

Daughters of Isis Adds New Program

Imperial Commandress Dorothy J. Scott of the Imperial Court, Daughters of Isis, has appointed two North Carolinians to head a new Department on Cancer and Lung Disease for the organization. They are Mrs. Gloria Ramsey of High Point, Imperial Directress and Program Coordinator, and Mrs. Betty Parham of Roxboro, Deputy Imperial Directress.

Mrs. Ramsey will work with the American Cancer Society and the American Lung Association in promoting programs on regional and local levels. Mrs. Ramsey, a past illustrious Commandress of Abdallah Court No. 166, High Point, has served on several Imperial Committees and is employed with the Guilford County Board of Education as a Vocational Coordinator/Counselor.

Mrs. Parham is a past illustrious Commandress of El Jebel Court No. 48, Burlington. She is employed at the Veterans Administration Medical Center, Durham, as a psychiatric social worker and holds a faculty appointment at Duke University as Clinical Associate in Social Work, Department of Psychiatry.

Other staff include Mrs. Rosa Lee Sharpe, a past illustrious Commandress of Zafa Court No. 41, Durham. She is the Outreach Coordinator. Mrs. Helen Long, Abdallah Court No. 166, High Point is the Recordress for the new department.

The Daughters of Isis in North Carolina sponsored a kick-off Workshop on Cancer and Lung Disease on Saturday, February 21, in High Point at the Top of the Mart Restaurant. The program agenda was provided by the American Cancer and Lung Association and the Piedmont Triad Lung Association.

Approximately 150 persons attended. Persons attending from Roxboro-Burlington representing El Jebel Court No. 48 were: Mmes. Katherine Lawson, illustrious Commandress; Shirley Lester, Betty Parham, Helen Allen, Helen Hicks, Debra Barnette, Jane Williams, Oliva Fuller, Pearl Coble, Rachael Barnette, Jean Thompson and representatives from other organizations were: Cynthia Woods, Essence of Beauty Club, Vanessa Farrar, Health Department, Gail Glenn, Teachers Aide, Public School System and Anne Holland, James T. Diggs, No. 308 Assembly.

Participants were told that breast cancer strikes 109,000 American women every year. One of eleven women is destined to get breast cancer during a life time. Cancer is also the major killer of women primarily in the age group from 40-44. Cancer strikes men but very infrequently. Mrs. Rosa Stanback, National Cancer Society cited blacks as having an overall cancer increase of eight per cent with a three per cent drop for whites during the past decade.

Mrs. Nancy Doyle, American Lung Association, also cited a higher mortality rate of lung cancer with smoking as a major contributor. The differences in the black-white ratio were attributed to environmental and social factors, i.e., lower socio-economic group and exposure to industrial conditions.

The Daughters of Isis membership consists of 90,000 members throughout the United States and abroad without regard to race or national origin. Imperial Commandress Scott told the group that similar programs will be launched through the sixteen Courts in North Carolina and throughout the United States.

For this area, Mrs. Parham will coordinate community resources and encourage other organizations to participate with El Jebel Court in promoting health programs. The target areas will be directed toward women and the hard to reach areas of our counties so as to divert the rising statistics of cancer in women.

Thrifty Service Club

Mrs. Genevieve Rogers entertained the Thrifty Service Club on her birthday anniversary. She opened with devotion including a birthday prayer and a poem read by Mrs. Beatrice Holeman.

Plans were made for the Easter Monday breakfast. After the business session, members sang the birthday song to Mrs. Rogers. She received beautiful and useful gifts.

Mrs. Rogers served a delicious repast. Those attending the meeting were: Mrs. Effie Thompson, a guest; Members Laura Thorpe, Pauline Hart, Pearl Walker, Elora Ransom, Beatrice Holeman, Rosetta Cobb, Pauline Boxley, Aldine Mebane, Annie Alston, Milie Williams, Lula Hester, Mattie Jones, Willie M. Jones, Louise Thompson, Retha Core, Bessie Adams, Vergie Mangum, Mary Vanhook, Lillie Adams and Ozell Flowers.

Mrs. Pauline Hart thanked the hostess for a lovely evening. Mrs. Ransom asked the blessing and said the dismissal.

The next meeting will be at the home of the president, Mrs. Aline Davis.

Male Chorus Anniversary At Orange Grove

The Male Chorus of Orange Grove Baptist Church, East End Avenue, will have its First Anniversary, Sunday, March 15 at 5 p.m.

Music will be rendered by the Good Hope Male Chorus, Knightdale; Community Baptist Male Chorus, and Zion Temple Chorus.

Rev. James Daniel is pastor of Orange Grove.

Black History Contest Successful

By Tressie L. Jeffers
One hundred sixty students who participated in the first Black History contest, their parents and their school personnel will meet at the Stanford L. Warren Library on Fayetteville Street Saturday, March 14, at 12 noon, to participate in an awards program.

