



REPRESENTATIVES OF ORGANIZATIONS which sponsored the first Black History Essay Contest honoring the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., received compilations of over 160 essays. They are (l-r): Willie C. Lovette, chairman of the Durham Committee on the Affairs of Black People; Miss Shirley Brown, Stanford Warren Library; Dr. Frank Weaver, Durham City Schools; Mrs. C. K. Brown, Science-Math supervisor in the Durham City Schools, was the presenter and liaison person for the contest.

Mrs. Elna B. Spaulding Files For Fifth Term

Mrs. Elna B. Spaulding filed Monday, January 11, for re-election to the Durham County Board of Commissioners.

In a prepared statement, Mrs. Spaulding said:

"I have enjoyed serving the citizens of Durham County as one of their County Commissioners for the past several years, during which I have tried to do so with empathy, compassion, understanding and fiscal responsibility. I am, therefore, seeking re-election on my record.

As other issues develop, I shall address myself to them with equal fervor and dedication to the public interest.

"We are still passing through crucial times in our economy. The burdens are heavy on those of low, fixed and middle incomes. Hence, the problems facing County Commissioners are difficult and many in number. To cope with them with any reasonable degree of satisfaction will require all the knowledge, experience, wisdom and sound judgement possi-

ble. I have grown in all these areas during my tenure in office.

"I am therefore seeking the opportunity to continue to serve the best interests of the total community, and ask for the continued support of the electorate."

Mrs. Spaulding has served on the board for four terms. Active in civic and social circles, she is well-known as a founder and former chairman of Women in Action for the Prevention of Violence and Its Causes, Inc.



Elna B. Spaulding

Black History Essay Contest To Honor M. L. King, Jr.

January 15, the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., is the kickoff date of the second annual Black History Essay Contest in the Durham community honoring the late civil rights activist. The theme for this year is "Black History: Blueprint for Survival" (national theme for Black History Month).

Sponsoring organizations are the Stanford L. Warren Branch Library, Durham Committee on the Affairs of Black People, the Durham City Schools and the Durham Community Education Department. The latter, joining the sponsorship group this year, has created a category under the title "General Youth of the Community."

An expanded involvement on the part of youth, parents, educators and the community in general is sought this year in the acceleration of efforts to help each individual find a worthwhile "Blueprint for Survival".

Contest rules are being sent to educators and other known concerned citizens on January 15. Additional information may be obtained from any one of the four sponsoring organizations.

The three organizations which sponsored the contest last year were presented copies of the compilation of more than 160 essays.

To Hold Public Meet On Airport Bond Referendum

A public meeting has been planned so that citizens can inform themselves about the Airport Bond Referendum to take place next month.

The League of Women Voters of Durham will sponsor the meeting and

announced that its purpose is to educate the citizens of Durham County on the meaning of the \$50 million bond referendum called for by the Raleigh-Durham Airport Authority. Wake County and Durham County residents will

vote on the issue February 23.

An educational slide/tape show will be presented by the Airport Authority telling the history of the airport, the airport's present capabilities and future needs, how expansion would affect the airport's service area, how people use airports, and other pertinent

facts. Durham's representatives to the RDU Airport Authority will be present, as will the Authority's executive director, Thomas McDowell. Durham's representatives to the Authority are A.C. Elkins, chairman, R.D. Adams, William A. Clement, and James Hawkins.

The meeting will be

held in the auditorium of the Durham County Library downtown at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, January 28. The public is invited without charge; citizens may ask questions from the audience. League officials stressed that the program must begin promptly at 7:30 because the Library closes at 9 p.m. For more information call 688-1920.

Durham Deltas Attend 15th Area Founders' Day

On Saturday, January 9, 25 members of the Durham Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta, Inc., attended the Fifteenth Area Founders' Day Observance in Roanoke Rapids. The national theme is "Delta's Impact on the 80's - Strategies for the Emerging Realities".

The speaker for the occasion was Dr. Lennie Marie P. Tolliver, Commissioner on Aging, Department of Health and Human Services. Dr. Tolliver urged black women to become more actively involved in making conditions better for

the nation's aged. In her speech, she quoted James Baldwin, who wrote: "Not everything that is faced can be changed, but nothing can be changed unless it is faced."

Dr. Tolliver, who was an instructor and acting supervisor with the

psychiatric social work unit at Duke University Medical Center from 1956 to 1958. During that time, she was member of the Durham Alumnae Chapter.

The trip was planned by Sorors Beatrice V. Allen and Ruth H. Thomas.

Student Bar Group To Sponsor Civil Rights Forum

The Student Bar Association of North Carolina Central University School of Law will sponsor a Civil Rights Forum on Wednesday, January 20, at 7 p.m., in the Moot Court Room of the Albert L. Turner Law Building.

Forum speakers will be Prof. Albert L. Broderick of NCCU School of Law who will discuss the 1965 Voting Rights Act, the affects it has had on minority voting patterns and the importance of its extension during the coming year; civil rights Attorney Julius Chambers of Charlotte who will

discuss busing to achieve integration, the effects it has had on the public school system, and the future of busing under the Reagan Administration; civil rights Attorney James Ferguson, also of Charlotte, who will discuss civil rights in the American Criminal Justice System.

A reception will follow in the Law School lobby.

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Year End Economic Review

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contingencies in the outlook is whether enough of the tax cuts will be saved to help finance a major part of the budget deficits they create. If so, the prospects will be greatly enhanced for a gradually better outlook over the years ahead.

The North Carolina economy holds good promise for continuing its above average performance. The state's industrial development and diversification efforts have during the last six years resulted in commitments for over \$10 billion of added capital investment estimated to create 170,000 new jobs. Some of these projects are still in the various stages of construction, staffing, and becoming fully operational. A modest but steady pattern of additional investment, new jobs and further diversification is expected to continue.

Nevertheless, the

North Carolina economy will, as in the past, mirror national trends to a substantial degree. However, the more diversified employment profile and cautious inventory positions of major consumer goods industries should enable the state to fare better than the national averages in most meaningful measures of economic well being. A favorable comparison has thus far been clearly evident in an unemployment rate which has been consistently tracking well below the nation.

The upward trend of jobless figures for the state which began during the fall seems certain to continue through December, reflecting careful inventory control, shortened production schedules, and prolonged holiday closings. The lagging unemployment statistics announced in the current month

will probably look progressively worse. This could prove temporary and be gradually reversed in the first quarter as 1982 comes into clearer focus, spring and summer orders firm up, and inventory building gets more earnestly under way.

As has been true for many of the past years, the performance of the state's and nation's economy for 1982 is likely to be closer to the optimistic side of the consensus forecast than to the pessimistic extreme. This is especially true for election years when the bias of fiscal policy tends toward stimulation. With enough perseverance and vision on the part of the American people and their political leaders, the next year could bring the first stage of a slow but sustainable turnaround in the country's economic fortunes.



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