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As a rule, the man who knows what he is talking about has little to say. . . .

Human progress must be paid for, but it cannot be bought.

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DURHAM COMMITTEE TO HOLD VOTER RALLIES

“Will Get Out Candidates To Discuss The Issues”

BY TRELLE L. JEFFERS

The Political Sub-Committee of the Durham Committee on the Affairs of Black People will hold a Voter Education and area rallies Saturday, April 26, at various locations in the Durham community.

“We will get out the candidates to discuss the issues,” said Dr. E. Lavonia Allison, the chairman of the Political Sub-Committee.

This is an important election year, locally and statewide, as well as nationally, and the May 6 election will be crucial for many of the candidates in North Carolina who are seeking political offices.

The Durham Committee hopes to give citizens in and around Durham a chance to study the can-

didates in order that they may begin to make the crucial decisions on how to cast their votes in the May 6 Primary Election.

The April 26 rallies will include a discussion on priority issues as well as feature some exciting entertainment, according to Willie Lovett, co-chairman of the Political Committee.

The area rallies will begin at 11 a.m., in Fisher Heights; move to Cornwallis Road at 11:50 a.m.; Fayetteville Street at 12:40 p.m.; McDougald Terrace at 1:30 p.m., and Few Gardens at 2:20 p.m.

All members of the various communities where the rallies are to be held are invited to attend, as well as residents of neighboring communities.

NAACP To Aid Flood Victims In South

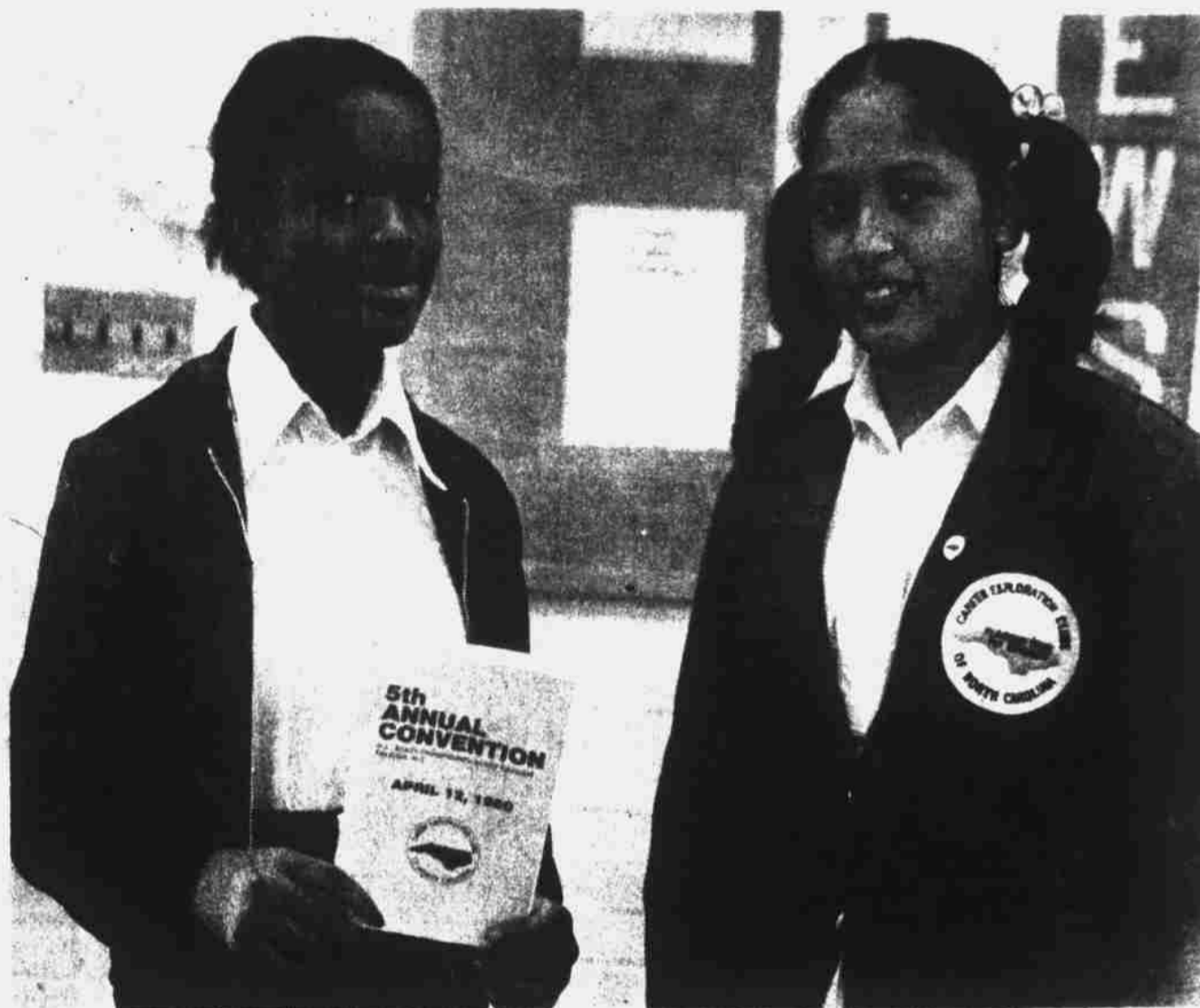
NEW ORLEANS—In an effort to aid flood victims in Mobile, Alabama, New Orleans, Louisiana and Gulfport Mississippi, Benjamin L. Hooks has ordered NAACP Emergency Relief Fund officials into those disaster areas to immediately determine what assistance is needed. Hooks made the announcement in New Orleans where thousands of residents in low-income areas have been evacuated from already water-logged homes that were being threatened even further.

