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Black College Day

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9/30/81-Harrisburg, Pa.: Black College Day in Pennsylvania did not go unnoticed by students from various black colleges near Philadelphia. Students converged on the steps of the state capitol armed with pom-poms and songs aimed at legislators to save their schools.

300,000 Households Eligible For Heating Bill Assistance

An estimated 300,000 low-income households across the state will be eligible for financial help with their heating bills this winter through the federal Low-Income Energy Assistance Program.

According to George Flemming, assistant director of Program Administration, N.C. Department of Human Resources, Division of Social Services, "the program provides a one-time payment to help eligible households pay their heating bills. However, it is not the purpose of the program to pay all of the household's heating bills, but to provide some relief from the high costs of energy."

Last year, approximately 210,000 households received assistance under the Low-Income Energy Assistance Program with payments averaging \$155 per household. The lowest payment was \$59.00 and the highest \$361. The amount of payment a household received depended on the number of people in the household, their income, the region of the state where they lived and the type of heating fuel used.

North Carolina's share of the \$1.875 billion in federal funds authorized by Congress for this year's Low-Income Energy Assistance Program is \$35.6 million.

Flemming said that since Congress has not yet appropriated any funds for the program, he hopes this amount is not reduced when funds are appro-

riated. The Department of Human Resources has been designated as the state agency responsible for the administration of the pro-

gram. County social services departments across the state will determine eligibility.

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Urban League Leader

Political Clout Shifting To County

By Yvonne Anderson Staff Writer

"If you give a man a fish he can eat for one day. If you teach that man how to fish, he can eat for a lifetime," said Thomas Elijah, director of the Winston-Salem Chapter of the National Urban League.

Elijah, addressing the regular weekly meeting of the Greater Winston Kiwanis Club, spoke on the subject of "Reaganomics and How It Affects Winston-Salem".

Elijah said that the Reagan administration's budget cuts were affecting Winston already and gave some insight of what is to come.



Thomas Elijah

in the county and that is where our concern must go," he explained.

Much of the monies cut in the budget will be re-allocated through block grants which will come to the state and be divided among the counties. Elijah believes that the county commissioners will not be as sensitive to the human

needs of people as the city's aldermen.

"When that money is handed down to the county, you have to wonder how the commissioners will choose to spend it," he commented. "Are they going to include social services as a priority, for the people who have been cut from welfare and food stamps? Or are they going to pave roads?"

He also cited the affects of the budget cuts on the Urban League itself. Although the league is United Way funded, many of its individual programs received federal funding any many of these same programs have been cut totally or had its funding reduced.

The Youth Career Development Project, which goes to the Forsyth County Career Center to encourage students to give students guidance and direction in choosing a career, was originally funded for \$327,000. But it was not on the state's list of priorities until a small lobbying effort was made by some concerned citizens. The program will now receive a total of \$50,000, a slash so deep, that Elijah is uncertain of the overall effectiveness of this year's program.

"We have enough money to complete this fiscal year, but where the funding for the next year will come from is anybody's guess," See Page 3

Reaganomics: Curse-Cure For Blacks?

By Pat Bryant Special Correspondent

Capable and honest leadership is a key ingredient necessary to struggle against oppression. The majority of the ten Afro-Americans interviewed in this column in our last series said they were not satisfied with today's black leadership. In the first part of the series, asked what were the most pressing concerns of blacks, the majority said racism and economics. This week we publish their responses to "Is Reaganomics a cure or a curse upon black Americans?" You can obtain previous segments of this series from this newspaper.

Jennifer Henderson, director of the North Carolina Hunger Coalition in Fayetteville.

I think Reaganomics is a challenge for black folks to redefine some priorities and not specifically to spend a lot of time dealing with Reagan. We need to spend more time dealing with conservatism in the state and counties. There's been so much time spent on the national level that the county commissioners, the city councilmen and people that are on these local boards have been given a free track to do as they wish. With this new wave of conservatism and state's rights, the states will have much more power. I would encourage black folks to spend more time reacquainting themselves with state and local government.

