

NAACP Warns Negroes About 1968 Presidential Election

Three Negro Women File Suit Against Cone Mills Corp.



TOP PRIZE WINNER IS CROWNED—Mrs. Rebecca Hawkins, who won 1st prize for reporting the largest amount of money in the Bride's Pageant Contest held during the 67th Annual Session of the Grand Chapter of Eastern Star recently in Oxford, is shown being

crowned "Miss Eastern Star" by Mrs. Maggie L. Strong of Ayden, Grand Matron, O. E. Star, Grand Chapter. Mrs. Hawkins won over seventeen other contestants. The pageant netted over \$11,600.

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Order Eastern Star Raises \$11,600 In Brides Contest

White Rock Deaconess Hold Program

A program of unusual interest was conducted here Sunday, September 15, at 5:45 p.m. by the White Rock Baptist Church Deaconess Board at St. Joseph's A.M.E. Church.

Following a piano prelude by Miss Carletta Jemison and the call to worship by Mrs. R. W. Southerland, chairman of the program committee, the opening hymn was rendered by Mt. Vernon Choir No. 1 of the Mt. Vernon Baptist Church. The scripture was read by Mrs. Virginia Alston and invocation by Mrs. Sarah Smith.

A solo by John Washington, a poem by Warren Washington, preceded a playlette, entitled "Finders Keepers" by the Washington family and Miss Charlyn Holland.

Closing remarks were by the pastor, Rev. Lorenzo A. Lynch.

Third Negro Named To Rank Brigadier General

SAIGON — An army career that started 27 years ago was capped with a history making achievement for Frederick Ellis Davison, 51-year-old Negro, who last Sunday was made a general in the U. S. Army.

In a brief ceremony at the field headquarters of the 199th Light Infantry Brigade, just three miles southwest of battle-torn Saigon, Davison, the brigade commander, received his general stars from Gen. Creighton W. Abrams, U. S. commander in Vietnam.

After pinning the stars on the new general's collar, Abrams said he could think of no man who has worked harder or who deserved a promotion to general more than General Davison.

Davison, who has been in Vietnam almost two years, joined the Army on March 3, 1941. In the same year he married the former Jean Brown



GEN. DAVISON

who lives in Washington, D. C. with the couple's four children.

General Davison becomes the third Negro in the history of U. S. armed forces to attain the rank of general.

OXFORD—The Grand Chapter Order of Eastern Star, affiliated with the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina, held its 67th Annual session at the Central Orphanage at Oxford, September 2, 3 and 4. The first business session was held Tuesday morning, September 3. Aside from regular business sessions, the main event of the session was the Bride's Pageant, Tuesday night, September 3, with Mrs. Dala P. Rogers, Durham, serving as chairman and presiding and Mrs. Elizabeth Tilley of Winston-Salem serving as Co-chairman.

All 18 brides were dressed in long evening gowns, carried beautiful corsages in the five Eastern Star colors and wore veils. As the brides were escorted in for presentation to the convention, Mrs. Rogers identified each, giving names, number of district and the Deput's name along with the amount of money raised. Prizes were given to the brides ranking first, second and third places as follows:

First prize: District No. 11, Mrs. Lolene McCorkle, G.D.D.; Mrs. Rebecca Hawkins, bride, amount raised—\$1,533.00.

Second prize: District No. 15, Mrs. Evon Kelly, G.D.D.; Mrs. Ada Smith, bride, amount raised—\$1,282.81.

Third prize: District No. 10, (See EASTERN STARS 9A)

Take Action Against Greensboro Company for Discrimination



DR. PERRY

Dr. Rufus Perry To Retire as Smith U. Head

CHARLOTTE—Dr. Rufus P. Perry, the man who doubled enrollment, added \$7 million in new buildings, and rooted out the hedge that once separated Johnson C. Smith University from the rest of Charlotte, plans to return to his first love—medicinal chemistry.

Dr. Perry this week announced that he will retire from the presidency of Johnson C. Smith on Dec. 31, 1968.

Board Chairman James Egert Allen then disclosed that the trustees had elected Dr. Perry the university's first James B. Duke Distinguished Research Professor.

This appointment becomes effective once Dr. Perry's still-to-be-named successor takes office January 1, 1969.

The 65-year-old Perry commented that for some time he's wanted to make a few scholarly contributions before he started spending his time fishing and playing golf. "I've also wanted to get back into closer touch with the students," he added.

Perry hinted in April, 1967, that he wanted to return to research and teaching once JCSU's new science center was completed. He told the board of trustees of his decision on July 20, 1968, and so informed faculty members early last week.

GREENSBORO—Three Negro women from Cedar Grove, have filed suit against Cone Mills Corporation, one of the largest textile companies in the state, charging that the company refused to hire them because of their race.