Noting that the recent rains had caused severe damage to the low-lying Tri-State area, Hooks said he was dispatching W.C. Patton of Birmingham, Ala., to survey the damage and

report back to him on the funds that would be needed to begin processing applications for assistance.

The NAACP Special Contribution Fund and Emergency Relief Fund (ERF) program has not received a lot of attention outside those disaster areas where they have had an active role. Last year in Alabama, they set up a major aid center for the flooded communities of Mobile and Pritchard and a few months later was instrumental in providing assistance to one hundred “washed out” families in Jackson and Vicksburg, Mississippi.

W.C. Patton, who coordinates the ERF efforts, was the NAACP Voter Registration and Education Director for more than 25 years. He is generally given credit for the association having registered more black voters than any other organization in the country.



Elected State Career Exploration Club Officers

Miss Pamela Saunders (left) and Miss Crystal Harden (right) were elected sentinel and president, respectively, of the Career Exploration Clubs of North Carolina during the state convention held recently in Raleigh. Both are students at Holton Junior High School, Durham. Photo by Holton MGE Class

Black Women's Caucus Stages Membership Drive

The Durham County Chapter of the N.C. Black Women's Political Caucus has launched its annual membership drive. The Durham County Chapter, which was formed in late 1977, is composed of women who want to improve the economic, social, and political opportunities for black women in Durham County and across the state of North Carolina.

The Durham County Chapter devotes its energies to projects that will directly help black women and the black community. One of the major endeavors was to spearhead the campaign that resulted in the hiring of a black female, Attorney Cecily Smith, as an assistant District Attorney in the office of District Attorney Daniel K. Edward, Jr.

The Durham County Chapter has made recommendations to federal and state government officials in support of blacks who have been recommended for various positions. In January, 1979, it sent letters to President Carter, Senator Robert Morgan and several other officials recommending Attorney Julius L. Chambers for the position of Judge on the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals, which sits in Richmond, Virginia.

More recently, the Durham County Chapter was among the first organizations to send a letter to Governor Hunt recommending Attorney Karen Galloway for the judicial seat created on the bench of the District Court of Durham County.

In an attempt to recognize black women who have labored long

and hard to accomplish specific community goals, the Durham County Chapter created the “Unsung Heroines Award” which is presented annually at a banquet prepared and hosted by the Caucus members.

