

Local Cowboy Featured In Summer Festival Sunday

Durham's own cowboy, Rex Purefoy, will ride, spin his rope and draw his gun faster than the eyes can follow Sunday during the city's first summer arts festival.

Purefoy, a Durham native, who now lives in Kansas City, Mo., brings his "Wild as the West, Hollywood Cowboy Show" to Durham, featuring his two black stallions, Ringo and Super Star.

The festival that will sprawl across three streets — Morris, Roney and the Five Points intersection — is sponsored by the Durham Arts Council. It will kick off at 1 p.m., and run until 7 p.m.

In addition to Purefoy who specializes in rope tricks, whip cracking and fast draw exhibitions, the festival will also feature many local musicians.

They include: The In-stermets, Triangle Jazz Band, Dibona Vito and Canu, David Langham, Pattie Jones and Jack Le Sueur, Jay Cunningham, Michael Fishbank and the Durham Rangers, Bary Lynn Hayes, Triangle Brass Trio, Small Claims Court.

Arts and crafts creations will be on display and available for sale, a blacksmith, a woodworker, and a soap-maker will demonstrate their skills.

Lots of food will be available to festival goers, and you will be able to enjoy your purchase in the "Plaza Cafe", a special area set up with umbrella tables, and red and white checkered tablecloths.

With Father's Day in mind, the Durham Arts Council has made arrangements for the Recreation Department to bring along its Fun



Rex Purefoy

Caravan, with games galore for fathers and children to participate. Also for kids of all ages, will be the construction of a giant cardboard "Cityscape", with lots of paint and colored chalk for decorating. There will also be an area for chalk drawing on the street.

With the Carolina Theatre celebrating its fourth anniversary, there will be a film, "Circle of Deceit", shown continuously throughout the day.

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL TEACHERS — Attending the first session of the workshop for Vacation Bible School Teachers held at the YWCA on June 7, were (l-r): Mmes. Betty Borden, Edna Byrd, Louise Campbell, Joletha Leathers, Barbara Harris and Harriett Cooke.

Attending the second session held Saturday, June 12, were: Mmes. Mattie Woods, Inez Cotton, Eliza Conners, Bettie Scott, Louise Turner, Kim Ellis, Grace Craig, Carol Bostic, Marion Montague and Dorothy Phillips.

The items were made from throwaways — margarine tubs, empty coffee jars, egg cartons, cake frosting containers, paper towel tubes, paper plates, plastic meat trays, and egg shells. Mrs. Lizzie M. Crews was workshop coordinator.

NBIPP Sets Second Annual Meet For Raleigh

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The National Black Independent Political Party (NBIPP) will hold its Second Annual National Party Congress at Shaw University in Raleigh, August 5-8. Under the theme "Understanding NBIPP's Vision: From Theory to Practice", delegates from the 58 chapters across the country will come together to assess the state of the party, develop the NBIPP program, and establish its plans for the year ahead. The Congress will also feature an orientation session for non-party members and persons interested in organizing local chapters in their cities. In addition, special sessions for youth ages 8-16 will be conducted throughout the weekend.

North Carolina has been selected as the site for the meeting because of its historical significance to the black struggle for liberation. From the development of the outlyers' camps near Wilmington in the eighteenth century to the present day, blacks in North Carolina have been in the forefront of efforts for political and social organization within the black community which would empower blacks to act on their own behalf. On February 1, 1960, the first sit-ins of the contemporary Civil Rights Movement occurred in Greensboro and sparked similar actions throughout the South. Two months later, at Shaw University, a conference was convened which led to the organization of the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC). These and other activities in North Carolina were an essential part of the struggle which culminated in the dismantling of the system of legal segregation.

However the fight to end racism, imperialism, and sexual oppression is still being waged and the National Black Independent Political Party recognizes that this struggle is facing major challenges in the 1980's. Escalating racist violence, attacks on the Voting Rights Act and on affirmative action, decreases in funding to critical social programs, increases in military

spending and the possibility of U.S. military involvement in Central America, as well as ever-increasing American support for the apartheid regime in South Africa are all signs of the entrenchment of those devoted to maintaining the existing political and socio-economic system at the expense of black economic development, political and cultural

rights. In this mounting climate of repression conservative and right-wing public officials are now attempting to use North Carolina as a bastion for propagating their philosophy.

The NBIPP National Party Congress will bring to North Carolina hundreds of black community activists committed to independent black political action. The

Congress will be a catalyst for inspiring and strengthening those forces in North Carolina and throughout the country which are struggling to achieve economic justice and the elimination of racism, imperialism, and sexual oppression. Additionally, NBIPP's convening at Shaw University is a tangible expression of its commitment to the support of black institu-

tions. The Congress is open to all persons of African descent. Further information may be obtained from NBIPP National Headquarters, 2728 12th St., N.E., Washington, D.C. 20018; (202) 635-7373.

For further information, contact: Ms. Barbara Arnwine, (919) 832-5656 or Ben Chavis, (212) 683-5656.

Top Maryland Educator Cited At A&T

GREENSBORO

Dr. Velma R. Speight, acting assistant state superintendent for the Maryland State Department of Education's division of compensatory, urban, and supplementary programs, has been honored with the Alumni Excellence Award by A T State University.

The university's highest annual alumni award was presented by Dr. Edward B. Fort, chancellor of A T.

Dr. Speight was cited for her longtime involvement in educational and alumni concerns.

She is serving her third year as president of the 15,000-member national A T State University Alumni Association.

Dr. Speight has been associated with the Maryland State Department of Education for twelve years. Prior to that, she was a teacher of mathematics and French and a counselor for the Queen Ann's County School System.

