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Words Of Wisdom

All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing.

—Edmund Burke

The world is full of willing people — some willing to work, the rest willing to let them.

—Robert Frost

NAACP Meeting

The monthly meeting of the Durham NAACP, will be held on Sunday, August 23, at 4 p.m., at Kyles Temple AME Church on Dunstan Street in Durham. Public is invited.

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Murder Charged In Beating Death

The body of Miss Cynthia Carol Easterling, 31, was found partially clothed behind a picnic shelter in Duke Park about 12:30 Tuesday morning. She had been brutally beaten to death.

Two men have been charged with her murder. They are Thomas Carter of Bedford Street and Mark Allen Upchurch of Glenn Road. Both are being held in jail without privilege of bond.

At the time the body was found by a public safety officer who was patrolling the area, Carter was found sleeping in a park shelter. The PSO had first seen a pocketbook and a shoe in the parking lot.

An informant notified police Tuesday that they might find some of Miss Easterling's belongings in a car belonging to Upchurch. He was subsequently arrested.

Speculation is that Miss Easterling died as a result of blows to the head with a wooden chair leg. She had apparently met with Upchurch and Carter Monday, but it had not been

determined at press time if they had previously known each other.

She reportedly had an arrest record of various charges.

An autopsy was performed on Miss Easterling's body by the state medical examiner at Chapel Hill.

The park area of the death scene is off Roxboro Road near I-85.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, August 22, 1 p.m., at Fisher Memorial United Holy Church.

She is survived by her grandmother, Mrs. Nettie Easterling. Burial will be in Glennview Memorial Park.



Miss Cynthia Carol Easterling

Hillside High School and Durham High School

will have an Open House on Sunday, August 23, 5-7 p.m. All parents, students and friends are invited.

Rev. Bishop John H. Adams Freedom Fund Dinner Speaker August 29

Donald Alderman, Durham Branch, executive committee sponsor its Annual Fund Dinner at the Durham Civic Center on August 29 at 7 p.m. Proceeds for the occasion will be donated to Dr. Grady D. Adams, pastor of Union Church and a University professor.

Community Organization, 1965, Urban Mission of Black Church, 1967, Ethnic Education in Black Church, 1967, Grass Roots Clergy Training: A Model of Leadership Education, 1973.

Bishop Adams served as president of Paul Quinn College in Waco, Texas from 1956 to 1962. He was professor of theology at Payne Theological Seminary at Wilberforce University in Ohio from 1952 to 1956.

Adams has a long and distinguished ministerial career in helping to improve the civil, social and political plight of blacks. He convened, organized and secured funding for the Seattle



BISHOP ADAMS

Central Area Motivation Program, the first inner-city poverty program funded by the federal Office of Economic Opportunity.

He developed the Saturday Ethnic School for Young People, an innovative approach to Christian education using both blacks and whites at Grant AME Church in Los Angeles.

Adams organized the Freedom Patrol, a national model designed to oversee and to curtail police brutality in urban areas. He has assisted many groups seeking civil and human rights.

Adams holds the AB degree from John C. Smith University, the STB degree from Boston University School of Theology and the STM degree from Boston University Graduate School. He has also

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Reasonable Time Frame Required For Nursing Program Mandate

Donald Alderman, Board of Government, says that the North Carolina University must pass the exam by 1981 or be deemed "unfair" according to John Kelley, nursing program director.

Schools. "Schools have the capability of autonomy which permits a shift in resources," she explained.

Dr. Kelley said the mandate is unjust and places undue pressure on the black institution's program. Noting the funding difference and lack of a mandate at the "flagship" institutions with nursing schools (UNC-CH, UNC-G) she said, "they have an unfair advantage over us. Not until some semblance of parity is evident should this type of comparison be made."

Dr. Kelley said the mandate is not based on a fair date and the time frame was arbitrarily chosen. She said ample time was disallowed to phase out an old program, phase in a new program and evaluate the new one.

The new curriculum was employed without additional funds and developed by faculty members who already had heavy teaching and non-teaching responsibilities, said Dr. Kelley.

Since the mandate was issued in 1977, three classes have graduated which were not under the new curriculum. This means the same faculty members were responsible for teaching in and phasing out an old curriculum while developing and teaching courses in a new curriculum. "The time frame as prescribed by the Board does not allow us to graduate several classes from the new curriculum and evaluate its effectiveness. That is simply unfair," said Dr. Kelley.

The Board reviewed performances of the state's nursing programs and schools on the State Board of Nursing Licensing Exam in 1976, covering a six-year period. NCCU's passing rate was found to be 34%, but the Board identified no differences in resources or prescribed courses of study to explain the serious deficiencies at the black institution.

The nursing programs at North Carolina A&T State University and Winston-Salem State

University have been given the same mandate. A&T has also officially requested extensions of the mandate. The Board is to render a decision later this year.

To render a fair and just decision, Dr. Kelley says the Board of Governors should:

- Visit the black nursing program facilities and realize for themselves the deficiencies and inadequacies;
- Concentrate on the positive accomplishments that the black schools have made with hardly any resources;
- Canvass North Carolina hospitals and ascertain the percentage of black school graduate care givers who are providing quality care to N.C. citizens;
- Request the N.C. Board of Nursing to provide a more specific data breakdown of the scores on the licensure exam, such as: How many students failed one or more parts of the five-part exam? What part of the exam did a particular student fail?



