

The "1947 Freedom Riders" and videographers in Richmond, Va. (L. to r.): Wally Nelson, Ernest Bromley, William Worthy, Robin Washington, Nathan Wright, Conrad Lynn, Alex Washington, Joe Felmet and C.B. Hauser.

Freedom Riders Reunite

C.B. Hauser and Irene Morgan Kirkaldy joined the participants in the 1947 "Journey of Reconciliation: the First Freedom Ride," during a reunion of the 30th anniversary of the March on Washington.

The reunion was sponsored by the Fellowship of Reconciliation (FOR), a group that sponsored the ride. Activities included a banquet at First Baptist Church in Washington, a march, a meal at the home of James Farmer and the shooting of footage for the PBS documentary, "You Don't Have to Ride Jim Crow."

The 1947 journey was sponsored by FOR and the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) to determine if bus and train companies were complying with the Morgan Decision. It was held April 9-23, 1947 when an interracial team of 16 people visited 15 cities in Virginia, North Carolina, Tennessee and

Kentucky and spoke at churches, NAACP chapters and colleges about the Morgan Decision.

The journey developed from the experiences of Irene Morgan (now Irene Morgan Kirkaldy), who was arrested in 1944 while traveling by Greyhound bus from Norfolk, Va. to Baltimore, Md. when she refused to ride in the rear of the bus. Morgan was convicted of violating Virginia's Jim Crow laws in the local, district and appellate courts of Virginia. But in 1946 the United States Supreme Court ruled in her favor, saying that segregation on public vehicles could not apply to interstate passengers or to motor vehicles within public traffic.

Hauser became involved in the group's plans at an executive committee meeting of the Winston-Salem chapter of the NAACP. Joe Felmet, who participated in the journey, urged Hauser, who had



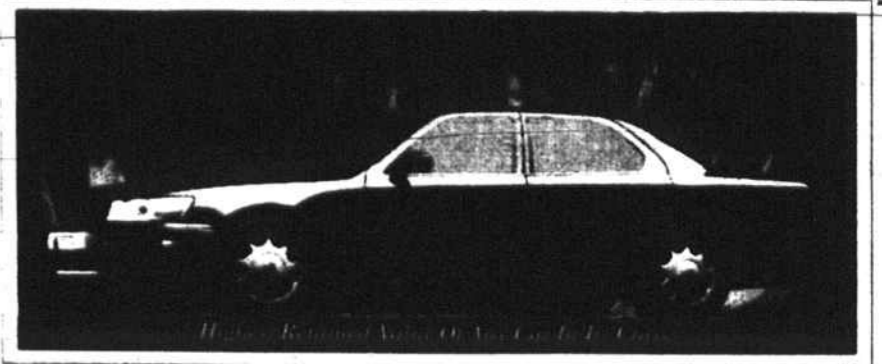
C.B. Hauser (left) and Irene Morgan Kirkaldy. Kirkaldy's case resulted in a 1946 U.S. Supreme Court decision that inspired Hauser to challenge North Carolina's Jim Crow laws in 1947.

been arrested in 1947 for refusing to ride in the rear of a bus, to participate in the March on Washington. Morgan also joined the ride.

Five members who participated in the journey attended the recent banquet. The group plans to reunite in October and travel the original route.

The original group included: Bayard Rustin, Wallace Nelson, Conrad Lynn, Andrew Johnson, Dennis Banks, William Worthy, Eugene Stanley, Nathan Wright, George Houser, Ernest Bromley, James Peck, Igal Roodenko, Worth Randle, Joseph Felmet, Homer Jack and Louis Adams.

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EVENTS CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

6 p.m. — The Forsyth Chapter of the American Business Women's Association will hold its monthly meeting at the Holiday Inn North, 3050 University Parkway. Paul Dean of the Child Support Network will be the guest speaker. Call Nadyne Brown at 741-6183 or 788-9778, or Linda Burns at 770-4431 or 785-4683.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

4 p.m. — The Piedmont Regional Association of Volunteer Administration will hold a general membership meeting in the Exchange/SCAN building, 500 W. Northwest Blvd. Individuals who work with volunteers are encouraged to attend. Call Tim McCoy at 724-0511.