She is a native of Snow Hill and a 1953 graduate of A T. She also holds her M.S. degree and the Ph.D degree in counseling and personnel service from the University of Maryland.

Dr. Speight has been active with the American Personnel and Guidance Association, the National Alliance of Black School Educators, the Maryland State Teachers Association, and the National Education Association. She was formerly education chairman of the Maryland NAACP.

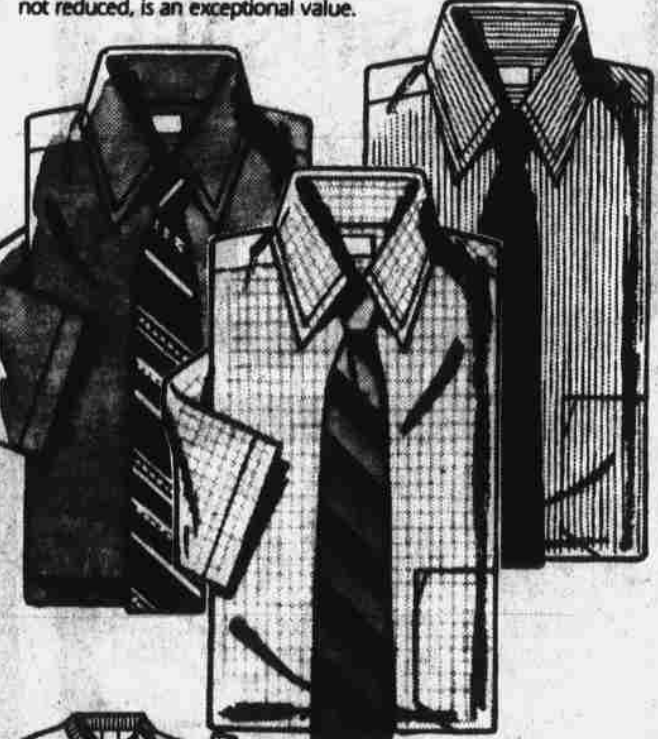
In her present position, she is concerned with coordinating programs in early childhood education, pupil services and migrant education.

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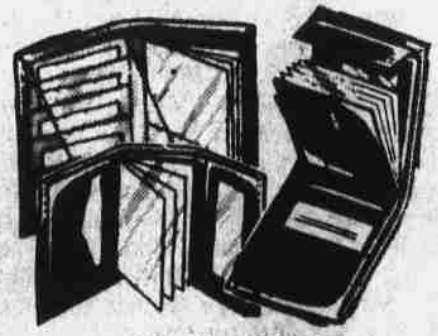
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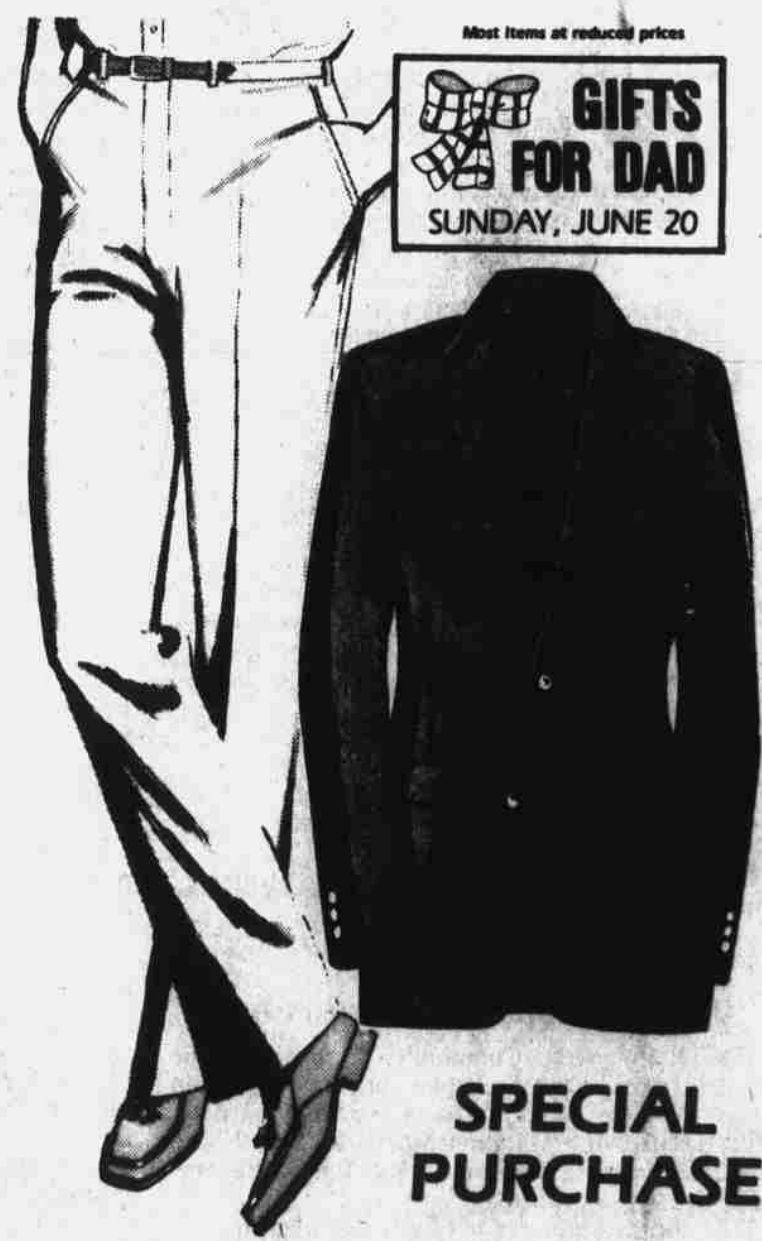
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