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MONEY ALWAYS BRINGS OUT THE CULPRITS

by Albert A. Campbell

HIGH POINT -- This election year in High Point again brings out the culprits of the Black community, as has always happened in the past. Only this time a new attraction has been added: an out-of-towner who plans to distribute a slate telling High Pointers who to vote for while in the meantime he will return to his neighboring town, in Forsyth County and watch us split our political strength. His concern is not the welfare of the citizens of High Point, but the same old story, MONEY.

Aware of the coming election, I began looking at the various candidates and potential candidates early in the year. I listened while they talked and tried to determine who would best serve unselfishly the citizens of this community. Certainly mistakes can and will be made, and I do not in any way place myself above erring. However, I do feel that I have some degree of insight of the persons running for office. Additionally, some of the candidates contacted persons in the Black community and sought support. Consequently a number of meetings were held with the candidates and persons of the Black community to determine who would best represent the concerns of all of High Point's citizens. Some were assured the support of the persons attending the meetings while others were refused. The number gaining the support of the group attending the meetings has been narrowed to the required eight. This then set a slate of candidates for the council and mayor races coming next Tuesday.

Because of the deep concern of the men of the Black community attending the meetings, that slate will not be passed out in the Black

communities as has been the custom in the past. They will be named in this paper on page 4: The Pointer. In the past, this small Black voting community of High Point has been flooded with many slates causing more confusion than harmony. One faction in the community usually wanted a particular candidate for unity reason, while on the other hand, another faction wanted another candidate for personal reasons...most of the time, MONEY. The concern of the Black community was never considered, therefore the political "Uncle Toms" would emerge near election time and create more disruption and confusion than the voters could understand. The same culprits accomplished their assigned missions, received their pay, and again disappeared leaving the Black community without representation.

This of course, convinced Blacks that their vote really didn't count, and any hope that was once there was again lost for another two years.

The then elected council men went about their business with no regard for the Black community. They, themselves would sometimes point to us and say that we really don't know what they want. They would even say that we were never together, not even on the last vote. Well, they were right, but only because of the help of the MONEY hungry culprits. And now at this election time, the culprits are again surfacing to create confusion and split the Black vote.

You might at this point be wondering how I know about these persons. Well, they themselves told me their plans, and added,

"We'll put out a slate with or without your endorsement!"

In attempting to unite the Black community in this coming election and thereby having only one political slate passed out, I telephoned many persons whom I have known in the past to become active only during election seasons. I asked for their support as well as their recommendation of candidates. We held meetings and discussed the issues facing High Pointers. Afterwards we concluded, based on the answers given by the candidates, who we thought would be the most representative of all High Point. For the first time I was beginning to believe that High Point would at least have a united effort. This however was not to be.

The following morning, my telephone began ringing before daybreak. Almost every candidate running for office had been told about the meeting and who would have the support of the men attending the meeting. In addition, one of the men who had given his endorsement of the selected candidates had now changed his mind and was now going about the city verbally destroying that which we had attempted to accomplish the night before. He even had one of his followers to phone me. That follower (who does not live in High Point) wanted to know, "Why in the hell I would help make up a slate without including J.P." He then told me that he was going to produce a slate for High Pointers that would include J.P. I wondered then if he would actually do what he had just said. Now I know that he will. His livelihood depends on it. I discovered later that his favorite candidate

was also a working colleague.

Because of the actions just explained, the group holding the meeting decided not to pass out a slate for this election. It would only confuse the voters even more, because the other group plans to pass out their own hand picked slate. Individuals in that same group have been known to get paid by other candidates to get out the vote. For years they have been receiving money to do what other concerned citizens were doing for the betterment of the community. These men cannot chance not putting out a slate, because of their promises and compensations to produce votes. For that reason, the group of civic leaders and ministers of which I have worked with will not pass out a slate either at your house the day before election nor at the polls on the day of the election. We wish not to confuse you.

If you are given a slate concerning the election Tuesday, check it to see who signed it. If no one signed it, then why should you trust it? Also, if their are signatures accompanying the slate, check them out and see if any real community leaders signed. After you have made your own check, then decide if you want to follow those recommendations.

High Point no longer needs the "behind-the-door-operators." High Point no longer needs the paid political workers. Likewise, High Point does not need an outsider coming into this city and telling the voters how and who to vote for.

Let's see if High Point Blacks can vote in this election without the help of the unknowns.

Wage Increase Announced

Mr. Apparel, Inc., located in High Point, a division of U.S. Industries, Inc., announced a raise in pay for its employees effective November 5, 1973. This raise amounts to a significant increase in wages for employees according to Dale C. Ramey, Director of Industrial Relations.

To compliment the wage increase, Mr. Ramey further announced that the minimum wage will be increased to \$2.00 an hour and the Company is extremely pleased to offer employees an additional paid holiday.

Further improvements were made in the benefit program so that all eligible employees will receive overtime pay for hours worked over 32 during the week in which the holiday falls. Employees required

to serve jury duty will be guaranteed their normal weekly pay.

