

NCNW Attacks School Drop-Out Problems

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The National Council of Negro Women, Inc. has long been active in solving the problems of school dropouts and juvenile delinquency in the United States. Several months ago an experimental program was started at National Headquarters in the Nation's Capital to further aid in solving some of these problems of young people in the District.

Inquiries were made by the staff concerning what could best be offered to a deserving student to help that student most. It was finally decided that an after school job would be the most rewarding. The next step was to select one student who showed both ambition and promise but also needed some assistance. After much consideration, Leonard Harris was chosen.

SCLC Publishes Booklet on Organization

ATLANTA, GEORGIA — A 64-page, hard paper-back booklet, entitled THE SCLC STORY IN WORDS AND PICTURES, has just been published by the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, and tells for the first time in history the work and organization of a major civil rights group.

This booklet, edited by former Jet Magazine editor Ed Clayton, is a vivid, dramatic portrayal of the organization headed by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and is designed to help the reader better understand the work of the organization. In striking, three-color layouts, the precedent-setting booklet shows the tremendous rise of the organization.

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In a few days, Leonard Harris will graduate from Cardozo High School. In September he will attend one of several colleges throughout the country offering him athletic scholarships. Three years ago Leonard Harris was a school drop out.

Leonard was born in Charlotte. Most of his childhood was spent there. Neither his mother nor his father is living. He has two brothers and five sisters. One sister, an honor student at Johnson C. Smith University, graduated this year. Leonard now lives with his older brother and sister-in-law in Southeast Washington.

For the past year, Leonard has worked for the National Council of Negro Women at National Headquarters on Vermont Avenue every evening after school. Every member of the staff, including the National President, Miss Dorothy I. Height, has high praise and unlimited expectations for Leonard. Miss Height says of him, "Leonard is indeed a scholar and a gentleman. His service here at the Council is commendable. I expect Leonard to attain high goals in life and make us all proud of him."

Leonard's activities in school are many. He is a member of the Student Council, Sports Editor of the "Cardozo Newsletter," President of the "C" Club which is composed of all athletes who have earned a letter in sports and maintains a "C" average or above and a representative of Cardozo's Summit Meeting consisting of the presidents of various school organizations and outstanding students for the purpose of discussing school problems and offering suggestions for solving them.

A true letterman in sports, he has participated outstandingly in football, basketball and baseball. In 1963 at Cardozo High School's Annual Sports Banquet, Leonard became the first junior to ever receive the award for being the most outstanding athlete of the year. That same year he was selected to the "All High Football Team" in the District.

A "B" minus student at Cardozo, Leonard enjoys classes in English, advanced English Composition, Government and Physical Education.

In college next fall, Leonard will concentrate on Sociology and Physical Education with hopes of some day working with young people teaching them to be good citizens and clean sportsmen.

This summer Leonard will continue working at the National Council of Negro Women's National Headquarters. "Working at the Council is very educational," says Leonard. "There is always a large selection of reading material for me and a number of interesting people to meet. This experience has been invaluable to me."

Leonard's ambition after college is to become a professional athlete. "It is not impossible," says Leonard. Everyone who knows Leonard Harris also thinks that it is not impossible.

NAACP Calls on Clergy to Aid in Combat of Gangs

NEW YORK—Twenty-five Negro ministers met Tuesday, June 2, in the Harlem office of the New York City Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, to map plans for combating an outbreak of gang violence and vandalism.

After the meeting, which was called by the Rev. Edward Odom, Jr., NAACP church secretary, the clergymen issued a statement deploring the hostile acts committed by the Negro youths, but that the violence and vandalism was a direct result of their deprived social, economic, educational and housing conditions.

Representing all the New York City boroughs, the clergymen said they will take their ministry to the streets in an effort to encourage youths to cooperate with the authorities in combating the gang problem.

The group said they will talk to individuals as well as groups, pass out literature, and seek well-known sports figures and other youths to help out in the project. The ministers also plan to broaden the counseling program to include delinquents, pre-delinquents and their parents; to seek 500 summer jobs for out of school youngsters; and to make appeal over the radio for youths to refrain from any acts of violence or vandalism.

Rev. Richard A. Hildebrand, president of New York City NAACP Branch, who served as temporary chairman of ministers' committee, attributed some of the blame for the hoodlumism on too many predictions of a "long hot summer" of racial demonstrations and public hysteria. He said tended to stimulate aggressive acts by youths.