For the last two years, the Durham County Chapter has provided Christmas activities for the black children of Central Orphanage in Oxford. In 1978, the Durham County Chapter gave a party for the children at Central Orphanage. To the delight of the children at Central Orphanage, the Durham County Chapter introduced and presented a KWANZA celebration as its 1979 Christmas activity.

In May, 1979 the Durham County Chapter

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Boston Attorney Named New General Counsel

NEW ORLEANS—The Executive Director of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People announced Tuesday the selection of Boston Attorney Thomas Atkins as the new NAACP General Counsel.

Atkins will assume a position vacated last fall by Nathaniel Jones who was appointed by President Carter as a federal judge on the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals. He is presently the president of the NAACP Boston Chapter and Chief Counsel for all the Association's litigation involving school desegregation. To date, he has over thirty cases either active or pending decision.

On being notified by Executive Director Hooks of the appointment, Attorney Atkins said that “entering the position at the start of a new decade is an exciting prospect. We are at the beginning of a very significant civil rights juncture where the issues are — How do we consolidate the gains previously won against attack and,

Join The NAACP Today

Holton OE Students Compete In State Convention

On April 11-12, Holton Junior High School Occupational Exploration Club members competed with students from across the state in several categories during the State Convention of Career Exploration Clubs held in Raleigh.

Two of Holton's club members were elected to state offices. Miss Crystal Harden was elected president and Miss Pamela Saunders was elected sentinel.

Miss Harden, 13, is president of the National Junior Honor Society, editor of the school newspaper, an “A” honor student, and member of the school chorus at Holton.

Miss Saunders, 13, was a third place winner in individual talent on April 11. She performed again for over 1100 career club members and guests on

April 12 at the Scott Building on the North Carolina State Fairgrounds. At Holton, she is secretary of the National Junior Honor Society, a member of the school newspaper staff, and participates in all athletic activities.

Competitive activities at the convention included public speaking, creed, individual talent, group talent, scrapbook, and a new occupational cluster contest.

Holton has 84 state members with four advisors: Ms. Arline Neal, Ms. Janet Tarlton, Bob Overby and Jesse Robertson.

Miss Harden was elected State Career Exploration Club president after giving a rousing speech to the 1100 members and guests. She said, “Before I said my speech, I was nervous and

tense, but through the grace of God and knowing the efforts that my mother, Mrs. Agnes Harden, and my grandmother, Mrs. Frances Yarborough, put into my education, I was able to say my speech with ease.”

The newly elected state president expects to work toward establishing new club charters.

Miss Saunders said, “Being a member of the Holton Career Exploration Club has given me some experience that I will need in preparing for my future. While serving as the state club sentinel, Miss Saunders plans to do her best in expanding the success of the Career Exploration Clubs of North Carolina.

According to their advisors, both young ladies are looking forward to serving the Career Exploration Clubs of North Carolina

Medal Presented To Hero's Mother During Awards Ceremonies

Mrs. Lydia Dunn of Durham received the Carnegie Hero Medal given posthumously to her son, Wayne M. Dunn, in awards ceremonies held Thursday, April 16, by the North Carolina Central University Academic Skills Center.

Dunn was named one of twelve “national heroes” designated in 1979 by the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission. The award for heroism was given as a result of life-saving efforts in which Dunn drowned but saved the life of one of his co-workers.

The Carnegie awards were announced in December. Mrs. Dunn received the medal commissioned by the Carnegie Hero Fund Thursday before her heroic son's co-worker in the Academic Skills Center.

Dunn, a certified life-saver, swam to the aid of Ms. Janice Harper, who was also a counselor in the Academic Skills Center, when she fell off a raft and was swept to sea by a rip tide off Pine Knoll Shores, North Carolina. Miss Harper, a non-swimmer, was brought back by Dunn to a point

near shore. As off-duty lifeguards reached the two, Dunn slipped beneath the surf, apparently exhausted. His body was missing for three hours.

The two were among Academic Skills Center staff members who had completed a planning workshop at the coast. The May 30 incident occurred when a group of staffers went to the beach for a last swim before returning home.

