

# NATIONAL BRIEFS

**Brother Helps Brother Dept.** A black fuel company, the Tri-Par Combustion Corporation was recently awarded the contract to provide fuel oil service for the 1,590 unit 1199 Plaza cooperative housing project, a development sponsored by District 1199 of the National Union of Hospital and Health Care Employees, AFL-CIO. And who got Tri-Par its first major project? Why, Webb, Brooks, & Brooker, the black realty firm, rental-managers of the project.

New York's new Governor Hugh L. Carey received an unusual list of names of blacks as candidates for appointments to top-level and middle-management positions in his administration. The names submitted contained none of the usual city, state and federal names who move from job to job. These were "new" names of capable blacks never involved in government work. Names were submitted by four leaders: Dr. Kenneth B. Clark, president of Metropolitan Applied Research Center, John Procter, publisher of NY Amsterdam News, J. Bruce Llewellyn, president of 100 Black Men and Earl G. Graves, publisher of Black Enterprise.

The new New York Harlem Office Building will soon become the home base for many of the elected black officials as a result of the State's allocation of office space for all of the elected officials from Manhattan. The State Harlem Office Building is located in the middle of Harlem at 125th Street and Seventh Avenue.

The Parks Sausage Company of Baltimore, one of the nation's largest black-owned companies, reported a 50 percent gain in profits for the year ended September 28 and declared its first dividend. Earnings totaled \$319,933 (58 cents a share) on sales of nearly \$13 million during the recent year compared with year-earlier profits of \$213,000 (38 cents) and revenues of \$13.3 million.

Dr. Bryant George, Program Officer in Social Department for the Ford Foundation has been named the newest member of the New Jersey State Board of Education after confirmation by the State Senate. A North Carolina native, and a graduate of Johnson C. Smith, he now lives in Teaneck, N.J. He's also a minister.

The recent Holiday Festival sponsored by Con Ed at Lincoln Center in which eight individual productions were presented over six days, saw some 7,000 youngsters from the NYC schools in attendance, in addition, to many, many other children from community organizations.

Amiri Baraka, the black poet and political activist is now convinced that black nationalism is an ineffective and racist movement and is telling his followers in Newark, N.J. and elsewhere to embrace what he calls the "scientific socialism" of Marx and Lenin. This change has caused rumblings and some resignations from the Congress of Afrikan People which Baraka helped found in 1970.

Prime Minister Forbes Burnham of Guyana said his country is preparing to become the first real socialist state in South America, but he did not, as observers had predicted, declare the republic a one-party state.

Hartford, Conn. gets its first woman and first black Superintendent of Schools when Dr. Edythe Gaines, a New York City educator, takes over Hartford's public schools on July 1. Dr. Gaines, since last year, has been executive director of education planning and support for the NYC Board of Education. She is a former superintendent of a Bronx School district.

## THEATRICAL WORLD

Random House and the Children's Television Workshop have produced "The Sesame Street Family Album," featuring Jim Henson's Muppets and with a complete calendar for 1975. It's filled with holidays, birthdays, and surprises galore and is both educational and delightful.

And there's the "Big Blue Marble" album, the soundtrack from the PBS weekly children's TV series sponsored by IFT. It's an abridgement of current pop styles and although it's supposed to be a children's album, it'll also please adults. Incidentally, "Big Blue Marble," the first children's TV series specifically designed for an international audience will be in 50 percent of the world's countries by 1976.

Two current stars on the Broadway stage are blacks, James Earl Jones and Cleavon Little. Jones is already being mentioned for "a definite Tony Award performance, rich and powerfully sympathetic" for his role as Lennie in John Steinbeck's "Of Mice and Men." Little, in a different kind of role in a comedy, "All Over Town," has been called "a model of smooth certitude as the jive talking dude who dupes a family. His physical grace as an actor, here put to comic use, is really remarkable, and his timing is as impossible as that of a championship tennis player."

There are some "black" movies around. "Boyz n the City" with Fred Williamson is on the scene, written and produced by Williamson and with his buddy, D'Urville Martin. And then there's "Abby," a black version of "The Exorcist" with Carol Speed as Abby, the woman possessed by the Devil and starring William Marshall, one of the best black actors, who lately has been enjoying some peculiar roles considering his enormous talent. And then there's something called "Shoot It: Black, Shoot It: Blue," a melodrama about police corruption and black vengeance.

Lena Horne and Cary Grant head the NYC Mayor's new Advisory Council on Motion Pictures and Television which will coordinate more films and TV being made in Fun City. Lena's son-in-law, Sidney Lumet is one of two screen directors on the Council, the other being Elia Kazan.

Women's Lib comes of age with the Warner Bros. film, "Alice Doesn't Live Here Anymore," the story of a woman facing the start of a new lifestyle. Among the production crew, women enjoyed such positions as script supervisor, art director, hair stylist, wardrobe, film editor and associate producer.

America's best black modern dance company, the Alvin Ailey City Center Dance Theater has recently closed out its third winter season in NYC and other parts of America should soon be enjoying this remarkable repertory company. And one of its best numbers this year is "Portrait of Billee," a beautiful tribute to the late Billie Holiday. Whether danced by Judith Jamison or Sara Yarborough, it's a moving experience.

Gordon Parks, Jr. is directing another, "Aaron Love Angela," about a 15-year old black boy and his 14 year-old Puerto Rican girl, shooting in NYC for Columbia. It's a contemporary "Romeo and Juliet" romantic adventure. Kevin Hooks, the son of Robert Hooks who made such a hit in "Sounder" has the role of the boy. Moses Gunn, Hooks, Sr., and Chris Calloway, Cab's daughter will also be seen in the picture.

