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Words Of Wisdom
Happiness is a way-station between too little
and too much.
—Channing Pollock

The mintage of wisdom is to know that rest is
rust, and that real life is in love, laughter and
work.
—Elbert Hubbard

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People's Pilgrimage Begins Monday, April 19

By Donald Alderman

The executive planning committee, recently formed to organize the North Carolina leg of the Alabama to Washington pilgrimage, hammered out more plans and changed others at a meeting in Durham last Saturday.

Organizers decided to stage seven major rallies in North Carolina, consolidating some earlier planned routes. For the Triangle area, they decided to march and rally in Durham only instead of marching in Chapel Hill and Raleigh as originally planned. The rally in Durham is tentatively set on May 26.

The "People's Pilgrimage", initiated by the Atlanta-based Southern Christian Leadership Conference, is due to kick off Monday, April 19 in Tuskegee, Alabama, with marchers trekking through five southern states — Alabama, Georgia, the Carolinas and Virginia — before reaching the Nation's Capitol in late July or early August.

While in Durham recently, SCLC president Dr. Joseph Lowery said the pilgrimage is being staged in light of recent attacks on the rights of the poor and needy, in particular gains made by blacks during the sixties, including voting rights, and against a proposed federal budget that seems to feature hefty

defense spending at the expense of social services such as education aid and medical care for the elderly.

State organizers urge community members who are interested in participating to attend the next planning session at Russell Memorial CME Church, Education Building, Saturday, April 24.

Other rallying points in the Tar Heel state, where a national civil rights figure will speak and canvassing and voter registration will take place, include the state kick off march in Laurinburg on May 18, Fayetteville May 19, Winston-Salem May 23, Rocky Mount June 1, Greenville June 3 and Elizabeth City June 7.

During planning sessions, organizers seem to place heavy emphasis on voter registration and education. In fact, Dr. Lowery said getting more people, particularly blacks, on the voting books is the "heart" of the pilgrimage.

Still, organizers continue to wrestle with the painful question of how to convince traditional non-voters that participating in electoral politics can lead to a better quality of life. And as one organizer said, while the question was being pondered, "It's something we'll continue to mull over until we come up with some workable solutions."



PARTICIPANTS IN THE RECENT CHARLEMAE HILL ROLLOWS COLLOQUIUM at North Carolina Central University included, from left, Spencer Shaw, professor of library science, University of Washington; Ms. Barbara Rollock, coordinator of children's services, New York Public Library; Ashley Bryant, art director, Dartmouth College; Dr. Annette L. Phinazee, dean

of the NCCU School of Library Science (sponsor of the colloquium); and Mrs. Augusta Baker, storyteller-in-residence, University of South Carolina. Mrs. Baker, who is retired from the post of coordinator of children's services, New York Public Library (Ms. Rollock is her successor), was presented with an award recognizing her renown as a storyteller and her work with and for children.

Blacks To Discuss 21st Century Survival Strategy During Conference

By Milton Jordan

The world stands on the brink of a new century, and black Americans still struggle with survival issues. But this must change, and blacks must begin now developing strategies that will not only allow blacks to survive but to go beyond that plateau in Century 21.

According to Ms. Betty Copeland, chairman of the N.C. Association of Black Psychologists, this is the basic purpose of a one-day conference, scheduled for Durham next Saturday, April 24, in NCCU's Taylor Education Building auditorium. The conference will begin at 8:30 a.m. and end at 5:30 p.m.

Floyd B. McKissick, a longtime civil rights fighter and founder of Soul City, N.C., will keynote the conference. He will be joined by other local and regional black professionals, ranging from religionists to psychologists who will participate in workshops on the conference's six discussion areas. Topics of discussion are: child development, social service/budgetary concerns, politics, religion, health/mental health, and justice.

Members of the conference's planning committee discussed both the purposes and the objectives of the conference in a recent interview. "We think that a conference like this is a logical first step that must be taken to convey the facts of the situation we now face in this country," explained Ms. Marian Williams, who teaches nursing at Duke University, "and also a way to begin dispelling the myths that surround us."