Dr. Earl Thorpe, professor of history of North

Carolina Central University and national president of the Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History.

For the black educated elite, what DuBois called the talented tenth, there is some blessing in Reaganomics. But for the black masses it's just CURSE in capital letters. They are being taken from the programs that were put there to alleviate their plight. I think that it's going to lead to desperation and the social acts that lead to desperation. For the talented tenth or black elite, the highly educated and so forth, it's a curse to them in the sense that there can be no solution to the problems of the black elite ultimately that is not a solution of the black

masses. Some of the black leaders are sounding like the KKK used to sound. They say, "If you don't have a decent job, decent housing, decent income, and so forth, it's your own fault. You're lazy, you don't have any get up and go, you're immoral, you don't have the intellect." Some of the so-called black leaders are beginning to sound like that which, of course, is more of the deliberate divide and conquer tactic that is being encouraged.

Virginia Newell, Winston-Salem Alderwoman, and chairwoman of the Mathematics and Computer Department at Winston-Salem State University.

"It's a little too early to tell. Blacks do perform better

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UPI PHOTO

Gangland Killing

9/29/81-Columbia, S.C.: Shirley Harkless (right) and her sister, both nieces of Edward Harkless, stand solemnly 9/29 as they look down the road to the house where their uncle and five other people were shot in an execution style shooting. Harkless and three other people were shot in an execution style shooting. Harkless and three other people were killed by at least two and maybe more gunmen 9/29 morning in this low-income neighborhood.

Womble Defeats Groce



Larry Womble

Larry Womble has defeated incumbent Eugene Groce for the Aldermanic seat in the Southeast Ward. Womble finished unofficially with 1,150 votes to Groce's 1,006 votes. Ernestine Wilson also defeated Francis L. Frye for the South Ward seat.

Womble said after the victory that he attributed it to the fact that the people of the Southeast Ward simply wanted someone who would do something. "The people of this ward looked beyond race and chose a candidate they thought would be active and forceful."

pleased that whites supported him as well. "I intend to be the alderman for everybody, black and white. That's why I did not respond to those race issues during the election. I will be everybody's alderman." More detailed information will be forthcoming in next week's issue of the Chronicle.

Womble said he was

Howard Lee To Speak Here Sunday

The United Methodist Men of St. Paul United Methodist Church, 2400 Dellabrook Road, will observe Mens' Day on Sunday, October 18, with Howard N. Lee, former secretary of the N.C. Department of Natural Resources and Community Development, as the featured speaker for the 11:00 a.m. worship service. The theme for the day is "Motivation for Witnessing."



Howard N. Lee

He was formerly director of employee relations, the Future Parents Program and the Office of Human Development and Paths for Employees Progress (PEP) See Page 2



Principals at Black Leadership Caucus, l to r, Dr. Wilveria B. Atkinson, Mrs. Mazie Woodruff, Mrs. Mavis H. Miller, Felix Stevens, Jr., Mrs. Velma Hopkins, Dr. William J. Rice, Alonzo Gill, Mrs. Pamela Gladman, Ralph W. Mitchell and James S. Reeves.

5th District Black Leadership Caucus Plans Strategies

By C.B. Hauser Chronicle Correspondent

The Fifth District Black Leadership Caucus held an organizational meeting Saturday, Oct. 10 at the Reynolds Health Center Cafeteria.

Ralph W. Mitchell of Stokes County was elected chairperson of the caucus, and Mrs. Mazie Woodruff was elected vice chairperson. Other officers are Miss Julie B. Martin, secretary; Alonzo Gill, assistant secretary; Dr. William

J. Rice, treasurer; Dr. Wilveria B. Atkinson, corresponding secretary and James S. Reeves parliamentarian.

Coordinators of the various counties are Mrs. Mazie Woodruff, Forsyth; Miss Pattie Spencer, Surry; Franklin Thomas, Yadkin; Ralph Mitchell, Stokes; Felix Stevens, Jr., Wilkes; and Alonzo Gill, Davidson.

The caucus is being organized and will affiliate with the North Carolina Black Leadership Caucus See Page 2