Since the first of the three GI Bills became effective in 1944, some 15 million veterans have taken training under some Veterans Administration program. Six million persons have trained at the college level.

There were about 4.7 million veterans in the United States when the Veterans Administration was established in 1930. Today there are more than 29 million veterans eligible for VA benefit.



HELLO THERE appears to be the expression of Fayetteville State University senior Coed Chenta Merritt, as she does on business internship assignment on the campus recently. The Currie, native is seeking a career in personnel management and will receive her degree in December. A member of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority and Phi Beta Lambda (business organization), she is among 75 business interns at FSU on assignment for the first semester. (FSU Photo by John B. Henderson).

## Teacher Power In Politics Gain Power Strength

The Political Action Committee for Education (PACE) will conduct its Annual Political Action Workshop for educators on January 10-11, at the Regency Hyatt House in Winston-Salem. The opening activity will begin at 7:00 p.m. with a dinner to which Governor Holshouser, Terry Sanford, Sam Ervin, and Congressman Steve Neal have been invited. Workshop sessions will follow: On Friday evening and Saturday political experts will conduct seminars. Among such experts will be Alex Brock-State Board of Elections, Yancey Martin-Southern Elections Funds, Inc. from Atlanta, Jim Goff-Political Consultant who organized Congressman Jenner's campaign in South Carolina. Goff is from Summerville, S.C., Sam Mauzy-S.E. Regional Political Consultant from the National Education Association-Atlanta, E.B. Palmer-State PACE Coordinator, Senator Ralph Scott, and Representative Carl Stewart. The luncheon speaker on Saturday will be the Honorable Howard Lee, Mayor of Chapel Hill.

## A Potpourri of Events

By GEORGE B. RUSS

By December 19, the Christmas holiday party going of the UBC social set had reached a towering peak. Those who had kept abreast with the dress-up affairs had become aware of making the scene in "re-runs." Something to wear had become a problem. Nevertheless, the Russ-Sanders Singers and the Dorcas Class combined their resources and made a deeper ripple in the party season than most.

The Barcelona Room, at the Durham Downtown, was the setting for this year's happy Yuletide dinner.

The amiable Mrs. Inez B. Evans was the gracious hostess for the evening assisted by a bevy of glittering Xmas Belles, Mrs. Minnie Ford, Mrs. Lois Brown, Ms. Irene Hall, Mrs. Ollie Cameron, Mrs. Sarah Bruce, Mrs. Stattie H. Russ.

Dr. and Mrs. Grady D. Davis were present to reign over the guest Table: Rev. and Mrs. John L. Caldwell, Rev. and Mrs. N.B. Sanders, Mr. and Mrs. George B. Russ, Mrs. Minnie Ford and Julius Corbett.

"Let's Get Acquainted and old game with a new twist sparked the tempo of this festive occasion. More persons with surnames beginning with the letter "C" were present and each was awarded a large, handsomely decorated candy cane.

A progress report of the Russ-Sanders, Dorcas Class was given by president, Mrs. S.H. Russ. She described the "Birthdays Remembrance" project sponsored by Mrs. Inez Evans as being helpful, cheerful and effective throughout the year.

"The Widow's-mite," a project sponsored by Dorcas Class teacher, Mrs. Celestia Sanders, "is growing in popularity each year."

Mrs. Elnora Ransom, liaison for the Dorcas Class, was praised for the wonderful work she is doing with the

Holy Night. "Christ For Christmas" A pageant presented by the UBC Sunday School's youth department proved to be one of the outstanding highlights of the Christmas Season.

Everyone attending the program received Xmas bags containing Director of Sunday School, Charles Cameron. Program Chairman, Mrs. Bernerette Cooper.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Partin of 1009 Delray, Riddle Heights, entertained Parrish and Partin families, December 29, with a Pre New Year's Dinner Party. This convivial affair was centered around the tiny types of both clans.

Thank you: the family of the late M.C. Hart wishes to thank everyone for their acts of kindness during the illness and passing of their loved one. May God continue to bless each and every one of you. Mrs. Pauline Hart.

The pastor, Dr. Grady D. Davis, officers and staff at Union Baptist take this opportunity to say "thank you" for the cooperation they received from you this year. They wish for everyone a very prosperous and Happy New Year.

"Be Good For Goodness sake," text: Luke 6:45, proved to be a timely, highly informative message for ending the year's 11 o'clock worship services. A simple, thoughtful evoking, challenging message supported by two Missionary choirs: The senior Missionary, Helping Hand. Music was under the direction of Mrs. Vera Farmer, Grover Wilson, Jr. soloist, Ms. Isabella Holder, Mrs. Plaisie Sexton.

Sick and Shut-ins, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Davis, 306 Dowd St., Mrs. Donnie Garner 301 R-2 Oak Ave. Reverend Thomas Griswell, 309 E. Alton St. Mrs. O.H. Hargrove, Boston, Mass. Otha Thompson, 894 Dowd St. Mrs. Ada Dunlap, 509 Gray Ave. Mrs. Louvenia Long, 701 Dowd St., Mrs. Maude Albright, 1407 Hamlin St.

Watch meeting service held Tuesday night, December 31, proved to be 90 minutes of inspiration. The Rev. N.B. Sanders preached a soul-stirring sermonette. The Grady Davis Choir, Russ-Sanders Singers sang. For those in attendance, greeting the New Year was a time of rejoicing, of praising and giving thanks to God. The midnight hour came and the worshippers were unaware of the change-over.

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