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HUBERT JEFFERSON
G.E. Employee

Hubert Jefferson, a General Electric employee and long-time Republican, Monday announced his candidacy for nomination to a seat on the Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners.

Jefferson, in announcing his candidacy, said: "I feel at this time it is more important than ever that we participate actively in the governing process. I have been active in civic affairs and I have been a precinct chairman of my political party. I feel now is the time for me to seek a more effective way to serve my community. Although I am a black candidate, I seek a seat on the Mecklenburg County Commission because I sincerely want to be of service to all the people of this county."

rheumatic fever and participated on three March of Dimes Telethons.

The engineering parts specialist with GE's Medical Systems Division served three years in the U.S. Navy during World War II and two years in the

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Mrs. Sammons

By BILL JOHNSON
Post Manager-Editor
"My decision to offer myself as a candidate for the Charlotte Mecklenburg Board of Education has been influenced to a great degree by the encouragement of my friends and colleagues who have looked at my unique qualifications and determined that I am qualified to serve this community as their voice in the proceedings of this body of policy makers who hold their young minds, young lives in their palms."

With this statement, Mrs. Lena Mills Sammons, mother of two children, officially

join the 14 candidates who will campaign for the three seats on the School Board in the May 7 election.

Mrs. Sammons thus became the fifth Black among the candidates who are seeking seats on the School Board.

A graduate of West Charlotte High School and Johnson C. Smith University with a B.A. degree in English, Mrs. Sammons has a Master's degree in Education from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

The former Charlotte-Mecklenburg teacher and



Board Seat

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ceases to be an arduous task but a pleasurable one."

On the controversial subject of the optional school, Mrs. Sammons stated, "I believe that the educational trending of this era takes into account the diversity of human need, of human capacity, of human interest. The optional school, for example, is one of those trends which make this kind of provision. When students choose from an academic smorgasbord, when they are free to accelerate as rapidly as their abilities will permit them, when relieved of the pressure of being pushed along with the rest of the herd,



MRS. LENA SAMMONS
...Public Relations Director

but permitted to take the extra time, with the more difficult work; then, I believe learning can become a pleasurable experience."



LOVELY PATRICIA COLEY
...J.C. Smith Alumna

Patricia Coley Is Our Beauty

By JOANNE MOORE
Post Society Writer

For the gentleman who is lucky enough to catch her, a woman, born under the sign of Gemini, offers a variety of delightful and intriguing personalities. Her true gemini nature causes her to be moody, somewhat fickle, but indeed an intellect.

Our beauty this week, Patricia Elizabeth Coley, who is a Gemini says about her self:

"I am a typical gemini because I'm fickle when it comes to the opposite sex." Fickle? Maybe. But a charming intellect who knows what she wants out of life and how to get it, is probably a better description.

Patricia, a native of Dudley, North Carolina, is the 22-year old daughter of Mrs. Jessie B. Coley. A 1973 graduate of Johnson C. Smith University,

with a major in English and a minor in speech and drama, Patricia is a serious minded young woman who says she has a secret desire to see her

name in lights as a glamorous actress.

"I have an inner urge to act, Patricia admitted, "If I could get a break, something sound of course, I would definitely pursue an acting career."

Acting is not the only thing on Patricia's mind. Her numerous activities while she was a student at Johnson C. Smith proves that.

During her four years at Smith, she was a cheerleader, a member of the judiciary board, an attendant to Miss Alpha Phi Alpha, a member of the band, vice-president of Sigma Tau Delta National English Honor Society, a member of the Dramatic Guild, the Dance Group and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. She was also co-dean of pledges for her sorority Inc. She was also co-dean of pledges for her sorority and graduated from Smith, cum laude.

Mrs. Coley is currently employed as a counselor at Concentrated Employment Program. Her job requires her to work very closely with people and help them iron out many of their personal problems.

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Among her hobbies, Patricia lists writing poetry as one of her most interesting. Her usual subject she says is the relationship between black men and black women.



IF THOSE SPACE MEN are so SMART, why do they all COUNT BACKWARDS?

Famed Black Mayor, Howard Lee, Is YMCA Guest Speaker

Mecklenburg County

Sets Police Exams

Mecklenburg County Police are seeking applicants for the positions of Police A career opportunity, the position pays a starting salary of \$8,628 annually, with a top pay of \$10,860.

Fringe benefits include 12 days sick leave annually, nine paid holidays, from 10 to 24 days vacation annually excellent retirement and insurance benefits, promotional opportunity, liberal educational opportunities in college and university, longevity pay, and one pay steep increase with A.A. or B.S. in police-science field.

Interested persons should contact the personnel office, on the first floor of the Law Enforcement Center for a personal interview. The Center is located at 825 E. Fourth Street.

Appointments can be made between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Dr. Jenkins

Is New OEO

Administrator

Dr. Harriett G. Jenkins assumed her new duties as Deputy Assistant Administrator for Equal Opportunity programs this week at ceremonies at NASA Headquarters.