Shirley Lea, Romona Pinnix and Annie Tinnin made the charge last August and will be represented in U.S. District Court here, this week, by NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc. (LDF) staff attorney Robert Belton, and cooperating attorney Julius L. Chambers.

According to Belton and Chambers, the three women applied for positions as trainees at the Cone Mills Corporation, located in Hillsboro, and were told these positions were not open. However, they said, a few days later the company hired three white women in the same capacity for which their clients had applied.

They said their clients, under the law, are entitled to back pay from the time they were out of work until they were employed by Burlington Mills where they now work.

North Carolina Gets \$449,057 For Job Training

WASHINGTON, D. C. — North Carolina will receive \$449,057 in eight Federal grants for the retraining of 185 unemployed persons, Secretary of Labor Willard Wirtz and Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare Wilbur Cohen have announced jointly today.

The institutional training courses will be given in occupations including: stenographer, general clerk, auto mechanic, farm equipment mechanic, combination welder and a variety of other occupations for which job opportunities exist.

The Federal programs were approved under the Manpower Development and Training Act (MDTA) which provides Federal funds for training facilities, instructors, and equipment through the State Employment Security agencies.

(See TRAINING 2A)

A. Phillip Randolph Supports Hubert Humphrey for President

NEW YORK — The dean of Negro leaders, A. Phillip Randolph, endorsed the candidacy of Hubert H. Humphrey today.

Randolph is the retiring President of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, a Vice-President of the AFL-CIO and the President of the A. Phillip Randolph Institute.

Randolph said that Hubert Humphrey is a "candidate around whom the Negro people can rally with enthusiasm, for he has been a champion of racial equality for many years. He was in the forefront of the civil rights fight when that fight was still a lonely, unpopular isolated struggle."

He further pointed out that the "American democracy has not faced so critical a test since 1876. The parallels between that fateful election one are striking and grave. In 1876 the electoral process broke down and the Southern bourgeois emerged to dictate the infamous Compromise of 1877 which paved the way for a new era of racial segregation, disfranchisement and brutality."

"There is, however, profound difference between 1876 and 1968," he said, "in 1876 the forces of reaction could impose their will on black Americans. We were corralled on plantations, we were powerless and dependent. Today, thanks to the Civil Rights Re-

volution, we have come too far to be so easily turned around."

Randolph urged all black men and women of voting age to register and to vote in November. He urged young people below voting age to become active in educating their elders in the basic issues of the campaign. He urged defeat of the backlash candidates Wallace and Nixon.

"Throughout most of my career, as you know, I have found much to criticize in the two major political parties. I have contended again and again that neither the Republican Party nor the Democratic Party adequately understood the fundamental and far-reaching changes that were required for our society to achieve social justice and economic democracy.

To those changes I have dedicated the greater part of my life, going back to an early association with Eugene Victor Debs, to the great organizing crusades of the labor movement, and to the civil rights struggles of half a century.

In the course of these efforts, I have declined to endorse either of the political parties or its Presidential candidate. I have departed from this practice only once.

In 1964 I declared my support for President Johnson. For it seemed to me that a clear

(See RANDOLPH 2A)

Registration Of Non-Whites To Be Pushed Says NAACP Official

Cautions Negroes Not To "Sit Out" November Election

NEW YORK — Roy Wilkins executive director of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, this week said that in view of the challenge of George Wallace and the radical right "Negroes can ill afford to sit out this year's Presidential and Congressional elections."

At a news conference held on September 12, Wilkins said that even though the former Alabama Governor only has a "ghost of a chance" of becoming President, "the support he has mustered throughout America bodes ill for the need of poor Negroes for improved employment, housing and education opportunities."

"This morning's headlines, as well as the cover story of a major newsweekly," Wilkins continued, "show that Wallace's strength lies not only in Selma, Alabama, but in Oshtemo, Michigan; not only among the Ku Klux Klan and the John Birch Society, but among automobile workers, police officers and whites from all walks of American life."

Wilkins' statement was made at a press conference in which he declared that the NAACP would immediately respond to the forces of reaction by designating the dates of September 15-21 as NAACP National Voter Registration Week, "during which the organization's 1,800 branches will make 'an all-out effort to help reduce the 12 per cent gap between white and non-white voter registration.' The drive will continue, he said, until all registration books are closed and beyond then to election day when black people will be transported to the polls.

W. C. Patton, NAACP associate director of voter education and registration, cited a

(See WILKINS 2A)



THE ANNUAL PROGRAM of the Deaconess Board of White Rock Baptist Church was rendered here Sunday, September 15 at 5:45 p.m. at St. Joseph's

A.M.E. Church. Guests of the occasion were members of the St. Joseph's Stewardess Boards shown with members of the

White Rock Deaconess Boards, following the program, which was declared a most interesting one by those in attendance.

