

Eaton to keynote 'Katie B' reunion

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Civil rights activist, author and lecturer Dr. Hubert A. Eaton will return to Winston-Salem Saturday to address the 50-year reunion of Kate Bittings Reynolds Hospital where he served as an intern in the early 1940's.

The "Katie B. Reunion" will be held July 29, 30, and 31 at the Winston Square Ramada Inn to celebrate the theme "Rejoicing the Past and Time will Reveal." All former employees, medical staff and alumni are invited.

The hospital began full operations, including a school of nursing, in East Winston in 1938 when Mrs. Kate Bittings Reynolds donated \$200,000 to help meet the medical needs of the Afro-American community. The Duke Foundation contributed a donation of \$125,000 and the City of Winston-Salem donated the land where it stands.

Eaton is a native of Fayetteville and, after receiving a Bachelor of Science degree from Johnson C. Smith University in Charlotte, received his M.D. degree from the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor. After working as an intern at Kate Bittings Reynolds Hospital, Eaton has practiced medicine in Wilmington since 1943 and done



Dr. Hubert A. Eaton

considerable post-graduate medical study.

Eaton has been active in educational as well as health issues and in 1949 spearheaded efforts to bring federal court suits against the New Hanover County Board of Education which resulted in the integration of the county's public schools. His daughter was the lead plaintiff in the case.

Eaton was appointed a member and vice chairman of the North Carolina State Advisory Committee on Public Education in 1970 by President Richard M. Nixon. He also

facilities for Afro-American students. In 1963, he brought a federal suit against the New Hanover County Board of Education which resulted in the integration of the county's public schools. His daughter was the lead plaintiff in the case.

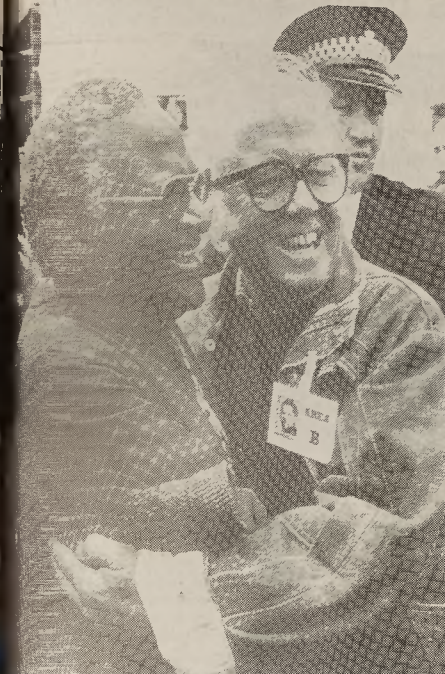
played important roles in the integration of Wilmington College and the City-County Library in Wilmington.

He and his wife were early benefactors and supporters of Althea Gibson, women's world tennis champion in 1957 and 1958. Gibson is well known for opening doors in the world of tennis that were previously closed to Afro-Americans.

His publications include the book "Every Man Should Try" published in 1984, and articles published in the Journal of the American Medical Association and the Wilmington Star-News.

The "Katie B. Reunion" was organized by Mrs. Odessa Turner who retired from her work at the hospital in 1986. Turner began her work at the "Katie B" in 1953. During hospital changes, she worked as a physical therapist at Forsyth Memorial Hospital. In 1974, she returned to "Katie B."

The reunion will begin Friday, with registration at 1 p.m., a fashion show from 8 to 9 p.m., slides from 9 to 10 p.m. and music and dance beginning at 10 p.m. On Saturday, a breakfast will be held at 10 a.m., a business meeting from 11 a.m. to noon, and dinner and mixer to begin at 8 p.m. A breakfast will be held on Sunday.



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At Mandela Rally

LONDON -- Archbishop Desmond Tutu of Cape Town is greeted by film maker Sir Richard Attenborough at the Nelson Mandela Freedom Rally in London's Hyde Park on the eve of the jailed African National Congress leader's 70th birthday. A crowd estimated at around 250,000 who attended the rally heard calls from speakers for the release of the South African black leader who has spent the past 25 years in jail.

Commissioners give go-ahead for five mobile classrooms

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The County Commissioners gave the Board of Education the go-ahead Monday to pay \$300,000 for 15 new mobile classrooms to replace those sold recently because of asbestos problems.

The ceilings in the fifteen 1966 Model Connor mobile classrooms were made of tile containing asbestos, county Environmental Affairs inspector Robert Fulp said. The county schools were inspected last April for asbestos, a building material which can cause respiratory diseases including lung cancer.

Hill Middle School, Philo Middle School, and Wiley Middle School each had one mobile unit which had asbestos tile in the ceilings. Mt. Tabor High School had three mobile units with asbestos, Wash Elementary School had two and East Forsyth High School had one.

A federal law passed in 1986 enacted strict requirements for asbestos inspections and the time in which action had to be taken if asbestos was found, Fulp said. If the potential for danger

exists, immediate action is required. The low ceilings in the mobile units made it necessary to stop holding classes in them immediately, Fulp said. "There was a high likelihood that asbestos could be disturbed and become airborne," he said. "People could stick pencils up into the ceilings."

For the last six weeks of school, the classes normally held in the mobile units were held in gymnasiums, libraries, and wherever there was room, Fulp said.

Prior to the passage of the 1986 law specifying inspection requirements, school systems had little motivation to extensively inventory all asbestos-containing materials. "They concluded that it must be done, and it justifies the expenditures," Fulp said. "It's rare to find asbestos in that (1966) model. They had previously concentrated inspections on places like steam lines."

Schools began eliminating the use of asbestos in construction materials in the 1970's, Fulp said.

The units had been used by the county since they were new, county school facility planner J.G. Brinkley said.

Public housing youth attend ABCD Institute

On July 17, 1988, a team of youth from four public housing communities attended the ABCD Institute in Durham, NC. It was held on the campus of North Carolina Central University where youth spent a week living in a dormitory and eating at the campus cafeteria.

The institute was a week of educational curricular and activities designed to foster leadership and involvement skills.

ABCD stands for Addressing Basic Challenges in Development, the goal of the institute. It was sponsored by the North Carolina Crime Prevention Division, Department of Crime Control and Public Safety with Richard B. Martin, Director. Forty housing

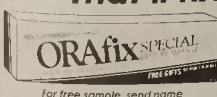
authorities in North Carolina were invited.

Objectives of the ABCD Institute - to broaden horizons of participants through participation in the ABCD curriculum, to develop a positive self image, to develop leadership skills. The youth ranging in age 13-18 were required to participate in all events, and sign a contract to do the following on returning home:

1. Assist in organizing and supporting a youth council in their community.
2. Use their skills in assisting their community to reduce crime.
3. Assist in organizing a crime prevention activity for the

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