

Demo Precincts Integrated in Rocky Mount

By J. B. Harren

ROCKY MOUNT, N. C. — For the first time in modern Tarheel history (it is believed), at least two Rocky Mount Democratic voting precincts have been integrated and with perfect cordiality being exhibited by the majority whites.

The Rev. Lloyd B. Morris, Mt. Pisgah United Presbyterian USA minister, was nominated by J. B. Harren to be the 2nd vice chairman of precinct 12-1. Morris was unanimously elected by the eleven precinct members present. Morris and Harren were the only Negroes present, but between them, they nominated five other Blacks - in absentia - to serve on the 18-member precinct committee to the June 20th Edgecombe Democratic convention at Tarboro. Harren was included on the precinct committee.

W. L. Goodwyn Jr., was re-elected precinct chairman; Mrs. Joe Floyd, 1st vice chm; L. B. Morris, 2nd v. chm; Frank R. Gupton, 3rd v. chm; and Mrs. W. W. Ham, sec-treas.

On the Nash County side of town, at the precinct meeting in ward four, Miss Claudia McCulloch was elected 2nd vice precinct chairman. Alex H. (Tuffy) Bryant, recent unsuccessful candidate for city council, was named, along with Boyd L. Ancrum, Charles Smith Sr., and Mrs. Lillian Smith Pittman, as Tan members of the precinct delegation.

In Edgecombe precinct 12-4, the all-black precinct, Mrs. Esmeralda Rich Hawkins was named as chairman with the Rev. George W. Dudley as vice chairman. The Rev. Elbert Lee Jr., was among the precinct committeemen named to work for party harmony. Reports were not available on Negro participation in other precincts.

The all-black precinct 12-4 with 1,959 registrants was charged with the loss of the recent councilmanic campaign against the white incumbent waged by Alex Bryant when only 585 of the all-Negro precinct voters bothered to vote for the black candidate, despite the strong contention of hundreds for an all-Black ward and a Black councilman.

It is a matter of history that six Negroes have made the race here for city council a total of nine times without winning. This latest attempt by "Tuffy" Bryant was defeated mainly because the all-Black precinct 12-4 failed to support what they had been clamoring for a black councilman. Even one all-white ward gave Bryant 77 votes.

Those 'in the know' will tell you that all Negro candidates who have presented themselves for city council here - over the past twenty years - have been victims of petty jealousies, personality clashes and the inability of the Blacks to agree on any one candidate, despite the fact that the whites assisted greatly, this year, in trying to elect a Negro.



TRIANGLE TROPHY SHOP — Roy E. Alston (left) owner of Triangle Trophy Shop displaying some of the inventory, of his place of business to Ellis Allen. (right) acting director of Project Outreach. The new

Omegas Name Winners in Essay Contest

Dr. Matthew J. Whitehead, Director of the Achievement Week Project of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, which sponsors annually the National High School Essay Contest, has announced the winners of the Fall 1969 Contest who submitted essays on the topic: "Student Protests And Revolts: Helpful or Harmful?"

The first place winner who will receive a five hundred dollar (\$500.00), Scholarship to be paid to the College of her choice, will go to Miss Gigi Dowling of East St. Louis, Illinois.

The second place winner who will receive a three hundred dollar, (\$300.00), Scholarship to be paid to the College of her choice, will go to Miss Keay Davidson of Atlanta, Georgia.

The third place winner, (Honorable Mention), no cash award, goes to Miss Lisa Fritz of Wapakoneta, Ohio.

The three judges, all professors of creative writing and literature in institutions of higher learning commended the contestants on the excellent quality of the essays which were submitted.

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TALENT SHOW
A Tots To Teens fashion and talent show will be presented Sunday evening, June 14, at the Durham Business College at 6:00 p.m. Dance groups as well as other talented youngsters will perform.

establishment, which is Durham's only trophy shop, was opened May 29-30 in Wellon's Village Shopping Center.

Alston states that he has a complete line of trophies and plaques and offers engraving. For sizeable orders that require engraving, he is offering a 72-hour service from the order is placed.

Alston was recently awarded a certificate for attending a business seminar sponsored by Project Outreach, North Carolina Central University and the Small Business Administra-

It was through Project Outreach that he applied for and received an SBA Loan to open his business.

LDF Sues Cannon Mills Firm For Flagrant Job Discrimination

SALISBURY — Attorneys of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc. (LDF) filed a complaint this week in the U. S. District Court here against what may be one of the most pervasive and tenacious policies of employment discrimination maintained by a major U. S. corporation.

The Cannon Mills Company, based in Kannapolis, is one of the largest textile companies in the nation and has therefore received key defense contracts.

According to LDF attorneys, in most cases of job discrimination complaints, textile companies have at least responded with written assurances of reform.

However, despite several actions against Cannon Mills, they assert, the company has refused to offer any such as-

urances.

The company is charged with the following violations of the fair employment practices provisions of the 1964 Civil Rights Act (Title VII):

- * recruitment of new employees through means designed to reach more white persons than black;

- * use of arbitrary standards of hiring which are irrelevant to job requirements and have the effect of weeding out black applicants;

- * segregated jobs, departments and classifications on the basis of race, sex, or both;

- * residential housing, owned or controlled by Cannon Mills, is segregated on the basis of race, with housing for blacks inferior to that of whites;

- * the company excludes virtually all blacks from supervisory, managerial, professional, and clerical jobs on the basis of race and sex;

- * black employees are assigned the lowest paid, most strenuous duties, hazardous to health and personal safety;

- * the company depresses all wages of black employees by classifying jobs as "white" and "Negro" and paying the lowest wages possible under the latter classification;

- * the company depresses wages of female employees by

segregating jobs on the basis of sex.

* the company discourages black employees and applicants from opposing and expressing opposition to its discriminatory policies and from actively seeking promotions and train-

ing for future promotions; * subtle forms of discrimination are practices by the company such as opposing more vigorously the workmen's compensation claims of black employees more readily for minor infractions.

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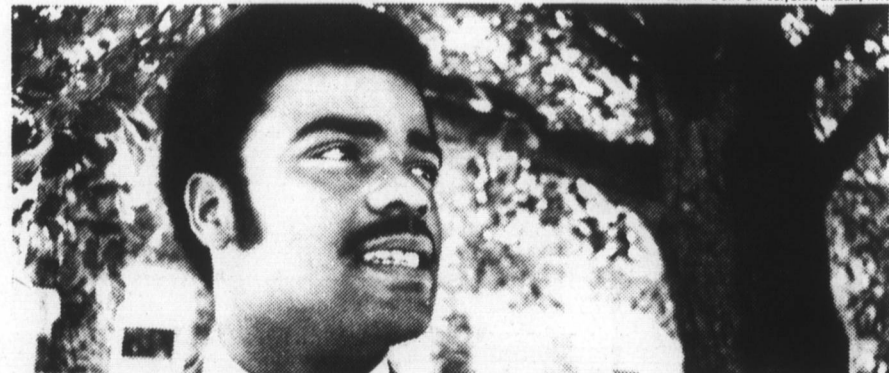
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