

# SCOTTISH RITE MASONS TO CONVENE IN DURHAM

## WORDS OF WISDOM

Only aim to do your duty, and mankind will give you credit where you fail. —Thomas Jefferson

Life is a romantic business. It is painting a picture, not doing a sum—but you have to make the romance. —Oliver Wendell Holmes

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**FIRST BLACK GIRL TO COMPETE**—A senior at East Orange High School with a straight A average, New Jersey's Junior Miss, Donna Alexander, will be the first black girl to appear as a contestant in the finals of the America's Junior Miss Pageant. The finals are telecast from Mobile, Ala., and will be seen Monday, May 6, 10 p.m., EDT, on the CBS network.

## Camp G. H. Johnson Dedicated During Montford Point Event

## Church Women To Observe Fellowship Day

### Sgt. Maj. 'Hashmark' Johnson One Of First Blacks In Marines

CAMP LEJEUNE—Camp Gilbert H. Johnson, the first permanent Marine Corps facility to be named for a Black Marine, was dedicated during ceremonies today (April 19) at Montford Point in honor of the late Sergeant Major "Hashmark" Johnson, one of the first Blacks to serve in the Marine Corps.

Sgt. Maj. Johnson's loyalty and devotion to his country and the American people was recorded in a letter that he wrote to President Truman dated May 31, 1948 from Montford Point. Writing as a loyal and conservative Negro leader, he called for unity and harmony of all Americans regardless of national or racial origin. He said "the American Negro will continue to give his country his fullest measure of support and devotion in whatever crisis which must be met, both foreign and domestic."

Guest speaker at the ceremony was Stanley S. Scott, Special Assistant to the President on Minority Affairs. Scott read a message from the President which said in part "I know that the qualities of

character for which Sergeant Major Johnson was so admired throughout his life will inspire all those who attend the Camp that is to bear his name. I send my very best wishes to those who take part in this historic event."

Following the guest speaker, John A. Burroughs, Special Assistant for Equal Opportunity to the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Manpower and Reserve Affairs) and MgySgt. Brook Gray, USMC (Ret), a founder of the Montford Point Marine Association, paid tribute to Sgt. Maj. Johnson.

Mrs. Paula J. Green, daughter of the late Sgt. Maj. Johnson unveiled a commemorative plaque dedicated to Sgt. Maj. Johnson. (See JOHNSON Page 8A)

### First Black Girl To Compete for Jr. Miss Title

When the finals of the America's Junior Miss Pageant are telecast from Mobile, Ala., Monday May 6, New Jersey's Donna Alexander will be the first black girl to appear as a contestant. The finals will be seen at 10 p.m., EDT, on the CBS network, with Michael Landon as master of ceremonies.

A senior at East Orange High School with a straight A average, Miss Alexander will participate in many varied activities during the 10-day pageant and vie with the new Junior Misses from the other 49 states for thousands of dollars in scholarship awards. It was the lure of scholarship award possibilities that led her to enter the Essex County pageant in which she won the title that permitted her to go on to the state pageant and become New Jersey's Junior Miss.

In an interview with Barbara Leap of the Camden Courier-Post staff following her winning of the title, Miss Alexander said, "I hope my winning will have some influence for other black girls to follow. A lot of girls in my area didn't want to enter the pageant because they thought of it as a white thing."

She decided to enter because "I heard about the scholarships that would be awarded to winners. There's no way I would pass up a chance (See JR. MISS, Page 8A)



DURHAM MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION HONORS 1974 MOTHERS OF THE YEAR—The Durham Merchants Association honored the five 1974 Mothers of the Year recently at a luncheon held at the Durham Hotel. Earlier the merchants located in Northgate Shopping Center gave a coffee hour for the honorees at Morrison's Cafeteria. All the honorees received corsages of carnations and were given Gift Certificates. Shown from left to right are the 1974 Honorees and Mothers of the Year. Mrs. James E. Schooler, Mrs. E. Howard Cox, Mrs. Russell Jenkins, Mrs. Edward S. Wasdell and Mrs. W. Kimball Griffin, receiving her corsage from Mrs. H. E. Shoaf, hostess.