In addition, many existing benefits were broadened to include coverage for more employees. Eligible employees will receive company paid benefits which include a Pension Plan, Term Life Insurance, and Long Term Disability Insurance.

Mr. Ramey stated that the ability to provide a wage increase and increased benefits is a tribute to the support and cooperation of the many fine employees of the company. We feel that the total employee benefit program is one of the best any company can offer and it expresses Mr. Apparel's confidence in its employees, management, and the future.

Teachers Honored

HIGH POINT - Two teachers at Christ the King Catholic Church were honored for 25 years of service last Sunday at a buffet dinner held at Holiday Inn South.

The honored teachers were Sister Mary Immaculata Allen and Sister Mary Celine Graham. Guests invited to the celebration included sisters', relatives, the clergy and members of the community.

Sister Allen, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Allen, is a native of St. Louis, Mo. She attended Mary. She later studied at Manhattan College and Fordham University.

Her teaching experience includes St. Benedict Day Nursery, St. Aloysius Elementary School in New York City and St. Thomas School in Wilmington, Mt. Mercy College, Pitts-



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NAVY OFFICE OF INFORMATION, ATLANTA--October is officially "Legal Check-up Month" in the Navy and the Navy's most senior uniformed lawyer Rear Admiral Merlin H. Staring (second from left) checks the legal temperature and pulse of the Atlanta Naval Air Station's most junior enlisted man, Seaman Apprentice Dale S. Olds (left), while the Naval Reserve's only lawyer of flag rank Rear Admiral Hugh H. Howell, Jr. (right) assists Navy Recruiting Chief Jeff D. Hutchinson with a check-up of his legal affairs. RADM Howell is an Atlanta attorney and RADM Staring, the Navy's Judge Advocate General, was in Atlanta to participate in a meeting of the American Bar Association's standing committee on lawyers in the armed services. (U. S. NAVY PHOTO BY LT. CMDR. R. A. BENNETT)

Human Resources

RALEIGH -- Nineteen deaf and hard-of-hearing children aged five and under are currently taking part in a new preschool satellite program sponsored by the Central N.C. School for the Deaf in Raleigh. The satellite programs, which are being sponsored for the first time this fall throughout the state by the three residential schools for the deaf, were made possible by an appropriation of \$522,000 by the last General Assembly.

Two central N.C. communities -- Greensboro and Winston-Salem -- have been designated as sites for



MISS FSU CROWNED--Dr. Charles "A" Lyons, Jr., Chancellor of Fayetteville State University, (center) crowns Angela Calloway Miss Fayetteville State University in Coronation Ceremonies recently held on the campus. The wife of the Chancellor, Mrs. Rosa Lyons, watches approvingly. (FSU Photo by John B. Henderson)

Surprised With 'This Is Your Life'

GREENSBORO, N.C. - Mrs. Eula King Vereen, the founder of Guys and Dolls, a national family organization, was the recipient of a surprise "This is Your Life" presentation last Sunday during the annual Founder's Day observance of the organization's Alpha Chapter of Greensboro.

The observance was held at the St. James United Presbyterian Church, of which Mrs. Vereen is a member. General theme of the celebration was "An Evening With Friends of Guys and Dolls."

In the program honoring Mrs. Vereen, relatives, close friends, professional associates and others traced her life from childhood in her native Waycross, Ga. until the present. She is an home economics teacher at A&T State University.

Narrated by Mrs. Roger

McKee, the program included recollections by Mrs. Nora Singleton, Mrs. Vereen's sister, Brooklyn N.Y.; Raymond King brother, Greensboro and taped recordings by her mother, Mrs. Emma King, Waycross, a brother, William King of Detroit and brother, Jerry King of Waycross.

Speaking for her sorority, Delta Sigma Theta, was Mrs. Carl Manuel. Former associates included Mrs. Thelma Watkins of Washington D.C.

Others who spoke included, Cary Root, politics; Ms. Aurelia Wiggins, fashion designer; Mrs. Ann Fulford, national president of Guys and Dolls; Mrs. Esther Page Hill, past president; Mrs. Dewey Pearson president of Alpha Chapter; Mrs. Lillian Snipes charter member of the organization and Judge

Elreta Alexander, honorary member; Mrs. J. Niel Armstrong, church; and David Morehead, YMCA.

Mrs. Vereen was presented a special certificate and other presentations.

The Founder's Day committee included Mrs. Pearl E. Durham, chairman; Mrs. Florentine Sowell, co-chairman; Mrs. Golden Lee, Mrs. Odessa Patrick, Mrs. Phillip Boone and Mrs. George Murray. Mrs. Willie Buie was in charge of the receiving line.

Awarded \$21,076.72

A 55-year-old farm equipment mechanic illegally fired from his job because of age will receive \$21,076.72 in back wages, the U.S. Department of Labor said.

The back wage payment has been ordered by the U.S. District Court in Miami, Fla., as the result of a suit filed by the U.S. Department of Labor against the Sugar Cane Growers Cooperative of Florida, Belle Glade, under the Federal Age Discrimination in Employment Act.

At a hearing last April, the court found the cooperative guilty of firing the mechanic, Buford Yon,

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