Dr. Cleveland Hammonds, Durham City Schools superintendent, will address the group on

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ther, the Commission is authorized to investigate, mediate, and conciliate complaints alleging discrimination in employment, public accommodation, and housing because of race, religion, color, sex and national origin.

To date, the Commission has not fully exercised its authority to investigate, however Joe Becton, director, is looking forward to this, and to the commission having legal power similar to the EEOC.

Becton reported that he had recently visited the Greensboro office of HUD and became more informed on ways to implement the "New Horizons" program that Durham has adopted. Becton also reported that he had made a request to the Public Activities Committee to act as a catalyst for the Centennial celebration by starting with a Sunrise Service on Sunday, April 26, possibly to be held in Durham County Stadium.

Marty Pierson, head of the Government Liaison Committee recommended to the Commission the setting up of an *ad hoc* committee to enforce the "New Horizons" project. The Commission unanimously agreed that such a committee should be set up.

There was some uncertainty about some wording in the "Memorandum of Understanding" between the City and HUD. City Manager Barry DelCastillo addressed the Commission saying that his "office feels uncertain about the wording of the city contract in relation to the model 'Memorandum of Understanding' set up by HUD, as to whether or not the City's form would be acceptable to HUD in Greensboro, although the City has no 'substantial difference' in its wording."

Chairman Banks said he would like to see more interest in the Human Relations Commission. "There are a lot of things that we, the Commission, could get people involved in. We could be more informative if we had the community attending the meetings. Our main power is limited, but if we could get people from the community to work in some of these sub-committees, then possibly gripes that never reach us could be solved."

Commission meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month in the City Council Chamber at City Hall.

"The Challenge of Black History"; Mrs. Josephine D. Clement, chairman of the City Board of Education; and, Willie Lovett, chairman of the Durham Committee on the Affairs of Black People, will present the awards.

The awards program will culminate an essay contest on "Black History: Role Model for Youth," sponsored by the Durham City Schools, the Stanford L. Warren Library and the Durham Committee on the Affairs of Black People.

Black Party

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of the total black community regarding the structure, goals and purposes of the National Black Independent Political Party. After a successful mass meeting on March 1, the Durham local organizing chapter will be the first one certified in North Carolina.

Regional mass meetings are part of the NBIPP-NC statewide organizing drive to build strong local chapters and to mobilize for the state party convention to be held in Rocky Mount June 19-21. The state party convention, which is planned to be the largest show of unity by

The contest was offered in four categories: grades 1-3, 4-6, 7-8, and 9-12. Three first, second and third cash prizes will be awarded in each category, and winners will be announced at Saturday's program.

Mrs. Claronnel K. Brown, the City Schools coordinator for the contest, said that she was elated over the fine response from the pupils in the contest.

"I think that it is wonderful the way these young people responded

blacks in this state, is for the purpose of preparing North Carolina's positions for presentation at the National Party Congress in Chicago, Illinois August 21-24.

Rev. Rebecca Johnson, pastor of the Paradise AME Zion Church in Harnett County, presented a house-shaking scriptural analysis which compared building a black independent political party to the wise man who built his house on rock, and it was not destroyed by the winds and the flood. She said, "Our dependence on the Democratic and Republican parties is like the foolish man who built his house on sand, and the

to this first contest," said Mrs. Brown.

Many Durham City Schools teachers entered their students in the essay contest and directed them through the completion of the project. Five hundred students joined the contest; 160 students completed an essay.

Invitations for Saturday's program have been distributed to the student contestants, their parents, and the personnel of their schools; however, the public is invited to attend the program.

winds of discrimination, the flood of budget cutbacks and the rain of injustice destroyed it."

After an explanation of "Reaganomics", a resolution was passed opposing "Reaganomics" as a direct attack on all black people. A resolution was passed condemning the murders of black children in Atlanta. It is proposed that all local chapters and the national party take similar positions. All local chapters will be asked to seek resolutions from their city councils and county commissioners condemning the murders of black children and recognizing the obligation of the government to black children. The party is continuing to grow, organizing efforts are intensifying, and all members are pleased with the organizing effort.



Doctor of Humanities

Dr. Leroy T. Walker, professor of physical education at North Carolina Central University, was awarded the honorary Doctor of Humanities degree February 26 at The Defiance College, Defiance, Ohio. Dr. Walker, shown speaking to his Defiance College audience, was invited to the Ohio campus by Defiance President Marvin Ludwig. Drs. Walker and Ludwig became acquainted in the early 1960s when Ludwig was director of YMCA programs in Ethiopia and Walker visited that country while participating with the U.S. State Department's Cultural Exchange Program.

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