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Words Of Wisdom

The rest of your days depend on the rest of your nights.

...
"Don't Worry" might be more appropriate if we added the word "others."

SOC BLASTS INDICTMENTS OF ANTI-KLAN DEMONSTRATORS

'A Disgrace To Greensboro, N.C. And Nation'

GREENSBORO—The Southern Organizing Committee for Economic & Social Justice (SOC) charged this week that recent felony indictments against anti-Klan demonstrators here are "a disgrace to Greensboro, to North Carolina, to the nation, and to humanity."

The charges were made in communications sent to Greensboro District Attorney Michael Schlosser and Governor James Hunt by the Reverend Ben Chavis and Mrs. Anne Braden, co-chairman of SOC.

"We are outraged anew at the efforts of officials to blame the victims for the crime that occurred in Greensboro last November 3," Mrs. Braden and Rev. Chavis said.

"How many more political prisoners must go to jail in North Carolina before this state sees the light?"

The Southern Organizing Committee, which has headquarters in Birmingham, Alabama, and Louisville, Kentucky, is a south-wide multi-racial network committed to building movements for social and economic justice.

The organization's protests to Schlosser and Hunt were in response to charges brought by a grand jury in Greensboro May 2. The jury brought riot charges against five members and supporters of the Communist Workers Party which organized the demonstration against the Ku Klux Klan last November 3 in Greensboro; five members of the party were shot and killed when a caravan of Klansmen and Nazis confronted the demonstration.

"People are shot down in cold blood, and Greensboro and North Carolina say in effect that their friends are to blame," the SOC message to Hunt and Schlosser said.

SOC's co-chairman, Rev. Ben Chavis, spent almost four years in North Carolina prisons as the leader of the Wilmington Ten. The messages to Schlosser and Hunt said there are "startling parallels" between the case of the Wilmington Ten and the Greensboro situation.

"In Wilmington, too, the Klan and other racist groups shot at innocent people, and criminal charges were brought against the victims; now it is happening all over again in Greensboro," Rev. Chavis and Mrs. Braden said.

They added that SOC sees the attack on anti-Klan demonstrators in Greensboro as an "attack on the entire people's movement in this country — just at a moment when the spirit that activated the civil rights movement is having a revival all across our land."

Mrs. Braden and Rev. Chavis said "people everywhere" are doubting that North Carolina plans serious prosecution of those who murdered the Communist Worker Party members on November 3. They noted that "most of



NCCU Graduates

These four ladies, all employees of North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company in Durham, members of the Class of 1980 at North Carolina Central University, received their degrees during Commencement exercises Sunday. From left: Mrs. Wilhelmina Upchurch, Business Education; Ms. Bertha Jordan, Business Education; Ms. Mary Ann Johnson, Business Administration; and Ms. Dorothy Allen, Business Education. Photo by Rivera



KARMYN CARRINGTON

Miss Carrington Is Select Student

Miss Karmyn J. Carrington, formerly of Durham, and a rising senior at Alton High School, Alton, Illinois, has been selected to attend the annual Presidential Class Room for Young Americans, July 19-26, in Washington, D.C.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur L. Carrington, formerly of Durham, and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Wilson and Mr. and Mrs. Wade Carrington, all of Durham.

originated in 1968, provides selected high school students with a week of intensive study of American government, including seminars on the three branches of government.

Participants also study the media, the diplomatic community, labor and other private sectors which influence governmental decision-making.

Miss Carrington attended Immaculata School and Shepard Junior High School before moving to Alton.

M&F Bank To Establish Branch In Winston-Salem

Mechanics and Farmers Bank, the state's oldest and largest black-owned bank, has received final regulatory approval to establish an office in Winston-Salem. The branch will be located on Claremont Avenue near Seventh Street. Efforts to establish a branch of Mechanics and Farmers in east Winston were started over a year ago by a group of prominent black leaders.

In announcing final approval, J.J. Sansom, Jr., president of M & F, stated "we are delighted to be in position to proceed with our plans to enter the Winston-Salem market and look forward to serving the banking needs of the east Winston community."

Mechanics and Farmers Bank was established in 1908 and currently has

eight branches in Durham, Raleigh and Charlotte.

The bank ranks sixth in deposits among all black-owned banks in the nation.

Melvyn L. White, a native of Mocksville, has been hired as city executive for Winston-Salem and will oversee all of the bank's activities in the area. White is a career banker with sixteen years banking experience in New York and Florida. He is a graduate of the Stonier Graduate School of Banking, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, N.J., and was listed in "Who's Who among black Americans, 1977-78" and "Who's Who in the South and South west, 1978-79."

The bank expects to start construction on its new facility shortly.

National Black Child Week Celebrated

By Trelle L. Jeffers

May 18-24 is the National Black Child Development Week. Members of the national Black Child Development Institute (BCDI) from thirty offices across the nation, including two in North Carolina, will be placing special emphases on the eight million black children throughout the United States.

The Greensboro branch of BCDI will be holding a Black history quiz show, Thursday, May 22, and on Saturday, May 24. There will be a picnic at Battleground Park from 2-4 p.m. in Greensboro after which black child enthusiasts will run a mile for black children.

