

newsline

Aldermen Delay Landfill Project

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Washington—The Joint Center for Political Studies reports that the nationwide increase in the number of black elected officials has been slowing down during the last four years.

In an announcement accompanying the release of its 1978 edition of the National Roster of Black Elected Officials, the Center announced that the annual percentage increase has dropped from 17.1 per cent in 1974-75 to 4 per cent in 1977-78.

As of July 1978, there are 4,503 blacks holding elective office in 42 states and the District of Columbia, an increase of 192 officials since the 1977 roster.

Although the current figure has increased from the 1970 figure of 1,469, the center's statistics show that blacks still account for fewer than one per cent of the nation's

Expressed another way, there are 20 black elected officials for every 100,000 blacks and 286 non-black officials for every 100,000 non-blacks.

Louisiana is the state with the most black elected officials (333). JCPS attributed the state's increase of 57 to a change from at-large to ward or district elections at the county and city levels.

Other states with large numbers of black elected officials are Mississippi (303), Illinois (279), Michigan (256), District of Columbia (255), North Carolina (237), South Carolina (220), Georgia (228), Arkansas (223) and California (213).

CHAPEL HILL—Seven years after the publication of his controversial book, "The Choice", Samuel F. Yette still believes that black survival is a major issue in America. He believes the tactics, however, are somewhat different.

Yette was the featured speaker at the November 11 board meeting of the Southeastern Black Press Institute which was held here in Chapel Hill. He spoke on the topic: "The Choice—Update and Challenge to the Black Press." His audience included an array of editors, publishers, instructors, and students.

"As I see it, the monumental task facing the black press and black survival is to insure that our people understand that we are now in a state of war."

The "state of war" which Yette referred to is not a war of political imperialism, he says, but a war of cultural imperialism. It is an attack which is so subtle that few realize that such an attack really exists.

"What we are into now is a paper war, a war of cultures," Yette continued. "Culture is a people's style or approach to their survival and survival is the first priority of every culture. An attack on one's culture is an attack on one's right to survive."

Also, in his speech, Yette expressed a concern about the technological advances which are overtaking America's presses. He believes that while technology does not necessarily equal progress, it will enable the black press to compete with the white press. The reason, he states, is that while new machinery drastically reduces the labor force of most white publications, it will help the black press, which has never been able to garner a large work force, to function more smoothly and with greater ease.

SALISBURY N.C.—The St. Paul A.M.E. Zion Church in Detroit, Michigan has presented to Livingstone College a check in the amount of \$1,000 dollars to be used to establish a Scholarship Fund in honor of Mrs. Hattie James, who for 35 years has been the president of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of that church.

Reverend William Carlton Ardrey who presented the gift to Livingstone President F. George Shipman has stated, "Mrs. James, who is the mother of eleven children, has created an atmosphere of motherhood and motherly love in our church which pervades and influences our whole congregation."

"We look on her as one of the great examples of motherhood in our church; and it was the feeling of our Board of Trustees, our Stewards, and the Missionary Society that we should do something that perpetuates her memory at all times. Thus, we have established in her name here at Livingstone College a scholarship for any young woman who proposes to give her life to missionary work."

In addition, Mrs. James has worked for the past eight years with a group of 50 young ladies who have made numerous outstanding contributions to the church. Livingstone College is especially grateful at this demonstration of concern as the school is in the midst of a 5 million dollar Centennial Fund Raising Campaign.

Atkins Reunion

The Atkins High School Reunion that featured the 45ers; 32-33, in the summer of 1977 will incorporate the classes of 31-34 for a class reunion on July 20-21 of 1979. Contact representatives were appointed to get the program on the road.

For the June class of 1931, Mrs. Catherine B. Meroney, Mrs. Rose Scales, Terrah Hammonds, and Robert Scales; for the Jan. 1932 class, Mrs. Earline Penn Smith, Ms. Cleretta Hauser, Ms. Evelyn Archie, Miss Gwendolyn Poindexter, and Woodrow Mitchell; for June 1932 class, Mrs. Delouis E. Childs, Ms. Janie T. Shelton, Sam Cook, Selma Gwyn; for June 1933 class, Mrs. Ruth McConell Shoaf, Ms. Eunice Leak, Mrs. Eunice Long, and Odell Clanton; for the June 1934 class, Mrs. Minnie D. Harris, Mrs. Evelyn Sloan, Mrs. Eva Cook, and Leon Greene.

Officers elected are, Mrs. Mozart McNeely Nelson, chairperson, and Frank King Thomas, co-chairman; recording secretary, Mrs. Lillian Matthews Anderson; financial secretary, Mrs. Lillian M. Anderson; assistant recording secretary, Mrs. Sadie F. Rainey; treasurer, Mrs. Queen E. Bacote; correspondent secretary, Mrs. Ella M. Tillman; Elder Terrah Hammonds, chaplain; and George Boogie, reporter.

The Winston-Salem Board of Aldermen voted for the second time in about two weeks to delay voting to expand the Ebert Street landfill.

The matter came before the board on Nov. 6 but was delayed until the city staff could decide the type of buffers would be used.

Citizens surrounding the landfill poured into the meeting Monday night to voice opposition to the

The board did not set a time limit for further discussion on the matter, but asked Orville Powell, the

Classes Requested For Bigger Staff

The Winston-Salem / Forsyth County School Board heard a recommendation to appoint three aides and one teacher, because of the number of classes exceeding the maximum class size.

The maximum class size summary for the end of the second month shows that 39 classes exceed the maximum class size, 4.8% of the total number of elementary class sections.

Superintendent James A. Adams recommended that a teacher be employed to form a new section at Rural Hall School, where five third grade classes exceed the maximum class size. Adams also recommended a kindergarten aide for Union Cross School, an aide for fourth grade teachers at Sedge Garden School, and an aide to assist primary teachers at Lewisville School.

The superintendent also asked that the State Board of Education be requested to grant permission to exceed the maximum class size limits. Most of the classes only exceed the limit by one or two pupils, and this situation may adjust itself during the year, as some students may leave the system or transfer to other classes.

In other business, the board discussed a request by Mrs. Jane Parks to

city manager and Pat Swann, the city's director of public works, to consider alternative sites for additional landfills.

In order to expand the Ebert Street landfill the staff has asked the aldermen to acquire by condemnation 37.9 acres belonging to Robert Yokeley. Yokeley and his four children did not want to sell the property.

"All human beings being born free and equal," Nancy Yokeley Ittinger told the aldermen. "Have dignity and rights and one of those rights is to own property."

Mrs. Ittinger told the board that her family has been harassed by the city to

sell their property and that the harassment is dangerous to the life of her father.

"My father has had a heart attack as recently as two months ago," Ittinger said. "The doctor has said that my father could drop dead if he has another heart attack."

Ittinger said that city officials have been on her property without permission taking soil samples and using drilling trucks.

Gerald N. Hewitt, leader of the opposition and resident in the area told the

aldermen that they had an understanding with the city 10 years ago that the landfill would be closed in 10 years.

"I do not believe that a public official's word should not be honored," Hewitt said.

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