

Community Calendar

Thursday, Sept. 18

- Forsyth County Commissioner's Briefing Session, 3 p.m., Hall of Justice.
- Area Mental Health Board meets at 7:30 p.m. at Mental Health Clinic.
- Soil and Water Conservation, 7:30 p.m., Agricultural Building.
- Seminar on Women and Sexuality, 7 p.m., at the Glade Street YWCA.
- "Fiscal Fitness," the YWCA's series on financial planning begins. Pre-registration is requested, fees are charged. Call 722-5138.

Friday, Sept. 19

- A demonstration of "How to Cut a Rose," 4 to 6 p.m., at the Rose Garden at Reynolda Gardens.
- Bishop Frizelle Yelverton of Mt. Calvary Holy Church in Durham will be guest speaker at the Eighth Anniversary of Pastor Harold Ivory Williams, Mt. Calvary Holy Church, 930 E. 14th Street, at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 20

- YWCA's Family Festival in Grace Park from 1 to 4 p.m. New non-competitive games, fun and family will be the focus.
- Pfafftown Jaycettes' 11th Annual Auction-Rummage Sale, West Centennial Community Center on Yadkinville Road, Pfafftown, from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 21

- Fall Rose Garden Open House, Reynolda Gardens, 2 to 5 p.m.
- Become a better parent by registering now at the YWCA's "Parenting Workshop" led by Othella Johnson of the Creative Learning Center for Very Young Children. Classes meet Wednesday evenings from 7-10 p.m. A fee is charged.

Monday, Sept. 22

- Utility Commission meets, 2 p.m., City Hall.
- Board of Commissioners meet, 7:30 p.m., Hall of Justice.
- School Board Action Session, 7:30 p.m., Administrative Center.
- The series of seminars "Black Women: Coping" continues its fall program with "A Practical Approach to Problem Solving," 7:30-9 p.m., Glade Street YWCA. Free.

Tuesday, Sept. 23

- "Everything You Always Wanted To Know About Adoption But Were Afraid To Ask," 7:30 p.m., Glade Street YWCA.
- Adult Slimnastics, 14th Street Recreation Center, 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Free, call 727-2891.

Kennedy Asks For Volunteers

Representative Annie Brown Kennedy, presently serving as a member of the North Carolina General Assembly, has called a meeting requesting all persons who are willing to help in her campaign to meet with her at the Glade Street YWCA on Monday, Sep-

tember 22, at 7:30 P.M. At the time, Representative Kennedy will report on her campaign plans for the upcoming election. Any person who wants to help her campaign is invited to attend. For more information call 724-9207.



Planning Committee Members

Committee members for the Black Women Coping workshops are from left, Dottie Butler, Rachel Jackson, Khalida Griggs, Rhonda Covington and Veronica Templeton. Not pictured are Jimmie Sudler, Florence Corpening and Leontyne Middleton.

Group Helps Black Women To Cope

Black Women coping is the title of a series of workshops being offered to help black women develop and to help let them know that other women have gone through or are going through some of the joy, sorrows and trials and tribulations that belong solely to black women, according to its originators. Last week, the BWC planning committee, Dottie Butler, Veronica Templeton, Rhonda Covington, Khalida Griggs, Rachel Jackson, Jimmie Sudler, Florence Corpening and Leontyne Middleton discussed the purpose of their group at the Chronicle office.

"It was originally a way to develop self-esteem through workshops where women could discuss problems," Ms. Butler said. Ms. Templeton echoed by saying, "the workshops give us a re-assessment of our roles in society and the power structure with friends, lovers, spouses and children."

The group, has been in existence a little over a

year and their success has fluctuated but according to group members, participants have become steady from workshop to workshop.

"We haven't had the people, the it has been successful. Time will help develop participation. Women we have, don't participate in anything else," Ms. Templeton said.

Ms. Jackson, who was one of the first members of the group, said, "The degree to which women come to the workshop depends of how involved they want to be."

All of the group members felt that one of the setbacks has been that "women don't trust each other."

"Women are reluctant to talk with other women about problems and their personal lives. This is something I hope we can do away with. We need each others support," Ms. Butler said.

The group will sponsor sessions once a month at the Glade Street YWCA on topics of interest to black

women primarily, although all women are welcome to the meetings.

Topics such as interpersonal relations and communication were the best received last year.

New areas for the coming year will be Decision Making and Problem Solving; Parenting, Assertiveness Training; Marriage Enrichment; Single Women; Battered Women and Women and Alcohol and Drugs are all slated, however, the group members agree that they are open to suggestions about other topics.

