

Human Relations Commission Seeking Nominations

The Durham Human Relations Commission is seeking nominations for the Carlie B. Sessoms Award to be presented in March to a person, persons or a group who have worked to improve human relations in Durham.

The award commemorates the late Carlie B. Sessoms, a Durham native who was serving as chairman of the commission at the time of his death on October 24, 1977. It is to be conferred annually or when deemed appropriate by the Human Relations Commission and the City Council.

A resolution passed by the commission honoring Sessoms said he "set a high degree of devotion to and leadership in the work of the commission and its activities. Also, his service extended not only through the commission and the City of Durham, but throughout the world in the bringing of honor and distinction to the Human Relations Commission and his native city."

Nominations for the award must be received by the commission on or before Thursday, January 31, 1980. The nomination or nominations may be mailed to the Durham Human Relations Commission, 71 City Hall Plaza, Durham, North Carolina 27701 or hand delivered to the Human Relations Department on the fourth floor at City Hall. The Commission plans to present the award at the March 3 meeting of the City Council.

General nomination

guidelines restrict nominations to person, persons, or organizations who reside or are based in Durham city or county.

Individuals must be nominated by another person and the person placing the name into nomination must also list his name, address and telephone number. Organizations, including agencies, may place their own names into nomination.

Supportive information should be included with the nomination. For persons, this can take the form of a short biographical sketch and a description of what they have done to foster better human relations.

Similar information is required for organizations, but the purpose of the organization must be stated and, where possible, supportive materials such as newspaper clippings, letters, and photographs should be included.

The recommendation for the award will be made in February by the commission, which was created by the City Council in 1968 to develop mutual respect among persons of all races and religions and ethnic and economic backgrounds. The commission's recommendation will be submitted to the City Council for the council's approval.

Persons desiring more information on the Carlie B. Sessoms Award may contact Michael Cash in the Human Relations Department at City Hall, 683-4107.



WASHINGTON, DC — Brig. Gen. Frank Petersen, now assigned in the Pentagon, never dreamed he would become the Marine Corps' first black general. At boot camp in 1950 at age 19, he promised himself he would become the Marines' first black pilot. Two years later he was flying combat missions in Korea. (UPI Photo)

500 Acres Sold at Soul City

Floyd B. McKissick, Sr., President of The Soul City Company, has announced that The Soul City Company has sold 500 acres in the Warren Industrial Park to Perdue, Inc. Perdue, Inc. is the largest poultry producer in Eastern America.

McKissick said, "The citizens of Warren County are indeed grateful for the opportunities that will be afforded them for growth and economic development that only Perdue could provide. The location of a major industry the magnitude of Perdue is evidence that the primary mission of Soul City was satisfied. Our objective was to have the development of the new town serve as a catalyst for regional economic development. This sale would not have been possible except for the full cooperation of HUD, Warren County and the residents of Soul City."

Over 70 percent of the \$26 million in federal support for Soul City went to construct projects of regional significance such as the Kerr Lake Regional Water System, the soon to be constructed Warren County 2 million gallon Sewage Treatment Plant, the 2 million gallon force main to the Town of Warrenton, and assistance with Warren County's consolidated high school. These were necessary ingredients for Perdue's location.

Perdue, Inc., a Maryland-based poultry processing firm, announced on Wednesday, October 31, that it had optioned 500 acres, thereby taking a large step toward a plant which may employ as many as 1,000 people. Although Perdue officials

declined to speculate on what the total investment would be in Warren County, it was unofficially reported that it would be in the neighborhood of \$20 million initially.

In remarks thanking a number of people, a Perdue official extended a special thanks for helping in the selection of the Warren County site to Floyd B. McKissick, the founder of Soul City.

This would be Perdue's second major facility in North Carolina. Their other plant is located on land spread across Bertie, Northampton and Hertford counties. The firm's total investment there exceeds \$35 million.

In September, Perdue conducted a labor survey in Warren County and even accepted job applications for "future employment."

According to Perdue, the company would operate a feed mill, additional growers and a hatchery as well as the poultry processing plant.

Brian Smith, an industrial developer with the N. C. Department of Commerce, Industrial Development Division, said, "This industry will provide a much greater economic benefit to the area than most other types of industrial plants, because not only will Perdue employ over 1,000 people, but local area farmers will have an excellent market for their grain (corn and soybeans) as well as the opportunity to grow poultry which will provide a steady year-round secondary income for our farmers."

