

Durham Social Notes Of Interest

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Red Mountain Baptist Church will observe Woman's Day Sunday, May 17, at 11 a.m. Guest speaker will be Mrs. Nancy Grady.

Red Mountain Baptist Church will be worshipping at a new location — the Convention Hall on Guess Road near Caine's Chapel Church. Everyone is invited to attend. Rev. Cureton Johnson is the pastor.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. James Hester, Jr. on the birth of a daughter, April Lynette Hester. Mrs. (Deborah) Hester is employed at Lincoln Community Health Center. Her husband is stationed at New London, Conn.

The Seventeenth Annual Cinderella-Cotillion Ball sponsored by Zeta Pi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., in Fayetteville, was held Saturday, May 9, at

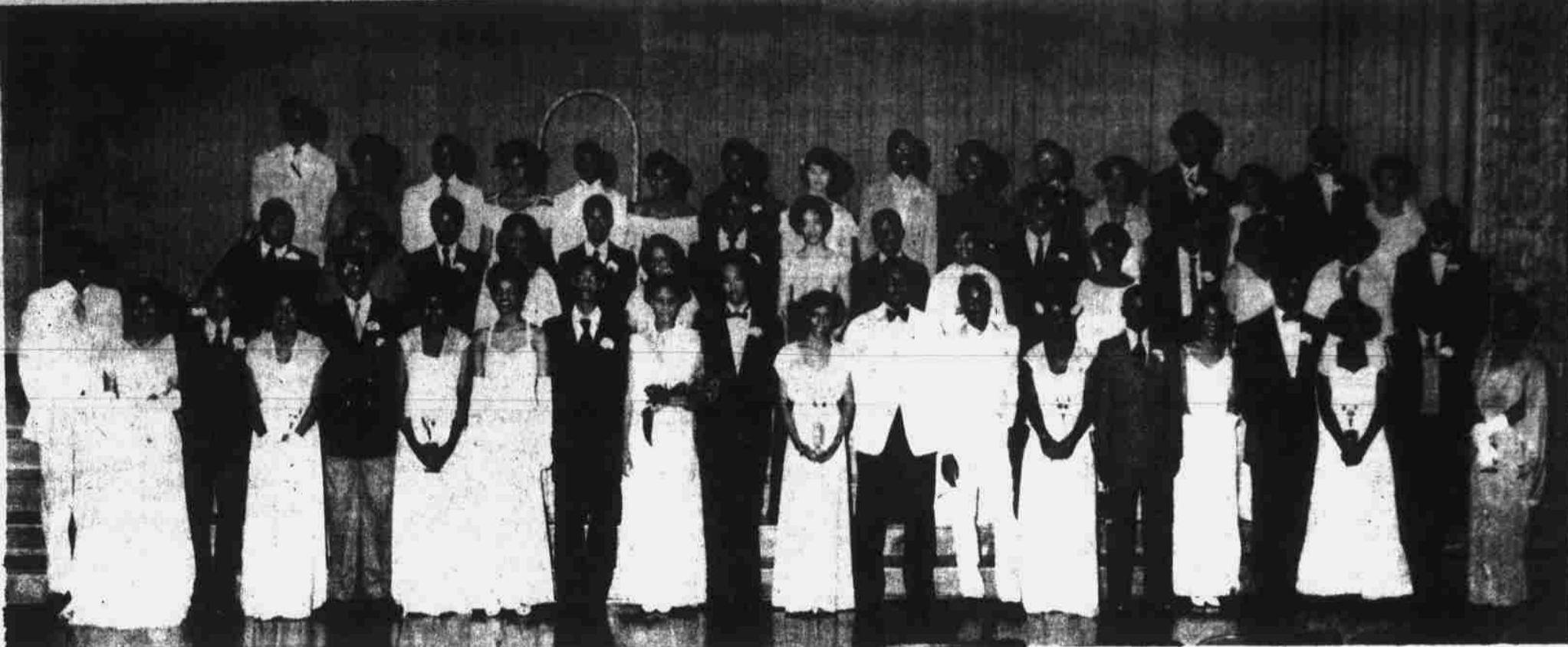
the E.E. Smith Senior High Gymnasium.

Miss Cinderella 1981 is Miss Sharon Loletha Washington; Miss Cotillion of 1981 is Miss Patricia Denise Taliaferro, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe L. Taliaferro.

Happy birthday to Eugene Bass and Mrs. Regina Bass Maulsby.

The Mill Grove Betterment League Council held its monthly meeting Monday evening, May 4, at Mount Level Baptist Church on Jim Lyon Road. Mrs. Roumania Lipscomb was reelected president. Other officers for 1981 are: Mrs. Marie Scoggins, vice president; Mrs. Anna Patterson, secretary; Mrs. Syminer Daye, assistant secretary; Robert Hall, treasurer; Hubert Dunnegan, chaplain.