On the question of child development, planning committee members agreed that conditions facing most black children are about "as bad as they can get," and that everyone in the black community, from parents to members of the various professional fields must unite to give black youth the basic foundation and the skills

to not just survive, but to succeed in the coming century.

Ms. Aline Britt, director of the Mount Vernon Day Care Center, discussed the focus of the social service/budgetary concerns workshop: "A lot of parents can't afford to pay the total tuition for day care services, and in the past much of this difference has been picked up by the department of social services. But with the budget cutbacks, there will be a lot of children sitting at home with their needs for developmental skills going unmet."

Ms. Britt said that among other things, many of Durham's day care centers are encouraging and showing mothers how to get involved with fundraising efforts for day care operations. But she also noted that this will yield but a small portion of the deficit between what poor parents can pay for day care, and what these services cost.

In politics, black people "must be restimulated to lobby and push hard for the maintenance of some of the services that are being cut back," according to Ms. Courtland Lee, an assistant professor of counseling psychology at UNC-Chapel Hill, and a member of the conference planning committee. Ms. Lee noted, however, that voter registration is not enough, that efforts to make blacks a viable political force for change must include the much harder work of voter education.

However, no one specifically identified who should have the overall responsibility to see that this harder work gets done.

"That is really one of the things we are trying to do with this conference," Ms. Copeland added. "We want to encourage black organizations to revive their efforts for change and to establish links with each other that will increase the effectiveness of what has to be done."

The conference's

workshop on religion was tagged as the fulcrum of the entire day's discussion, because, as Ms. Lee pointed out: "...the black church has been the only institution totally owned and controlled by black people."

Clarifying the term, committee members noted that the religion workshop focuses on the black church as an institution, and not on the various differences in theological doctrine. According to Ms. Copeland, this workshop's importance revolves around the need to help revitalize the black church and to return it to its place of leadership in the struggle black people face in this country, because it, as an institution, has a vital role to play in all the other areas under discussion.

In the area of health/mental health, the question boils down to what creates the sense of "separation" that plagues us today, according to Ms. Williams. Noting that the somewhat traditional unity of struggle that

once cemented blacks in this country is slipping today, she said: "We must somehow reestablish that."

On that point, Ms. Sandra Belfon, a NCCU psychology instructor and also a planning committee member, commented: "Black people tend to be crisis oriented, and we have been lulled to sleep, mostly by the media, to think that all is going well. But not only have blacks been lulled into that state, so have many whites, and in fact we all have been sold a bill of goods."

The conference's discussion of justice hits at what some planning committee members called "one of the most complex challenges facing blacks in this country." "The role of the police in the 'core black community' is not the same as the police's role in the white community," said Ms. Lee. "In our communities, the police are an occupational force designed to keep blacks in those communities. Thus, when we deal with the criminal justice

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Hillside Band Needs Only \$7000 More For Trip

By Donald Alderman

Hillside High School's famous Marching Band is now within \$7,000 of having enough money to get its members to Disney World in Florida on May 5.

Fundraising efforts are going into the final leg now as the band seeks to build upon a proven track record of representing North Carolina — in particular Durham — and the Durham City Schools.

According to the director, Clarke Egerton, the band now needs about \$7,000 to reach the trip's total cost of about \$30,000.

Hillside's 160-member band received a special invitation from the Disney World Resort Complex to play during that famous resort's tenth anniversary parade and to give a ten minute concert in the sprawling theme park. But the band has to foot the bill for the trip. On the return trip from Orlando, Florida, the band plans to visit the 1982 World's Fair in Knoxville, Tennessee.

After *The Carolina Times* first reported the band's drive to help defray the trip's cost, Egerton said, citizens steadily contributed. In that first report, the trip's cost was estimated at \$25,000, but Egerton said actual costs of transportation and lodging exceeded earlier estimates.

So the band is asking the community to dig just a little deeper to help it over this last hurdle.