Dr. Reed's Request Tie To NAACP Board Be Severed Is Confirmed

NEW YORK — A telegram last June 30 signed by Dr. Eugene T. Reed, of Amityville, N. Y., offering his "immediate" resignation from the board of directors of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People was allowed to stand here September 9 at the quarterly meeting of the board.

In his June 30 message, Dr. Reed further requested that Roy Wilkins, the national executive director, "transmit to the board" his "immediate resignation from it."

The next day, July 1, Mr. Wilkins transmitted to the board members a copy of the full text of Dr. Reed's telegram of resignation and so advised Dr. Reed by wire. Although his telegram of June 30 stated, "I can no longer in good conscience remain

a member of that board," Dr. Reed appeared at the September 9 board meeting and handed up a handwritten note, dated September 9, addressed to "The National Board of Directors, NAACP."

In it Dr. Reed stated that he had received "almost 100 letters from black people requesting that I reconsider." He cited also a resolution he said had been passed at the quarterly meeting of the New York State Conference of Branches urging him to remain on the board.

"I can no longer ignore the demands of my black brothers," Dr. Reed wrote, "and, therefore, I am this morning withdrawing my resignation."

Because the word "immediate" had been used in Dr.

Reed's June 30 telegram, because he had been elected to the board by members in Region II, the Northeast, and because the NAACP constitution specifies the manner in which a vacancy in such elections must be filled, Board Chairman Stephen Sopotwood asked a committee to consult the New York law on membership of corporations and to submit a report.

The committee, containing several lawyers and one judge, unanimously agreed that a vacancy did in fact exist as soon as Dr. Reed sent his "immediate" resignation June 30 and that the board could do nothing in the face of the constitutional requirement for filling a vacancy in a regional election.

Black Student Doctoral Grants Announced by Ford Foundation

NEW YORK — The Ford Foundation today announced establishment of a program of Doctoral Fellowships for Black Students, designed to help more young Negro men and women enter the field of college teaching. It will be initially funded at \$1 million.

In circulars being distributed this week to some 2,000 officials of liberal-arts colleges, universities, and graduate schools, the Foundation invited inquiries and stressed the importance of prompt action by prospective candidates for the 1969-70 academic year.

The Foundation said the new program is intended to supplement, not replace, existing college-teacher fellowship programs which operate on a "color-blind basis. The program was prompted by evidence that these do not assist enough young black students. Less than 1 per cent of doctorates are held by Negroes, and less than 1 per cent of doctoral candidates now in graduate school are Negroes. The new program would double the number of Negro doctoral candidates sponsored by private fellowship programs, according to James Armey, a Foundation program officer.

"There are more black Americans who are qualified and who should be encouraged to work for this prerequisite

for full membership in the academic community," he said. "And America's colleges and universities, both black and white, need the services of more Negro faculty members and administrators in order to understand and serve a society which is 11.5 per cent black."

The program each year will award full support for full-time graduate study leading to the doctorate in the humanities, social sciences, or natural sciences, for between thirty-five and forty black college seniors or recent graduates beginning in the fall of 1969. Candidates must be interested in a career in college teaching. Their fellowships will be renewable annually for up to five years to complete degree requirements. They must arrange to take entrance examinations, apply for graduate school admission, and submit completed fellowship applications by January 31, 1969 in order to qualify for consideration under the program.

Applicants must have received their bachelor's degree in 1967 or 1968 or expect to receive it by September, 1969. They may not have engaged in graduate study prior to applying. Each is expected to show evidence of:

- ability to pursue a course of study to the doctoral degree (See FORD page 2A)

Tour For 150 Foreign Social Work Ministers is Sponsored

BROOKLYN — The Brownsville Community Council announced this week a tour of 150 Social Work Ministers representing various countries from the United Nations. The tour, believed to be the first of its kind in the country, will take place on Wednesday, September 11th. The planners of the project are Morton Rogers, Director of H. R. A.'s office of Program Development, and Benjamin A. Brown, B. C. C. Director of Public Relations and Information. Mr. Rogers will escort the foreign delegation to Brownsville where they will first assemble at 592 Rockaway Avenue at 3 p.m. to be briefed by Paul J. Cooper, Executive Director of B.C.C., Fred Wilson, Chair-

man of the Board, Joseph Francois, B. C. C. President, Horace Morancie, Director of the Central Brooklyn, Model Cities Program, and Rogers. The visitors will then inspect the facilities and operations of the B. C. C. Manpower Center, the Head Start Family Day Care Center, a neighborhood action center, and make a walking tour through the impoverished community.

"This is indeed an honor for Brownsville to be visited by such a distinguished worldwide delegation," said Cooper. "We will do our best to show the United Nations representatives the best and the worst of our community and what B. C. C. is doing to bring about social change."