"Negro clergy," said Mr. Odom explaining his reason for calling the meeting, "have a direct responsibility to counsel restraint, although we are aware of the fru-



COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER WELCOMED—Ga. Senator, The Honorable Leroy R. Johnson, is shown recently as he is being welcomed by a student delegation to Durham as the Commencement Speaker for Durham Business College. Senator

Johnson was greeted by Miss Melissa Davis, Palmyra, president of the Student Government, shown in the middle, and Miss Annie Patrick "Miss DBC." At the extreme left, Mrs. R. G. Reeves, Head of the Secretarial Science Department, looks on.

North Carolina Garden Time

By M. E. GARDNER
North Carolina State

This is a "re-run" of a column I wrote in 1962. The response was good. It concerns some of the fruit and nut crops not commonly grown in North Carolina. If interested, you might give the suggestions some thought and order plans for setting this fall.

First the Filbert (hazelnut). All varieties of tubercs are self-unfruitful so ample provision must be made for cross pollination by planting two or more varieties together. At least one of the varieties should have hardy catkins.

Cosford has hardy catkins and is the thinnest shelled of all varieties. The plant is vigorous, hardy and productive. Du Chilly is another favorite. Other varieties are Barcelona, Medium Long and Italian Red.

The pecan is adapted to what is commonly referred to as the Cotton Belt, and the Stuart is perhaps more widely planted than any other variety. However, there are hardy sorts which may be grown in the upper Piedmont and mountains.

Some of the hardy varieties are: Busseron, Major, Gates and

PROTESTS SEARS' DISPLAY OF WHITE CITIZENS' SIGN

NEW YORK—The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has vigorously protested the public display of membership in the White Citizens Council by a Sears and Roebuck store in Mississippi.

In a letter to Crowder Baker, Sears president, last week, G. Lester B. Current, director of branches, called attention to the fact that the Sears outlet in Canton, Miss., was among those merchants in the city who have displayed Citizens' Council stickers on windows and doors.

Current reminded the company that Sears "enjoys considerable patronage among Negro Americans throughout the entire country."

The NAACP called on Sears to investigate the situation immediately and "if the facts are found to be true that the signs immediately be removed from your establishment in Canton, Mississippi."

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N. C. Women's Clubs to Hold Annual Confab

RICH SQUARE — Delegates of club women and girls from over 125 clubs will assemble at the Varick Chapel A. M. E. Zion church of Asheville on the 11, 12, and 13 of June for the fifty-fifth annual session of the North Carolina Federation of Negro Women's clubs. A very interesting program has been planned around the convention theme: "The Club Women's Responsibility to Youth in an Age of Automation."

The session will open with an Executive Board Meeting Thursday evening followed by a local welcome program at night. Mrs. F. T. Newsome, Editor of the Federation Herald will give the response for the convention. Friday's session will be given over to business and a workshop on the convention theme. The three workshops to be discussed are: "Increasing Job Opportunities," and "Better Use of Leisure Time." Dr. F. A. Toliver, Supervisor of Secondary Education in North Carolina, and Mrs. Sarah W. Herbin, Employment Representative of North Carolina are the consultants for this workshop.

Highlighting the Friday night session will be an address by the National Girl's President, Miss Joyce Ford of Albany, New York. Others to appear on the program will be Mrs. E. M. Spellman, State Federation President of Adult clubs, Miss Gwendolyn Brown, president of the youth groups, and other state officers. Saturday will be given over to business and recreation.

Many delegates are expected at the meeting as several areas have planned to sponsor chartered buses. The Federation is an affiliate of the National Association whose headquarters is in Washington, D. C. and it has for many years been a staunch supporter of the headquarters as well as its own state projects. These projects are: The Girls' Home in Kingston, The Braille Magazine for the blind, Scholarships and charitable gifts.

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Ike Smalls, NAACP Vice President Dies In Des Moines, Iowa

NEW YORK — Ike Smalls, vice president of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and donor of the Ike Smalls Award, presented annually to the NAACP branch showing the largest percentage of membership increase over the preceding year, died in Des Moines late last month.

In a telegram of condolence to his family, NAACP Executive Secretary Roy Wilkins paid high tribute to "a dear friend and a diligent worker for the cause of human rights."

Wilkins expressed his deepest sympathy on behalf of the

Association upon the death of its valued vice president who had been a member of the NAACP for 34 years.

ST. AUGUSTINE'S GRAD GETS HEALTH-EDUCATION POST

RALEIGH—Roald A. Aarons, a 1964 graduate of Saint Augustine's College, has been notified of his appointment as a Program Representative with the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare with an excellent beginning salary.

Aarons majored in Sociology and was active in campus activities. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Oswald Aarons of New York City.

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