One way to help the world famous Hillside Band pay for four buses, three nights of lodging and some meals is to plan to eat at McDonald's on May 1. On that day, the fast-food restaurant will give the band fifty cents of every one dollar coupon received. Coupons can be purchased at Hillside (but NOT on the McDonald's lot) and will be honored only at the Chapel Hill Boulevard location. The band will also give a 45 minute concert in the parking area of the store beginning at 2:30 p.m. For more information the band room number is 688-9091.

One can also help the band by sponsoring a student at a cost of \$140, or by submitting a contribution in any amount.

Checks should be made payable to the Hillside Band Parents Organization and should be mailed to: Mrs. Medessa Justice, the group's treasurer, 2109 Concord St., Durham, N.C. 27707.

The tenth-year birthday party for the resort complex that opened in October, 1971 runs from January to December.

Hillside's band will be presented as part of the Walt Disney World Birthday Party at 1 p.m., on Friday, May 7.

The band is scheduled to leave Durham Wednesday, May 5 and return Sunday, May 9, spending most of Sunday in Knoxville.

Durham To Recognize Its Volunteers Tuesday

By Milton Jordan

Durham will give its top volunteers a hearty "thank you", Tuesday, April 20, at its ninth annual Volunteer Recognition Luncheon at Duke Memorial Methodist Church. The luncheon begins at noon.

More than 100 of Durham's volunteers, nominated for this year's recognition, will receive certificates designating them "Key Volunteers" for their outstanding services in 1981. Seven of these "Key Volunteers" will also be designated Volunteer of the Year in specific categories.

"Our effort is to make sure that all volunteers who are nominated are recognized for their services," explained Mrs. Ann Moore, director of the Volunteer Services

Bureau. "With this approach, we hope that the focus will be less on the competition for the seven awards, and more on the recognition factor, but yet without sacrificing the drive excellence that the competition motivates."

According to Mrs. Moore, there are three primary reasons for the recognition effort. One is that the process provides an opportunity for people to recognize the value of volunteers. Recognition also is a type of recruitment tool, because it encourages people to volunteer, and the process also helps the agencies or programs have higher visibility across the community.

This year's recipients of both the "key" (Continued on Page 3)

Publisher To Receive Community Service Award April 24

By Milton Jordan

Mrs. Vivian A. Edmonds, editor and publisher of *The Carolina Times* will receive the 1982 Distinguished Community Service Award given by the Immanuel Temple Seventh Day Adventist Church. The award will be presented during the church's regular Saturday morning worship services beginning at 10:45 a.m., on April 24.

Cited for her commitment and dedication to keeping the local community fully informed on situations and circumstances that significantly affect their lives, Mrs. Edmonds is this year's recipient because her work has a far-reaching effect on a lot of people, according to a church official.

"In my opinion, she is an outstanding citizen," said Mrs. Jacqueline DeShazor, chairman of Immanuel's Communications Committee, "who does the most for the largest number of people."

The church's Communications Committee selects each year's recipient of the award that is now in its fifth year. Mrs. Edmonds, whose father, Louis E. Austin, founded *The Carolina Times*, took over fulltime operation of the paper in 1975, following her father's death in 1971.

Since that time, the paper has grown in both circulation and advertising, and is now known for its in-depth coverage of stories behind the news, as well as for its traditional fare of comprehensive community news.

Several distinguished Durhamites will join church officials in honoring Mrs. Ed-

monds. They include Durham Mayor Charles Markham, and District (Continued on Page 3)



MRS. EDMONDS



JUDGE GALLOWAY



MAYOR MARKHAM



MISS SHELIA SMITH, left, was the winner of the Duckwilder Memorial Award given Friday, April 2, at North Carolina Central University by John Duckwilder, right, in memory of his parents and late brother, Vincent Duckwilder, also an

NCCU alumnus. Miss Smith is from Goldsboro and received the award as "an outstanding junior woman student". Also a recipient of a Duckwilder Award was Rodney Sessions of Ahoskie, as an outstanding junior athlete.