

Durham Social
Notes Of Interest

By Mrs. Symner Daye 477-3370

Congratulations to all graduates. Please continue in school.

The Fifth Annual Scholarship Fund Service sponsored by the R. G. Lipscomb Bible Class of Mount Level Baptist Church will be observed Sunday, June 14, at 11 a.m. The guest speaker will be Rev. Albert D. Love, administrative assistant, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, Atlanta, Ga.

Rev. Love is a Durham native and a graduate of Merrick-Moore High School, St. Augustine's College, Raleigh, and Atlanta University School of Social Work. He is the son of Mrs. Geneva Love and the late Herbert Love of the Mill Grove Community and former member of Mount Level.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend this special service. Rev. C.L. Dunstan is the pastor.

Mrs. Eleanor Harris of Durham was a delegate of New Harris Grove CME Church, Rougemont to the District Conference in Charlotte recently. She was the house guest of Ms. Brenda Bowden.

Miss Portia Scott is attending summer school at Ferrum, Va., and Owen Scott is attending summer school at Hampton, Va. They are the daughter and son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Scott of Durham and grandchildren of Mrs. Eleanor Harris.

Mr. and Mrs. Wazzell Irving and Spencer Irving, Jr., who spent several days with their mother, Mrs. Doris Irving in Durham, have returned to their homes in Indianapolis.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Lipscomb and daughter, who live in Japan (in service) are visiting his mother, Mrs. Annie Lipscomb, and sisters and brothers in Durham.

Miss Lydia Harris is attending summer school at A&T State University in Greensboro. She is the daughter of Dr. B.W. and Mrs. Hazel Harris, Greensboro, and the granddaughter of Mrs. Eleanor Harris, Durham.

Congratulations and best wishes to newlyweds, Mr. and Mrs. Ricki Herndon, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin A. Dinkins.

The Drucilla Chapter 19, Arts & Crafts, held its Third Annual Banquet Friday, June 5, in the Fellowship Hall at White Rock Baptist Church.

Program participants were Ms. Elizabeth Burroughs, presiding; Willie Salter, Ms. Jamesetta Salter, Ms. Thelma Bullock, Robert Thomas and Mrs. Virginia W. Alston, the guest speaker.

Please pray for the sick and shut-in: Mesdames Harriett Mabry, Daisy Daye, Hattie Parrish, Pearl Foskey, Estelle Nixon, Ruth Satterwhite, Georgianna Ray, Annie Roberts, Hallie Bass, Callie Glenn, Mollie Daye, Ella Mangum, Mayola Holman, Cleo Hailey, Elenora Johnson, Henrietta Burton, Annie Myers, Edna Charles, Fannie Alexander, Gloria Palmer, Maggie Parker, Pearl Moore and Daisy Harvin; Messrs. Hosea Moore, W.A. Harris, Robert Lee Harris, Lucious Glenn, Larry Turrentine, Erwin Lyons, Barris Coley, Donnie Hawley, Joseph Wade, Nathan Green, Floyd Brandon, Broadie Daye.

The PAC held its monthly meeting Wednesday, June 3, at the Whitted School building. The vice chairman, Joseph Parker, presided. Mrs. Karen Watson of Equal Opportunities Programs (Affirmative Action Plans) was the main speaker. Several members were present.

Sincere and heartfelt sympathy to the families of: Mrs. Gladys Best, Mrs. Martha H. Prince, and James W. McDaniels.

Retirees Total
Over 450 Years
Of Service

By Trelle L. Jeffers
At its regular school board meeting Monday night, June 8, the Durham City Board of Education honored 25 retiring personnel who amassed more than 450 years of service in the school system.

Those retiring are Mrs. Annabelle Selph, 38 years; Herman Nelson, 37 years; Frank Evans, 26 years; Mrs. Arimenthis F. Stephenson, 28.5 years; Samuel Arbes, 16.7 years; Mrs. Estelle Belcher, 20 years; Mrs. Andolia Eaton, 24 years; John H. Gattis, 38 years; Mrs. Johnetta George, 37 years; Mrs. Mary Grant, 41 years; Mrs. Nannie C. Green, 33 years; Mrs. Lottie Mason, 23 years; Mrs. Eddy L. Michaux, 41 years; Mrs. Lelia P. Sharpe, 35 years; Mrs. Mary Ball, 18.8 years; Mrs. Inez D. Harring, 6.6 years; Mrs. Mable Nevins, 14.9 years; Mrs. Edith Rasberry, 12 years; Mrs. Millie S. Love, 16 years; Mrs. Mollie C. Dixon, 13.8 years; William Bass, Jr., 21.5 years; Joseph Murray, 14.5 years; Mrs. Mattie L. Williams, 20.8 years, and Frank J. Womble, 13.7 years.

Dr. Cleveland Hammonds, the Durham City Schools superintendent, presented the retirees with certificates of appreciation and the school board honored them with a reception at the conclusion of the meeting.

OTHER MATTERS

The school board also held an open meeting on the middle school Monday night in which it invited parents and other persons present to participate.

The discussion centered mainly around the cost factor for implementation, the appropriate structure required, teacher training necessary to adapt to a middle school, and administrative skills necessary for evaluation and supervision.

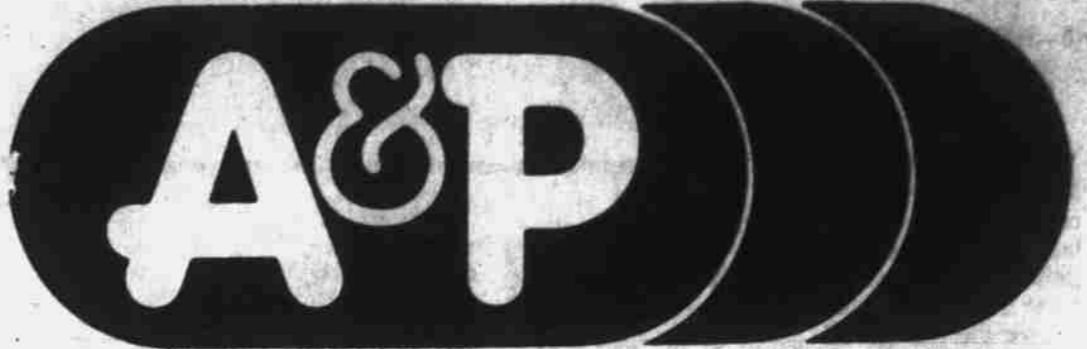
Dr. Hammonds, who answered most of the questions asked, said that administrators would require reorientation, that staff development training would be necessary for teachers, that the present buildings are adequate for a middle school, and that if the board decides to adopt the concept, no new structures would be required.

Dr. Hammonds also assured the school board that if it decided to recommend the middle school concept for the system, he would suggest that it be discontinued in the event that it did not serve a useful purpose.

The focus of the middle school-junior high school discussion has resulted from an attempt to develop a solution for the low performance of ninth graders on national test scores. The theory is that the present transition from elementary school — seventh and eighth grades — does not offer adequate preparation for success in the senior high school.

When reference was made to the ninth grade dropout problem, Dr. Hammonds said, "I maintain that the dropout problem is an educational problem. The argument for a middle school is that it will operate during the crucial years (of a pupil's life). If you improve the organization, you will improve the student's chances for success. A well-prepared student will not want to leave school."

The school board will continue its open discussion on the middle school at its regular June 22 meeting.



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