"Black women are more opinionated than any other group," Ms. Griggs said. The October Workshop will deal with Decision Making and Problem Solving, with the focus on exploring self-knowledge and self-awareness and steps to making major decisions and choices," according to its leader Rhonda Covington.

The group, which is not limited to any age bracket or background, welcomes all black women.

NAACP Project Power

Educating Young

"Project Power" (Political Organization With Education and Registration) is one of the most ambitious projects ever undertaken by the NAACP, which has as its goal to educate and register over two million potential young voter between the ages of 18 to 24. According to NAACP President Benjamin Hooks, "black youth in this country, plagued by high unemployment and declining expectations clearly have the most to gain from aggressive participation in the political process."

Project power will be conducted in three phases: (1) seek legislation in every state legislature authorizing the deputizing of all High School Principals as voters registrars, (2) provide NAACP voter education material to all secondary school and college curriculums to focus on the importance of the youth vote, and (3) provide financial assistance from the NAACP Voter Education Department to NAACP Youth Councils and college chapters which will target certain participation among 18 to 24 year olds.

The NAACP is investing over \$500,000 in its voter registration/get-out-the-vote efforts for 1980. Many of the 1,700 local branches have already been funded. Emphases have been

placed on those congressional districts which have 30 percent or more black population. There are currently 33 such districts throughout the nation.

"The largest group of un-registered potential voters in the country today," Hooks insists, "are our nation's youth. Our political action program therefore, will specifically focus on registering and educating them and getting them to the polls."

The South has the poorest voting participation record among young blacks than any other region in the nation. Approximately 1.8 million black youth 18 to 24 years who eligible to vote live in the south representing 53 percent of the 3.4 million black youth, 18-24 years, nationally who are eligible to vote. However, only 37 percent of the south's eligible black youth registered and only 26 percent voted in the 1978 Congressional elections.

Georgia State Sen. Julian Bond, who serves as National Co-chairman of the NAACP's High School and College Youth Voter Registration Campaign, is traveling throughout the southeast region speaking to high schools, colleges and adults on the importance of the black vote in this crucial Presidential election.

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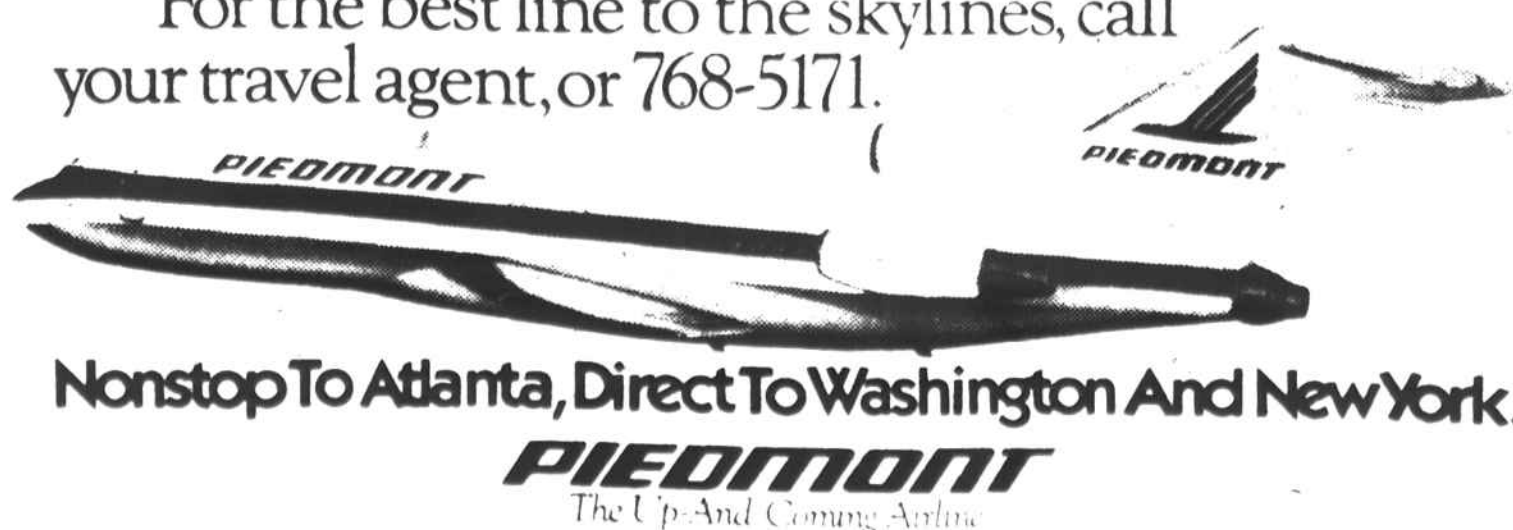
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