



HENRY L. HAWKINS
...Independence principal



LEROY MILLER
...East Meck. principal

Blacks Selected For Danforth Fellowships

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The Fellows from Charlotte will be working to formulate a problem solving method to deal with the specific problem of "Barriers to the Continuity of Learning."

Both Hawkins and Miller have chosen absenteeism, its causes and effects, for their individual projects each is

now in the process of accumulating data.

Leroy "Pop" Miller, a tall, relaxed man with a wide smile and a charming way with people, told us, "I'm concerned about attendance and this is an opportunity to do something specific about it. I want to do a comparative study and I'm working on a form to

gather the necessary data. I want to know why students stay out of school." At this point it appears to me that the absenteeism rate among sophomores is roughly three times that of seniors and I want to find out why so I can try to tell these sophomores something to help them. I'd be afraid to speculate on the

causes at this time but I do believe that there are techniques to solve any problem if the necessary information is gathered," he continued.

A native of Salisbury, Miller graduated from A&T State University, spent four years in service, then received his masters degree from Penn State in 1950. "I started work on my Ph.D. but I met this pretty little girl and married her and never did complete it," he laughed.

The "pretty little girl" he refers to is the former Sadie Moragne of Bordeaux, S.C., a teacher in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg system. They have one son, Skip, attending the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Hawkins who taught at West Charlotte was chairman of the math department before succeeding Miller as assistant principal, was named principal of Independence three years ago. He graduated from Livingstone College and has an M.A. from Michigan State University and a M.Ed. from the University of North Carolina - Charlotte. "Attendance is my concern, also," he said. "I'm concerned with how much absenteeism there is before a youngster reaches the age of sixteen, then how many of those same youngsters we lose after they pass the mandatory attendance age. I'd also like to know how many of them come back to school in the adult education program." He, too, is in the preliminary stages of data gathering and didn't wish to hazard any guesses as the reasons why of the phenomenon of absenteeism. "I'm only sure that a student can't learn if they're not in the classroom and I'd like to get to the bottom of the situation and see if there isn't something concrete that can be done about the problem," he concluded.

Hawkins is married to the former Lola Patterson, who teaches in the Fayetteville public schools and they have a ten year old daughter Kimberly. Both men agree that the opportunity afforded them as Danforth Fellows is a challenge as well as an honor.

ment and other important topics about CMS.

Dr. Ralph Tyler, nationally known author, educator, consultant and evaluator will be the keynote speaker on Thursday, October 13, 9 p.m. in the Omni Foyer at Sheraton Center. Dr. Tyler has taught at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Ohio State University and the University of Chicago. He will discuss competency-based testing and the decline in Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) scores. Previous Danforth fellows who studied these tests will also be present.

The fellowship program began in August with a workshop at Amelia Plantation in Florida. During the workshop, each principal outlined a major problem area in which to improve leadership skills. Other intercity visits will be held throughout the remainder of the school year for principals to learn about other school systems and share experiences.

Each city has seven participants including five principals, a local college coordinator and a school system coordinator.

Local high school principals selected as Danforth fellows are: H.L. Hawkins, Independence; Joe Hunt, North Mecklenburg; Leroy Miller, East Mecklenburg; Don Rodgers, Harding; and R. Frank Rozze, Myers Park.

Dr. William C. Self, former CMS superintendent and now assistant to the dean and professor of education at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, is the local college coordinator. Deane Crowell, assistant superintendent for human resources, is the school system coordinator.

fellows will visit the Metro Center and high schools of the five local principals who received fellowships. They will also hear presentations on special education, competency-based testing, pupil assign-

Among the many items to be sold are winter clothing, new evening wear, assorted household items, boxfuls of fabric scraps, ribbons and laces as well as typewriters.

Remember, the Mecklenburg County Humane Society is a non-profit organization for the prevention and suppression of cruelty to animals, therefore, all donations are tax deductible.

"Please show your support and join us at Dilworth United Methodist Church on October 22 and help make this the most successful attic sale ever; for you and for the animals of Mecklenburg County," said a spokesman for the organization.

Young Democrats

To Hear Carl Stewart

Carl Stewart, Speaker of the North Carolina House of Representatives will speak to the Young Democrats of Mecklenburg County at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday evening, October 18, at the Excelsior Club which is located at 921 Beatties Ford Road.

Mr. Stewart is a practicing attorney from Gastonia and will be the first House Speaker to serve two successive terms as Speaker. He is a contender for the offices of governor and lieutenant governor in North Carolina.

Intercity Meeting Set For Danforth Fellows

School principals from Richmond, Va., New Orleans, Tampa and Jackson, Miss. will visit Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools this weekend in the first intercity meeting of Danforth fellows.

The 20 visiting Danforth

Humane Society To Hold Attic Sale

The Mecklenburg County Humane Society is pleased to announce the launching of another attic sale to be held in the Scout Room of Dilworth United Methodist Church, 605 East Boulevard on Saturday, October 22.

Darryl Hood

Joins U. S. Air Force

Darryl B. Hood, son of Mr. and Mrs. C.A. Hood, of 1327 Orvis Street, Charlotte, has enlisted in the U.S. Air Force.

Airman Hood, a 1977 graduate of Garinger High School, joined under the Air Force's Delayed Enlistment Program (DEP), which allows him to accumulate time in the Air Force Reserve until he enters active duty on October 12, 1977.

Sergeant Lamar Jackson, Air Force recruiter in Charlotte, stated that Airman Hood successfully completed a series of tests which qualified him for the security specialist field of training.

La Pointe Honda

Moves To 4100

E. Independence

On Wednesday October 12, La Pointe Honda moved into newly remodeled quarters at 4100 E. Independence Blvd.

The dealership will occupy a complete facility with 10 service bays, parts department, offices and showroom. The latter space was recently added, enabling La Pointe to display the complete line of Honda cars.

Says President Frank J. La Pointe, "We made the decision to expand our Honda operation into a separate full-service dealership in order to better serve the growing number of Honda owners in the Charlotte market area. In addition to convenient location our entire staff of factory trained mechanics will move with us.

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