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To meet the required qualifications an applicant must be between the ages of 21 and 35 and in good health and physical ability, with a minimum height of 5-feet, 7 inches. The maximum height is 6 feet, 6-inches and weight must be proportionate to height. He must also be a graduate of high school and a resident of Mecklenburg County upon appointment with good character and law observance record.

Jim Martin

To Seek

Re-Election

Congressman Jim Martin has announced that he is a candidate for re-election to the United States House of Representatives. The announcement came in a swing through the Ninth Congressional District which includes Iredell, Lincoln and Mecklenburg.

The Congressman said beyond his personal decision to seek re-election, it is in the hands and minds of the voters of the Ninth District to make the final one.

Missionaries Honor

Mrs. Flora Allen

By MRS. AUDREY G. WALL
On Sunday, February 17, the Life Members' Council of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Charlotte District, honored Mrs. Flora Allen for outstanding services performed in her duties as chairman of this district.

Mrs. Allen served in this capacity from 1967 to 1973. Centering around the theme "Great Missionary Women of Zion-Past and Present," a candlelight pageant was given which covered eight scenes and depicted the work of great missionary women of Zion from their origin to the present day. Participants came from various churches in the district representing the Parent Body, Home Missions, Young Women, Buds of Promise, Supply Dept. Life Members' Dept. African Bank, Past District Officers,

and present District Officers. The pageant was also in memory of Mrs. Delacy Grecian - Donawa, past president of the Charlotte District.



NEWLY ORDAINED MINISTER in the p.m. service honoring the outstanding churchmen. Presiding Elder L.C. Clark, standing at right, was presented his CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION last Sunday at hand in congratulations. PHOTO BY JAMES PEELER

Rev. Wilson Honored As Outstanding Churchman

by JAMES PEELER
Post Feature Writer
Approximately 200 persons - friends, relatives, and fellow church members of Rev.

William Wilson were present at Clinton Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church last Sunday to participate in and witness activities that were part of the celebration of "WILLIAM

WILSON DAY" honoring the outstanding churchman.

Rev. Milas B. Thomas, pastor of Big Pineville A.M.E. Zion Church, preached the sermon after the 3 p.m. beginning of a two hour program which was highlighted by the presentation of a CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION to Rev. Wilson by Presiding Elder L.C. Clark.

Persons representing various organizations showered Rev. Wilson with numerous gifts.

Miss Madie Simpson, representing the Trustees, presented Reverend Wilson with a plaque commemorating his long years of service and work in Clinton Chapel Church which is presently pastored by Reverend Morgan W. Tann.

Mrs. Celesta McCullough also presented the honoree a plaque. A verbal tribute on the church's Sunday School's behalf, was given by John Agurs. Mrs. Elise Matthews presented Reverend Wilson with a cross, a token from the Class Leaders' Board.

A beautiful briefcase, a gift from the Stewards, was presented by David Craig. Mrs. Julia Doby presented a monetary gift of \$25 on behalf of the Choir.

Other gifts and "Love Offerings" were presented by Mrs. Jeanette Grier



MRS. FLORA ALLEN
Committee Member

Even though Mrs. Allen busily engaged herself as a

New Board Members To Be Appointed

Howard N. Lee, the distinguished Black mayor of Chapel Hill, North Carolina, will be the guest speaker at the 38th annual Dinner meeting of the McCrorey Branch YMCA here Wednesday night.

The 7 p.m. meeting will be held at the McCrorey Branch of YMCA, 3801 Beatties Ford Road.

Mr. Lee was first elected mayor of Chapel Hill in 1969 when carried 52 percent of the votes. He was re-elected in 1971 by a landslide to a second term when he carried every precinct in the city, garnering 64 percent of the ballots. He again beat his opponent in 1973 when he was re-elected to serve a third term, winning by a 5-1 margin on 89 percent of the votes.

His philosophy appears to have been a strong force among many to have pushed him from the red hills of a Georgia sharecropper's field to the mayor's chair of Chapel Hill. Mr. Lee believes that a person can be whatever he wants to be if he first believes in himself, make up his mind to be it, and is then willing to work hard to make others believe in him and his unquestionable potential for success.

"One can never allow himself to feel that he is beaten down or defeated for as one thinks and believes...he is," Mr. Lee stated recently.

The son of a Lithonia, Ga. sharecropper, Mr. Lee is a product of the Bruse Street High School in his home town and Clark College where he majored in chemistry and pre-medicine. Following additional studying at Fort Valley State College and a two-year tour of duty with the U.S. Army, he worked for three years in the Juvenile Domestic Relations Court in Savannah, Ga.

Mr. Lee entered the graduate school of social work at the University of North Carolina in 1964 and subsequently received his master's degree in social work in 1966. Following graduation, he accepted employment with Duke University as director of youth service.

He later served as director of employee relations at Duke University and as the director of the office of human development at Duke University.