### Durham Unit Will Continue Long Tradition

Along with church women across the country, the Durham unit of CHURCH Women United will continue the long tradition of meeting on the first Friday in May to emphasize the creative relationships that are possible among people in every community. "Explore New Paths" is the theme for MAY FELLOWSHIP DAY this year. CHURCH WOMEN UNITED is committed in the seventies to share in shaping new social patterns that will assure a fuller life for all people. Encouraging women to enter new vocations to meet personal needs and the needs of society can make possible a new quality of life. To this end they seek to "Explore—New—Paths"—with women in new careers.

The local celebration will take place on Friday, May 3, 1974 at St. Phillips Episcopal Church, 403 E. Main Street in the Fellowship Hall, beginning at 10:30 A.M. The speakers will be: Mrs. Barbara Foster, Director of the Volunteer Services Bureau of Durham and Mrs. Jean O'Barr, Director of Career Development and Continuing Education at Duke University. A light lunch will (See WOMEN Page 8A)



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### Durham Hotel Chosen as Site For Craft's Meet

The N.C. Council of Deliberation of the Supreme Council of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Free Masons, North and South America will convene at the Durham Hotel-Motel, April 27-28.

A special feature will be the Awards Banquet with the Honorable H.M. Michaux, Jr., Representative to the N.C. Assembly, delivering the keynote address.

Some of the notables to be present are illustrious Dr. John (See MASONS Page 8A)

## State's First Black Female Judge To Address NAACP Branch

Judge Elreta Alexander, the state's first Black female judge and candidate for the Republican nomination for Chief Justice of the N.C. Supreme Court, will be the speaker for the Durham Branch, NAACP, St. John Baptist Church, Sunday, April 28, 4 p.m.

She also has the distinction of being the first black woman to be elected a judge in the United States. She was born in Johnston County and is the daughter of a Baptist preacher.

She was educated in Greensboro, James B. Dudley High School and A&T State University, graduating from high school at 15 and college at 18. She read law at Columbia and became the first black woman to graduate from the New York School, in 1945.

She has been cited for many outstanding achievements in many fields. She was the first black woman to try a case in the N.C. Supreme Court. She won the case. She will hold a press conference after she speaks.

The Rev. L.M. Gooch, pastor, St. John, will be in

charge of the devotions. One of his choirs will furnish the music.

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## Black Attorney Named To Head Workmen's Compensation Board

WASHINGTON—Ruth V. Washington, a black attorney, has been named by Secretary of Labor Peter J. Brennan to head a new board which will hear appeals under two federal workmen's compensation laws. Ms. Washington is a former commissioner of the New York State Workmen's Compensation Board. In her new position, she will

be chairperson of the federal Benefits Review Board.

The Benefits Review Board is appointed by the Secretary of Labor to hear and determine appeals from claimants under the Longshoremen's and Harbor Worker's Compensation Act of 1927 and its extension and black lung benefit provisions of the Coal Mine Health and Safety Act of 1969.

Both laws are administered by the U.S. Department of Labor.

Before her appointment as a commissioner of the New York state board, Ms. Washington served as one of the board's referees for five years.

She was also associate counsel of the New York State Commission on Human Rights from 1961 to 1963 and has (See COMPENSATION Page 8A)

## Work Opportunity Offered 110 Poverty Level Youths in County

The U.S. Department of Labor has approved an out-of-school Neighborhood Youth Corps (NYC) project in Durham County, to provide work opportunities for 110 boys and girls from poverty level families. Assistant Regional Director for Manpower William U. Norwood, Atlanta, said federal funds in the amount of \$270,895 have been allocated for the project.

Funded for five months, the project is sponsored by Operation Breakthrough, Inc.,

908 East Main Street, Durham 27702. The Neighborhood Youth Corps, established in 1964 under the Economic Opportunity Act, has three main components: an in-school, a summer, and an out-of-school program. The in-school and summer programs provide youths with paid jobs and encourage them to continue their school enrollment. The out-of-school program offers remedial education, work experience, and in many instances, skill training.

### STATISTICS ON CANCER DEATHS IN U.S. PUBLISHED

Statistics on cancer deaths in each of the 3,056 counties of the United States have been published for the first time in a new National Cancer Institute compendium, "U.S. Cancer Mortality by County: 1950-1969."

