in the summer of 1982.

"The expectation is that because prepayment plans remove financial barriers to going to the dentist, people's oral health will improve," Bonito said. "A lot of people don't go to the dentist regularly because they know that cleaning, X-rays and an exam will run twenty to thirty dollars each visit."

Survey results will help insurance carriers, employers and government agencies plan prepayment programs to reduce the health and economic impacts of oral diseases and tooth neglect.

They will also help the dental profession in assessing its needs for

future manpower and services.

"Dental prepayment may be following the very same pattern that hospitalization coverage followed thirty years ago," Bonito said. "Many forecasters feel it will eventually become a standard worker benefit, just as today ninety per cent of the population has basic hospitalization coverage."

Research Triangle Institute is separately-

operated, not-for-profit affiliate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Duke University and North Carolina State University. Under contract to industry and government clients, RTI's staff of 1200 carries out approximately \$50 million of research annually in the physical and social sciences.

THE SIXTH ANNUAL EARLY EDUCATION WORKSHOP

co-sponsored by the Durham Day Care Council and Durham Technical Institute, will be held March 27-28. Ms. Helen Stahl, director of Beth-El Preschool, is chairman of the workshop which will offer topics of interest to parents, teachers, program directors.

SIXTY YEARS OR OVER? The Retired Senior Volunteer Program needs you to help with the vision screening of pre-school children in day care centers. A three hour training session, directed by a registered nurse, will be provided.

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