Research Triangle Park, which recently organized a BCDI chapter is scheduled

to receive its national charter this week.

Dr. Volara Washington, the Triangle spokesman for BCDI, and a UNC professor, says that during this week members of the organization hope to inform people of the purpose in such an organization. She points out that BCDI exists because one-third of the black population is below the poverty line, and that forty per cent of black children live with their mothers. It became necessary then, says Dr. Washington, for BCDI to assist in providing some of the social, psychological and educational needs for black children.

Dr. Washington quickly

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No Jobs For Dropouts In Ten Years

High school dropouts, whose chances of finding jobs are getting slimmer every day, face an even less promising future unless education methods and attitudes change soon to reverse the trend in withdrawing from school.

"In ten years, there will be no jobs available for high school dropouts," said Virgil L. McBride, manager of Regional Public Affairs at R.J. Reynolds, Incorporated of Winston-Salem.

McBride, along with representatives of private industry, community colleges, technical institutions and state government, met to discuss changes which must take place to insure educational training which would prepare teenagers and young adults for a productive place in the technologically advanced decade of the 1980's.

The meeting which was held at the Ciga-Geigy Offices in Greensboro last week was convened by the North Carolina Employment and Training Council. Participants explored methods of adapting educational curricula to the existing and future needs of private industry. The one-day meeting was a planning session which will help determine the agenda for a more expanded conference to be held in the fall.

Wayne Daves, executive director of North Carolina CETA Programs under the N.C. Department of Natural Resources and Community Development, noted that the private sector was represented by a wide spectrum of experts from manufacturing, financial and service

industries. The participants were convened to plan the education and economic strategies for the 1980's which will be explored at length during the fall meeting.

The strongest suggestion by the group was the establishment of systematic linkages between educational institutions and private industry. The linkages would be a cooperative effort whereby industry

would provide educational institutions with a profile of its needs, noting the job opportunities presently in high demand and a long-term projection of the types of training which would be required to satisfy industrial needs in the future.

Another approach cited by the participants was the need to make job opportunities more visible to students, possibly through more active vocational

clubs and organizations. Attention to the trend toward plants with fewer employees which can match the production of firms with many workers was stressed. Not only is the ever growing number of technological advances reducing the required work force, but it can be further blamed for shifting industrial needs from operational skills to maintenance skills, said James Summers,

chairman of the North Carolina Employment and Training Council.

Similarly, the research and planning officials expanded this concept and addressed the need for structural changes in relating curricula to job opportunities.

Consequently, an exchange program was suggested which would place teachers in private industry jobs for a summer or entire school year, while private industry personnel took over their duties in the classroom. In this way, students would benefit from exposure and training from skilled workers while teachers expand and update their academic skill area through in-service training.

Efforts to change attitudes on the part of parents, students, employers and the general public were also cited as an area of concern.

In addition, a change in the definition of success in relation to jobs was also encouraged. The public promotion of the concept that a skilled worker can be every bit as successful and vocationally gratified as the president of a large firm was championed by the participants.

Other issues to be addressed at the fall conference are marketing of new job training concepts; cooperative efforts between four-year institutions and technical schools or community colleges in regard to training with sophisticated equipment; and concerted efforts on the part of private industry and training institutions to educate parents concerning potential job opportunities for their children.

Rats And Snakes Plague Fisher Heights Residents

By Trelle L. Jeffers

Henry Brown and Ray Hunt, members of the Fisher Heights community appeared before the City Council, Monday night, May 19, with explicit, artistically painted pictures and color photographs to illustrate to Council members the damage, annoyance and exasperation that have been caused in their community by negligent developers and poorly constructed electric service mechanisms by Duke Power Company.

Brown showed pictures of drainage that had cut an open ditch in the community which he said was large enough for children to drown in. He also said that there were raw electric and telephone wires that had been uncovered by the heavy drainage and that these wires were also dangerous.

He also showed pictures of an opened manhole and a neighbor's yard that had been dug up and left by Duke Power.

Brown said, "because of the opened ditch, the residents of Fisher Heights are plagued by rats, snakes, mosquitoes, flooding and safety problems."

Councilman Ralph Hunt, who was instrumental in getting Brown on the council's agenda said that he had spent three hours observing the situation in Fisher Heights, and he echoed Brown's description of the problems caused by the deep, wide ditch.

After a brief discussion, the council voted to send the matter to the public works committee and to keep Brown informed on the progress.

Councilman Margaret Keller asked the Council to ascertain from the public works committee the names of persons responsible for problems left by private developers.

The city is responsible for inspecting work done by private developers, however, it is not clear

whether or not the city is responsible when problems occur on property that has been formerly inspected and approved by the city.

Another member of the Fisher Heights Community, Ray Hunt, requested protection for the community from vandalism and theft. He said that a number of homes in the community have been vandalized.

Hunt said that he and a friend had been searching for a home in Hope Valley and in the process they had been stopped three times by security officers. Said Hunt, "I have no quarrels about being stopped by security officers, but I want to know why we don't have the same protection in Fisher Heights."

The Council took no action on the request for protection from vandalism made by Hunt.