The Floral Committee members are: Mesdames



YOUNG LADIES WHO PARTICIPATED IN TAUGADETTA AND THEIR ESCORTS

Luretha Hall, Emma Holman, Mildred Neal, Annie M. Fuller and Roumania Lipscomb.

Other members present were: Alfred Scoggins, Sr., Duke Lipscomb, Orange Lipscomb, Ms. Emma Holman, Ms. Luretha Hall, Clarence Hilliard, Mrs. Mildred

Neal and Rev. C.L. Dunston.

Sincere sympathy to the families of: Mrs. Maggie Whitted, Mrs. Nellie Bynum, Preston Pickett, Timothy Barnes

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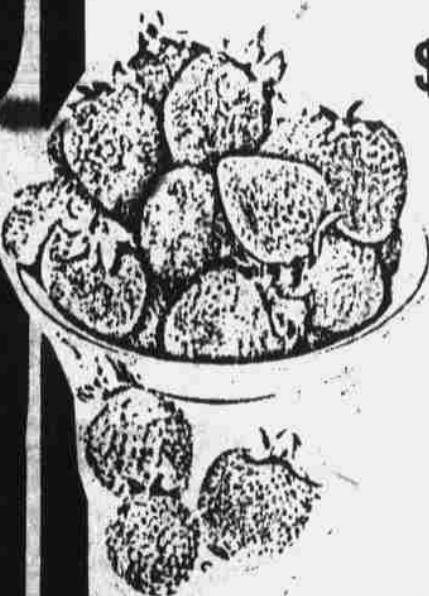
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Miss Taugadetta and Runners-Up

Miss Lori McFadden, center, was crowned "Miss Taugadetta 1981" at the annual Taugadetta sponsored by Tau Gamma Delta Sorority. Left is Miss Pamela Scott, first runner-up; right is Miss Donna Brodie, second runner-up. The coronation ceremony was held on Friday, April 10, at Shepard Junior High School.

Deltas Sponsor Conference On Black Youth

Approximately 500 students, parents, educators, administrators and educational policy makers, representing over 26 cities throughout the nation, convened at a national education conference in Detroit and developed strategies to reduce the increasing problem of the black student failure syndrome.

The conference, "Educating Black Youth for Survival and Advancement in the 80s," was sponsored by Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., April 24-26.

Two major strategies identified were: to increase the student's self-esteem and to increase parental involvement.

Conference delegates were charged by several persons addressing the conference to take necessary action to improve the educational system for black youth. Speaking at the parley were: Congressman Walter Fauntroy (D-D.C.), chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus; Dr. Vincent Reed, assistant secretary designate for Elementary and Secondary, U.S. Department of Education; Dr. Mary Berry, honorary co-chairperson of the conference and commissioner and vice-chairperson of the U.S. Commission of Civil Rights; Ms. Maria Wright Edelman, president of the Children's Defense Fund; and Dr. Benjamin Mays, honorary co-chairperson of the conference and president emeritus of Morehouse College.

The conference participants were grouped into "teams" from the target areas. Each team consisted of a student, parent, educator or administrator from the same locality. The teams met in working session, identifying educational concerns/problems and determining ways to handle the matters.

A variety of projects were developed by the conference participants to improve black students' self-esteem and to gain more parental involvement. Some of the suggested projects area to expose the students to black history both at home and in our school; to implement "yes I can" activities; to expose students to positive black role models; and to conduct parental training programs.

In addition to the youth team members, over 400 youth from the states of Michigan and Ohio participated in a teen conference which discussed motivation and student rights and responsibilities. Key issues expressed by the youth participants were: racism, teenage pregnancy and teenage sexuality.

Dr. Arthur Thomas, vice president for Academic Affairs at Central State University, emphasized to the youth the importance of learning black history and striving for academic excellence. Attorney Junious Williams facilitated the workshop on student rights and responsibilities. A general consensus also shared by conference participants was that black youth need not only a formal education, but that students need to be taught survival skills on how to make it as citizens in the community, encompassing how to make a decision, problem solving, basic communication skills, understanding the ability to compete, etc. It was suggested that this could be achieved through exposing youth to many aspects of life (outside of classroom instruction) and/or by adding such concerns to a school's curriculum. It was also suggested that school administrators consider continuous training programs for teachers which aim for maintaining teacher competency. Ms. Mona Humphries Bailey, national president of Delta Sigma Theta, presented educational leadership awards to the conference honorary co-chairpersons, Dr. Berry and Dr. Mays. Other persons participating in the weekend conference were: Chuck