Thursday's awards ceremonies saw the presentation of award certificates to 100 Academic Skills Center students who earned a B or better averages during the current academic year.

The Academic Skills Center provides special tutoring and classes to students with difficulties in such subjects as English, mathematics, and social sciences. Most of the students enrolled are assigned to the program as freshmen and have been admitted to the university only because the special assistance can be provided.

All of the students recognized Thursday night

were enrolled in the Academic Skills Center during the fall semester of 1979.

Winfred Godwin, Head of SREB, To Be NCCU Commencement Speaker

Winfred L. Godwin, president of the Southern Regional Education Board, will be the Commencement speaker at North Carolina Central University Sunday, May 18.

Dr. Godwin's organization, which he has headed since 1961, provides technical assistance and financial support to NCCU programs in nursing and in the sciences. The SREB administers funds provided by the W.R. Kenan trust to support curriculum innovation and improvement of teaching methods. That program has given NCCU \$75,000 each year for nine years to support the development of various academic programs. Godwin will speak at

the Commencement Exercises at 9 a.m., Sunday, May 18, at NCCU's O'Kelly Stadium. The university is expected to award between 900 and 1,000 degrees to undergraduate, graduate and professional students.

The speaker is a native of Montgomery Alabama, a summa cum laude graduate of Birmingham-Southern College, and the holder of M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he was a student of the celebrated regional sociologists Howard Odum and Rupert Vance.

He joined the SREB in 1953, after serving as Survey Director of the Jefferson County (Ala.) Coordinating Council.

Programs developed by the SREB during Dr. Godwin's presidency include an Academic Common Market through which Southern states share un-common graduate programs; a continuing program to inform political leaders of issues and problems confronting higher education; a consultation service to assist states in the strengthening of planning in post secondary education; and a number of efforts to expand curricula in the health and human service fields and to improve teaching at the undergraduate level.

During the period of Dr. Godwin's presidency, the SREB has emphasized the expansion of educational opportunities for blacks and the creation of

an information clearinghouse at SREB for comparative higher education statistics.

Dr. Godwin has been active in advisory panels and boards for such organizations as the Ford and Carnegie foundations, the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the American Council on Education, and the American Association for Higher Education. Since its founding in 1969, he has served as chairman of the board of *Change Magazine*, a higher education monthly.

He is the author of a variety of books and articles on higher education in the South.

Hooks Assails Carter's Proposal To Cut Social Program Spending

NEW YORK—Benjamin L. Hooks, Executive Director of the National Association for the Advancement

of Colored People said last week that President Carter's proposal to cut even deeper into social program spending, “will impose upon the nation's poor and black people an intolerable burden of sacrifice and suffering — and we can accept neither.”

Hooks said, “in the campaign to balance the budget on the backs of the poor and powerless, citizens of goodwill must speak up against this latest form of moral irresponsibility.” He added, “the immediate victims and targets are the same citizens who Mr. Carter promised to help when he was running for President in 1976.”

In assailing the Administration's budget cut proposals, Hooks stated that there was no “certain relationship between government deficits and inflation.” He recalled that the 1920 federal budget ran a surplus while the country experienced nagging inflation. “Yet, inflation declined in 1975-76, from 12% to 4.8% while we had a budget deficit of over 112 billion dollars.”

“As knowledgeable economists and others have

pointed out,” Hooks said, “the President's projected budget cut might reduce inflation by 2%, but it would be immediately off-set by the .5% price increase in the new oil import fee.”

Hooks closed by saying, “if Mr. Carter is serious about ensuring social justice and racial equality, then he must assume the lead in re-invigorating the American people's commitment to liberal ideas and efficiently-run social programs. He must pursue and implement the promises of full employment and the Humphrey-Hawkins Bill. He must take bold measures to safeguard the health and welfare of our people, by restructuring the present tax system and re-ordering federal spending priorities.

“These bold measures cannot be taken if he is intent on urging and implementing devastating cuts in social programs. The end result of such a reckless policy, will be to put equality and domestic concerns on the shelves of the nation's archives — and that would pose significant dangers to our internal peace.”