

## Twentieth Century Has Produced Many Great Black Americans

February is Black History month and to emphasize some of the many great black Americans we are listing the names and accomplishments of a few who have aided in the growth and development of our country.

### George Washington Carver

Agricultural chemist who made pioneer discoveries in the early 1900's that led to major changes in the farm economy of the southern states. Carver traveled through the South explaining to black and white farmers that rotation of such crops as peanuts, soybeans, and sweet potatoes would be profitable and also renew the tired soil. He invented many by-products of the harvest, including dyes, ink, soap, cheese, milk, substitutes, plastics, paper, synthetic rubber, flour, and breakfast food.

### William E. B. DuBois

The author of more than 20 books covering the history and culture of black people. DuBois was a leading spokesman for blacks in their struggle for equal rights. In 1909 he helped to establish the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), a civil rights organization. He was one of the founders of the Pan African Congress, a world body that supported the attempts of the African and other colonial peoples to win independence.

### Louis Armstrong

Called America's musical ambassador to the world, Armstrong, with his appealing personality and impressive musicianship, became known all over the world in the years 1930-1970. He fascinated audiences on three continents with his trumpet playing and singing.

### Ralph Johnson Bunche

World statesman, winner of a Nobel Peace Prize in 1950 and the Spingarn Medal of the NAACP. Bunche made outstanding contributions to world peace.

### Charles R. Drew

A medical researcher and surgeon, Drew developed, in 1939, an effective method of storing and preserving large quantities of blood plasma in what became known as blood banks. The discovery made it possible for the first time to have blood fluids stored and available for use in medical emergencies.

### Lorraine Hansberry

Broadway's first black woman playwright, Hansberry saw her work *A Raisin in the Sun*, win the New York Drama Critics Circle Award in 1959 and later became a popular motion picture.

### Martin Luther King, Jr.

The youngest American in history to win the Nobel Peace Prize, King received the honor in 1964 for his dedication to achieving equal rights for blacks in the United States by following a program of nonviolence. King formed the Southern Christian Leadership Conference in 1957 to carry the civil rights crusade throughout the United States.

In highlighting historical events, it is impossible to include every important name, date, and activity. This list provides only a small number of names of influential and important black Americans during the 1900's or any other period of history.

An all-inclusive list would consume hundreds of pages in any publication. For further study and information consult school or public libraries for additional reference and resource materials.

The source of the above information is *Significant American Blacks*, Donald M. Jacobs, Ph.D., executive editor, Childrens Press, Chicago, Illinois (1975).

## Vanceboro Scouts Observe Blue & Gold Banquet

The Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts of Vanceboro held their annual Blue & Gold Banquet at the Vanceboro Farm Life Elementary School cafeteria recently. Jim Pepper, Cub Pack 58 Cubmaster was the spokesman for the Cubs and Richard Cannon, Scoutmaster Troop 58 was the spokesman for the Boy Scouts.

Mr. Pepper presented Mrs. Kay Stocks to the group of

gathered parents and scout supporters.

Mrs. Stocks in turn made a presentation to the Cubs who had learned different pins of progress.

Mr. Cannon presented Merit badges and badges of progress to his scout members. He also recognized the top Tom Wat sales project salesmen. They were: Stacy Patterson, 1st place; Doug Lee, 2nd place; Brad White, 3rd place; and Jerry Morris, 4th place.

Mr. Cannon was presented a 20 year pin for his work with the local scout troop. He completed his 20th year this month.

The banquet closed with the Boy Scouts leading the group in the scout benediction.

## Big Brothers Big Sisters

Big Brothers/Big Sisters organization sponsors Adult friends to children ages 6-18. For more information on being a Big Brother/Big Sister call 638-5888 or visit the office at 244 Craven Street, New Bern.

Calendar of Events for BB/BS:

Feb. 27: 5:30 p.m. Meeting of all Bigs - Office of Big Brothers/Big Sisters.

Feb. 28: 7:00 p.m. - Program Committee Meeting - Randy Hunter's Office.

The organizational meeting for Bigs took place on Monday, January 23 at the office. There was eight (8) Bigs, one (1) potential Big, and an inactive Big present. All indicated they had enjoyed the informal get-together and plans were made to continue informal monthly meetings to be held at the office the last Monday of the month at 5:30 with quarterly meetings featuring a speaker.

FREE movies are being shown at the Public Library on the last Monday night of the month. This might be a good way to spend the evening together. The movie to be shown on Monday, February 27, at 7:30 p.m. is "The Guns of Navarone" starring Gregory Peck and Anthony Quinn. This exciting drama might be of special interest to older kids. The library is located at 400 Johnson Street where you can pick up brochures of the movies to be shown the remainder of the year. We also have this brochure in the office.

### WELCOME TO NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Rob Shoaf, manager of the new radio station WTEB which will be broadcasting in March, 1984. We look forward to having this station on the air, Rob.

Tina Howard, wife of a minister and mother of three children as well as being employed as an insurance agent. Tina has agreed to serve as the Secretary of the Board, which we greatly appreciate.



Quinton Russell and Jeffery Elmore pose by heater wood. Mr. Russell says, "We still have some more cold weather coming."



Mr. and Mrs. David Davis and their log home.

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