8 p.m. — The U.S. Continental Army Band Jazz Ensemble will perform in a free concert in the Kenneth R. Williams auditorium at Winston-Salem State University. The 58-member ensemble performs a variety of music, from the "Big Band" sounds of Duke Ellington, Glenn Miller and Tommy Dorsey, to bebop to fusion.

ONGOING

• The Guardian ad Litem program is seeking volunteers to be a child's voice in court. The volunteer would investigate allegations of abuse and neglect and make recommendations to the court to help the judge determine what is in the child's best interest. Orientation will be held Aug. 31 at 12:30 p.m. at the Hall of Justice, fourth floor. A fall training class is scheduled for Sept. 13-23. For information call 761-2384.

• The Housing Authority of the City of Winston-Salem is looking for volunteers to work

with the Scout Programs in four housing communities. Fridays have been designated under the RAID program (Residents Against Involvement with Drugs) as Scout Day. Leaders are needed for every age group and for boys and girls. Call 727-8500.

• The American Heart Association needs enthusiastic volunteers to help with a newly reorganized residential campaign. Work with your neighbors to help fight the No. 1 killer of Americans. Your efforts help raise needed money for research and education programs. Call Tricia Woods at 659-9590.

UPCOMING

• All Carver High School alumni and friends are invited to the Carver Yellow Jackets 9th Round-up Sept. 3-5. A reception will be held at the Ramada Inn, Akron Drive, from 8 p.m. until midnight on Sept. 3. A breakfast buffet will be held Sept. 4 in the Ramada Inn hospitality room from 9-11 a.m. A dance will be held that evening from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Benton Convention Center. Sunday morning worship will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Carver school auditorium.

• The Welcome Baby program will conduct training for new volunteers Sept. 7-16. These volunteers provide support to first-time mothers through hospital and home visits. They spend approximately eight hours per month volunteering. The 12-hour training will cover infant care issues, the postpartum mother, community resources and other topics. For information call 725-2229.

• The Special Populations and Programs Unit of the Winston-Salem Recreation and Parks Department will sponsor a crafts exhibit at the

Dixie Classic Fairgrounds for persons with disabilities, Oct. 1-9 for ages 6 and over. Deadline for entries is Sept. 10. For information call 727-2505.

• The Diggs Gallery at Winston-Salem State University presents "Minnie Evans: Artist — A Retrospective." An opening reception for the exhibit will be held Sept. 10. Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesdays through Saturdays. Free.

• New Philadelphia Preschool is holding its semiannual clothing sale/fundraiser Sept. 10-11 at 4440 Country Club Road. Items for sale include infant and children's clothing, baby equipment, nursery furniture, toys and maternity clothes. Partial proceeds will be used to purchase supplies for the school and fund special educational activities. For information call 768-4844. The sale will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 5-7:30 p.m. on Sept. 10 and from 8 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on Sept. 11. For information call 922-3308.

• Winston-Salem State University is offering a GMAT preparatory course for business-school applicants. The half-day sessions meet Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Sept. 11 through Oct. 9. For information call 750-2630.

• The Sims Center will hold its annual Collectors Extravaganza Show Sept. 18 at 1 p.m. If you have cards, cars, coins or ceramic pieces to show, call 727-2837 to register your items before Sept. 15. A trophy will be given for the best kid collection.

• Family Services Inc. of Forsyth County will have a volunteer training session on Sept. 25 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. for volunteers interested in working with its for battered women and their children and Sexual Assault Response Services. Call 722-4457.

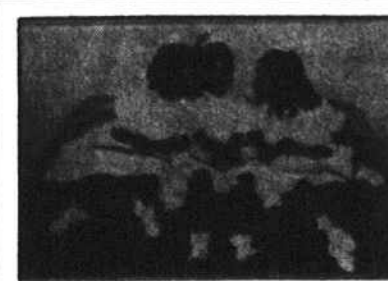


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