## NCCU Chancellor To Receive Honorary Doctor of Laws Degree

Dr. Albert N. Whiting, chancellor of North Carolina Central University, will be awarded the honorary degree Doctor of Laws during commencement exercises Saturday, April 27, at Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo.

Dr. Whiting, chief administrator of North Carolina Central University since 1967, is president of the

American Association of State Colleges and Universities, to which more than 300 institutions belong.

In that capacity, he has been an outspoken advocate of

the preservation and improvement of the low tuition state college systems.

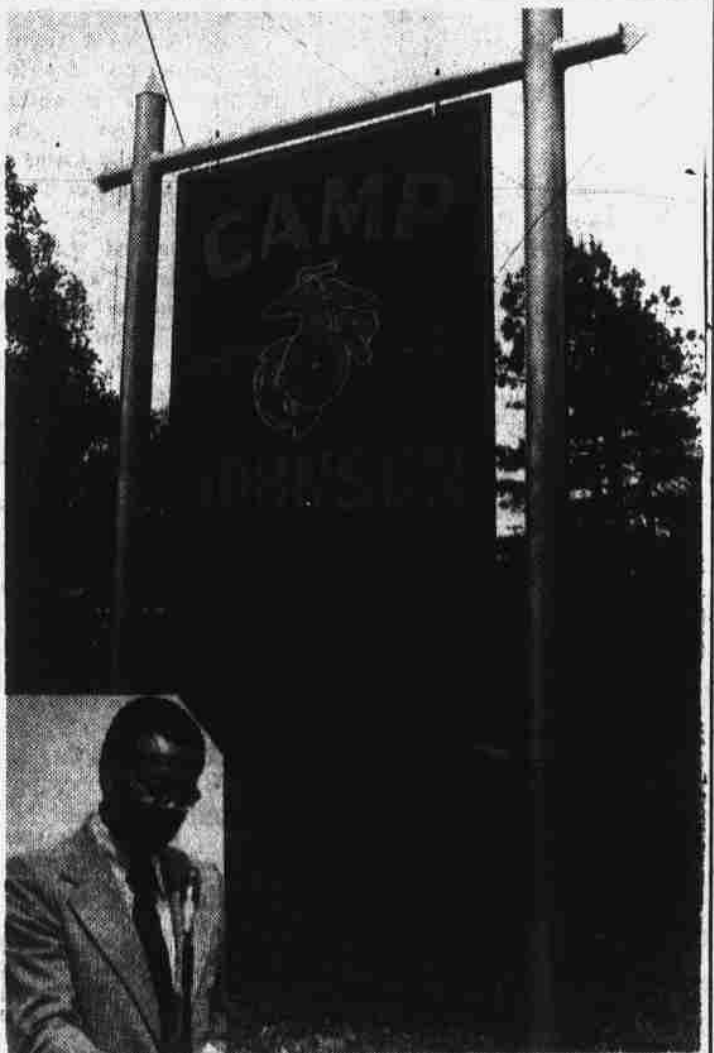
Chancellor Whiting, whose academic background includes the Ph. D. degree in sociology,

visited Western Michigan earlier this year as part of the school's Scholar-President program. He delivered a series of five lectures during that visit.

President Lyron L. Coulter of Western Michigan told Dr. Whiting, "You have been recognized by the university's Honorary Degree Committee for your outstanding contributions to your own professional field and to the society in general."



RALEIGH NAACP BUREAU OFFICIALS—B.J. Battle, treasurer, N.C. State Conference of Branches, NAACP, is going over details of the newly-opened Raleigh Bureau, 15 W. Hargett St. with I-r, Chas A. McLean, field director; Kelly Alexander, Sr., president, Alexander Barnes, director, public relations, and Peter Stanford, head of the bureau. Even though the office has not been open too long, its effect has been quite impressive on the members of the General Assembly.



FIRST PERMANENT FACILITY NAMED FOR A BLACK MARINE—Late Sergeant Major 'HASHMARK' Gilbert Johnson. Stanley S. Scott, Special Ass't to President Nixon for Minority Affairs reads a message from the president during the Camp Gilbert H. Johnson dedication April 19 at Montford Point.