"In short, it will be a real economic boon for this area of our state," he said.

BLACK CATHOLICS: An Agenda for the 80s

WASHINGTON, DC — In August, the National Office for Black Catholics (NOBC) will mark its 10th anniversary by calling together for the first time all of its component organizations to review their histories, strengthen ties and salute outstanding contributions.

The total alliance of black Catholic clergy, lay and religious men and women throughout the United States will participate in NOBC's conference entitled: **BLACK CATHOLICS: An Agenda for the 80's**. This historic gathering will be held August 6-9 in Chicago, Illinois, at the city's Bismarck Hotel.

"We view **BLACK CATHOLICS: An Agenda for the 80's** as a signal event in the growth of black Catholic participation in the life of our Church and nation," said Brother Cyprian Rowe, executive director of NOBC.

"It comes at a time when the Black Catholic movement is characterized in so many areas by a great desire to revivify itself, to determine directions, to bring its weight to bear on what is transpiring in the Church and in the nation."

The conference will pay special tribute to the National Council of the Knights of St. Peter Claver and Ladies Auxiliaries, founded at Mobile, Alabama, in 1909 with headquarters in New Orleans, Louisiana. The National Council operates in 17 states with 22,545 members making it the largest black Catholic fraternal order.

Charls Rangle, a black Catholic Congressman from New York City, has been invited to give the keynote address.

Although the convention is open to all black Catholics and those involved in the apostolate of the Church in the black community, plans are underway for at least 2,000 delegates to be elected by formal process: two per black parish, one per parish having a sizeable black membership, 20 from the National Black Clergy Caucus, 40

from the National Black Sisters Conference, 200 from the National Black Lay Catholic Caucus and 240 at-large delegates.

A National Liason Committee based in Chicago has been set up to coordinate conference activities. The committee chairman is Bishop King of the Chicago Archdiocese's Education Office.

The National Office for Black Catholics is a corporate non-profit organization associated with the United States Catholic Conference. It is

IMAM MUHAMMAD REACHES 20 MILLION

CHICAGO, ILL. — Imam Wallace Deen Muhammad, leader and president of the World Community of Al-Islam in the West (WCIW), the largest identifiable Muslim Community in America, was interviewed by Dirk Sager, correspondent for Station ZDF German television.

When questioned as to the difficulty of being a Muslim in America, Muhammad responded by saying, "It has always been difficult. The former leader, the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, taught something that was un-American and un-Islamic. Now that I'm leading the Community, following the Sunni (the way of) Prophet Muhammad, I find it now more difficult because it seems that many Americans liked us better when we were isolated — separated from the American people. Many that I thought would congratulate me have not. This is a strain on me, but I can live with it."

Imam Muhammad went on to state his position on the Iranian crisis, "Just as most of the Muslims I've talked to, Imams and scholars, we believe it's not Quranic law, it's not the Sunni (the way of) Prophet Muhammad to take personnel of the U. S. Embassy and hold them hostage like this. Even

composed of clerical religious and black lay Catholics — from throughout the United States for the purpose of strengthening the black participation in the Catholic Church and making more effective the efforts of the Catholic Church in the black community.

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though a great crime has been committed by the ex-Shah against the Iranian people and he was welcomed here for a while in the United States, we don't think there is any justification for the torture that they are carrying the American citizens through in Iran."

"I am a patriot of what I call 'the true blood of the Constitution of the United States.' There is a lot in the governmental history of the U. S. that I'm against, and there is a lot even now in our Government that I'm against. But, I'm with what I term the true blood of the Constitution of the U. S., and right now I'm supporting President Carter."

And finally commenting on the World Community of Al-Islam in the West's future in the U. S., "I believe our (WCIW) greatest contribution to this country will be spiritual stability and spiritual development. America became great because of a great appreciation for spiritual life. And I think the concept of human dignity in the Constitution is really a scriptural concept. As a Muslim I hope to revive Christians that have lost their way, and to revive Jews who have lost their way, and I hope to convert as many of them to A-Islam as possible. I

BIG CITY PROGRAM WITH SMALL TOWN WARMTH

Life in the big city often is written off as "impersonal," or that "no one ever cares about anyone else." Sorority members of Zeta Phi Beta throughout Metropolitan New York challenge these attitudes by putting their caring philosophy into action for pregnant women and newborns.