To The Streets For Voting Rights

Some 3,000 blacks marched Sunday, August 9, to the Alabama state capitol in Montgomery in support of extending the 1965 Voting Rights Act. In the forefront (from left) are Mrs. Coretta Scott King, Rev. Jesse Jackson and Rev. Joseph Lowery.

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Local NAACP To Launch Door-To-Door Campaign

By Donald Alderman

A volunteer door-to-door canvassing posse armed with special permission to exhort county residents about important domestic concerns and to extract public opinion about social and political issues will get under way in the near future, the Durham Chapter, NAACP announced Wednesday.

"After many weeks of study, we have concluded that this door-to-door method is the most comprehensive and effective way to increase the awareness level among some citizens and to gather a consensus on some local issues," said George Frazier, local chapter president, in making the announcement.

The effort, Frazier said, should be viewed as a bi-racial, bi-partisan approach by concerned citizens — all citizens — to improve all facets of life for all people.

The goals of the program are to provide voter education and registration information to the county's poor and minorities, explain the power of politics and how politics affects all facets of life, to improve relations between blacks and whites, offer an in-depth understanding of the American economic system, explain the importance of exercising the full rights of citizenship and gather opinions as to how issues of concern can be properly addressed, Frazier said.

In addition, the local NAACP chapter plans to suggest ways for those affected to cushion the cuts in social services and increase the local chapter's active membership, Frazier announced.

Saying the first-time effort is an "attempt to mobilize the total community under a more tolerable and harmonic umbrella," Frazier said, the group's volunteers will begin "knocking on as many doors as possible" in an effort to halt worsening conditions.

Frazier said special emphasis is being placed on telling citizens how to respond to individual concerns and which agencies or groups to contact if the nature of the interest should be handled collectively. "The organizational difficulty we sometimes face is not always an

awareness problem, but rather a responsiveness one," he said.

While there are special target areas, Frazier said, "We will be knocking on all doors — black and white, young and older, rich and poor. We want to incorporate the total community into our program and we hope that all citizens will be responsive."

While having no reservations about the program's success, Frazier said a "few, indifferent" citizens may not respond, but the group's effort will not be made in vain.

A special target area will be the city's project housing where over 10,000 people reside. The all-out personal approach will be taken to apartments, single-family dwellings and "wherever there are people," he said.

Frazier said most volunteers are knowledgeable, working people who think the idea is what the county needs. He said whites as well as blacks have offered their time. He said enough volunteers have been massed to initiate the program but more are needed to ensure success. Workers, students and idle persons are welcomed.

He did not rule out the possibility of some county residents being contacted by phone.

Frazier said business and civic leaders will be contacted and their views gathered. He said other clubs and organizations will be asked to assist in the effort.

The sensitive issue of race relations will be the most difficult to address because there may not be a willingness among the races to improve rela-

tions. "(But) the issue must be addressed," he said.

The program, designed to be an excitant for social and political action, is said to be the boldest undertaking of the local chapter since its inception.

A special appeal will be made for more citizens to involve themselves in the workings of the local NAACP chapter. "It is a matter of the organization's integrity that we receive more physical and financial support from the black community," said Frazier.

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Registration Restrictions Spark Counter-Attack

By Donald Alderman

Libraries or the courthouse and regular polling places are expected to be congested with people eager to register to vote as a result of a new election policy which does not allow special voter registration, according to the local NAACP office.

"We will overflow the regular registration places. We will bring people in by the carloads and busloads. The new policy will only have a negative effect," said George Frazier, local chapter president.

Frazier, undeniably aggravated by the new policy, said the local chapter had anticipated the registration restrictions and had developed contingency plans to counter the attack on voting rights.

The plan, designed to awaken even the most complacent citizens, will be implemented immediately, Frazier said.

The three-member county elections board, which determines when and how registration will take place, voted unanimously Tuesday to ban special voter registration after two groups had requested otherwise.

The Durham Committee on the Affairs of

Black People and the Durham Voters Alliance, pointing out the lower percentage of poor and black voters in Durham County as compared to others, requested that Durham citizens be given many registration opportunities.

The board, denying the request, said special registration is too costly when compared to citizen turnout.

The move was viewed as a means to keep blacks and liberals from exercising their political strength, allowing whites and conservatives a chance to protect gains made during elections held nearly two years ago.

Noting that the elections board's policy is important in increasing the county's poor and black voters, Jim O'Reilly of the Durham Voters Alliance said all counties

with populations at least that of Durham are more liberal in their registration regulations. He said Wake, Orange, Mecklenburg and Guilford Counties all have about ten per cent more eligible voters registered than Durham County.

Durham voters will fill three at-large and three ward city council seats in the coming November general elections. Mayor Rodenhizer's post is also up for grabs. He is expected to seek a second term.

Registration will end September 8 for the local primary and October 5 for the general elections.

The board, while not allowing special registration on college campuses and in shopping malls, said extra personnel will be available at regular polling places on certain days before the two registration periods end.

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