Their Stork's Nest, quartered in the East New York Neighborhood Family Care Center in Brooklyn, is open to welfare and low-income pregnant women who receive regular prenatal care. But this isn't just another give-away program.

To be eligible for the layette items at this non-profit redistribution center, a pregnant woman must be referred by a health professional at the Family Care Center. This requirement encourages a woman to have continuous medical attention throughout pregnancy to protect herself and her baby's physical and mental development.

Zeta Phi Beta and the believe when that kind of healthy spiritual revival comes back to America it will become the courageous country it once was and make great progress in the world for all humanity."

ZDF television correspondent, Dirk Sager and a film crew filmed activities and interviewed officials at the Sister Clara Muhammad School (one of 50 in the United States), and American Pouch Foods (a business venture in which the WCIW has 50 percent ownership). The documentary is to be aired in Germany during the first week of January.

The Di-Gel Difference
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March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation launched this nationwide program in the early 1970's. Since then, about 75 Nests have opened in cities and towns around the country. All are staffed by Zeta volunteers who assemble new or good, used maternity and layette items for low-income families. The Nests are located in or near health facilities which provide maternal/new-born health care.

The origin of the Brooklyn Stork's Nest came at a March of Dimes seminar that Mrs. Bass attended in late 1977. There she met a representative of the Family Care Center who was familiar with the Stork's Nest program. She suggested organizing a Stork's Nest to serve families attending the East New York Center.

Over the next several months, Mrs. Bass and her Zeta colleagues met with members of the Family Care Center and community boards concerned with its administration. She explained the incentive program of encouraging early, continuous prenatal care and the fact that mothers were asked to participate in

at least six health care information sessions at the Stork's Nest. These consist of films and discussions by health professionals and Zeta volunteers on prenatal care, nutrition, bonding, and early infant care.

Community approval for the plan moved quickly. By summer 1978, the Stork's Nest was set up on the ground floor of the Family Care Center and now is open from 10 to 3 on Tuesdays, when women come in for prenatal care, to the OB clinic.

What makes the program so successful is its warmth and informality. Staffing it regularly are Mrs. Bass and three other Zeta volunteers. They come every week to provide a needed service to low-income women whose pregnancies are often at high risk. Poor health histories, inadequate maternal nutrition, and lack of medical attention during pregnancy often compound their chances of having babies so severely underweight that their survival is in question from the moment of birth.

Zeta volunteers Eloise Taylor and Maurie Brum-

Hillsborough Highlights

By Mrs. Bernice Marshall

COMMISSIONERS VOTE 4-0 TO SECURE CD GRANT

HILLSBOROUGH—In a vote of 4-0, the Town Commissioners approved applying for a comprehensive Community Development grant with the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for Northern Fairview, the target area. The cost estimate of the grant is \$2,692,750, with housing renovation as its main goal. The target area currently has a single purpose water and sewer grant in the amount of \$500,000.

Included in the CD grant is a 5-15 acre park, at an estimated cost of \$344,000 and \$265,250 is to be allocated for three to four persons to work in planning and administration of the project.

There is only about \$3 million available for CD programs statewide and the county is likely to encounter strong competition for the money. If the grant is approved, work could begin as early as October, 1980.

The senior citizens of Hillsborough and disabled veterans of Durham attended a Christmas party at the Daniel Boone complex during the holidays. The vets donated money, bingo games and other gifts to the party. The affair was well attended and apparently enjoyed by all.

The DeShazor Alumni No. 71 met at the Community Center in Hillsborough on December 28 for its Christmas Dance and Party. Mrs. Callie Ashford of Durham, president of the Alumni, and Rev. Richardson attended the gathering.

skill, retired teachers, and Julia Stith, a former social worker, spend time with each patient-customer. Zeta Phi Beta members, mostly business and professional women, provide an opportunity for pregnant women to participate in informal education programs that promote the physical and emotional well-being of a mother and her newborn. Supporting their efforts are Zeta chapters and Amicae members throughout the Metropolitan New York area who are making an important contribution to family health.

Stork's Nest
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ZETA PHI BETA NY STATE Director Dorothy Bass greets a mother at Brooklyn's Stork's Nest in East New York Family Care Center. Many women bring their babies back for a visit after they have attended the prenatal care information classes. Mrs. Bass, a retired social worker, coordinates volunteer staffing and programming at the Stork's Nest. (Photo by March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation)