

Dorothy Height Receives Honorary Degree from Bennett College

On March 20, Dorothy I. Height, president of the National Council of Negro Women, became an "Honorary Belle" during Charter Day activities at Bennett College. Charter Day is celebrated in recognition of the date in 1889 when Bennett was chartered as a four-year college by the state of North Carolina.

Height, who also served as the guest speaker for Charter Day, stated "I am excited to receive such a distinguished honor from Bennett College. We have a long history together, but more importantly, I am thrilled to receive this honor from the college headed by my dear friend Dr. Gloria Randle Scott whom I met when she was seventeen." According to Scott, when Height was elected national president of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. in 1947, "she gave 'change agent' leadership to convert the organization into a clear social service organization mentoring generations of African American women through the National Five Point Program."

Height was honored by Bennett College for her accomplishments in the area of civil and human rights, and for her struggle for equality for all people.

As Heights spoke, she encouraged all listening, to recognize that the young ladies at Bennett today

are not only the leaders of the future, they are leaders of today. She added, "I remember when KKK used to mean 'Ku Klux Klan', now it means 'Kids Killing Kids' - this has to stop."

Following the ceremony and speech, Height was treated to a celebration in honor of her 82nd birthday.

For nearly half a century, Height has given leadership to the struggle for equality and human rights for all people. Her life exemplifies her passionate commitment for a just society and her vision of a better world. Height conceived and organized the Black Family Reunion Celebration in 1986 to reinforce the historic strengths and traditional values of the African-American family.

Height is best known for her work with the YWCA and the National Council of Negro Women. While working as a caseworker for the New York welfare department, she was the first black named to intercede in the Harlem riots of 1935. It was during this period that Height's career as a civil rights advocate began to unfold. Her life changed when Mary McLeod Bethune, founder and president of the National Council of Negro Women, Height answered Bethune's call for help and joined Bethune in her quest for women's



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rights to full and equal employment, pay and education. Between 1944 and 1977, Height held many national leadership positions with the YWCA of the USA. In 1965, she became director of the Center of Racial Justice, a position she held until 1977 when she retired from the National YWCA of the USA. After her term ended in 1956, Height assumed the presidency of the National Council of Negro Women, a position she still holds today. As the fourth president of the NCNW, Height has led a crusade for justice for black women.

She has received numerous awards and recognitions and is included in "I Dream A World: 75 Black Women Who Changed America."

Conference Held for 4-H Program

The 4-H held a program assistants conference on March 1-3 at Besty-Jeff Penn near Reidsville.

The conference offered assistants workshops on a broad range of topics including child development principals, marketing, youth-centered curriculum, resource development and volunteerism.

An award luncheon was held on March 3. It featured motivational speaker Bobbi Staton of Raleigh and the presentation of 16 service awards.

Don Mebane of Winston-Salem was recognized for 17 years of service. Don has responsibility for 4-H program efforts in inner-city Winston-Salem. He is presently serving on many advisory committees addressing issues related to youth development needs in our community.



Donald L. Mebane Winston-Salem receive his 17-year award from Dalton Proctor, state 4-H leader.

Triad Card Tournament: A Big Success

It was a great evening at the Dudley's Cosmetology University on Sunday, March 20 for card players. The Triad Bridge Unit experimented with the idea of using the duplicate boards for all three card games, something that is being done in other parts of the country. All three games were match-pointed in order to determine the winner. The bridge game was match-pointed in order to determine the winners. The bridge game was match-point by computer, while the pinochle and bid whist were match-point by hand. A great deal was learned from this experience that will benefit the players as well as the scorers. Although the pinochle game and scoring took longer, the answers for how to speed up the entire process was quickly learned from the mistakes made. The effort was strictly educational and not a fundraiser. In fact, awards and prizes consumed practically all of the receipts, as planned.

Winners of the Card Tournament

Bid Whist — First Place — Joyce A. Gerald and Paulette Greer
 Second Place — Joanne White and Rose White
Pinochle — First Place — Henry Jones and Wendell Robinson
 Second Place — Lucille Peterson and Wilson Dixon

Bridge — First Place — Inez Gerald and Elizabeth Moore
 Second Place — Eleanor Johns and Henry Johns

Trophies and gift certificates were awarded all winners. Door prizes were won by Elizabeth Moore, Lillie Swann and Harold Lillie. Charles W. Gadson was the

First Place — Rudolph Boone and Sarah Boone
 Second Place — Renita T. Segers and Olivia Thompkins
 Note: This was a "team

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director-in-charge of all three games. He was assisted by Richard Bowling, Monica Lett, Ruth Washington, Treana Adkins, Irma Gadson, Pauline Caldwell and Billie Matthews. There were nine tables of pinochle players, eight tables of bridge players and five tables of bid whist players. Many of these players enjoyed a delicious meal in the Dudley cafeteria prior to the games.

Looking to the future, the Triad Bridge Unit has another Card Tournament on schedule for July 17. Be sure to make plans to participate!

Winners Last Week
 Monday, March 21 at 2 p.m. — Carl Russell Recreation Center
 First Place — Inez Gerald and Reginald McCauley
 Second Place — Jenny Scales and Juanita Wynecoff

 Tuesday, March 22 at 7 p.m. — Winston Lake Family YMCA
 Winston-Salem Duplicate Bridge Club

game" and no master points were awarded.

 Thursday, March 24 at 7 p.m. — Rupert Bell Recreation Center
 Kings and Queens Duplicated Bridge Club

A "team game" was played. Winners will be published next week.

 Note: News for the April - Triad Bridge Unit's Newsletter is due by April 8!

Tournament Schedule
 April 2-10 — ABA Spring Nationals in St. Louis, Mo.

April 17 at 3 p.m. — Dudley's "Benefit Game" Triad Bridge Unit Membership Meeting (reports due)

April 23 at 9 a.m. — Winston Lake Family YMCA Grade "B" Winston-Salem Duplicate Bridge Club

May 14 at 10 a.m. — Dudley's Grade "B" Gate City DBC
 May 21 at 10 a.m. — Grade "B" Menoline (Charlotte)

Film Commission Lures Hollywood to Triad

The response was tremendous. In just three days, more than 700 information packets about the area were distributed to producers, studio executives and location managers from around the world. The event? Location Expo '94, the world's largest international location trade show for the film and television production industry, held Feb. 26-28 in Santa Monica, Calif.

"It was overwhelming," said Christy Johnson, executive director of the Winston-Salem Piedmont Triad Film Commission, who, along with location manager Geoffrey Ryan, manned the Triad booth. "Since returning home, we've been contacted by a number of studios and production companies with location requests, and several scripts have been sent to us to study."

"One reason I think we were so successful was our booth," Johnson went on to explain. "We had on display a number of quality photographs of the Triad area, taken by the Film Commission staff. Alderman Studios in High Point enlarged the photos for us, and Freelance Staging, located in Winston-Salem, put them in attractive rustic wood frames. Mike Freeman with Hollywood Rentals provided us with a good lighting system. Everything fit together perfectly."

The Winston-Salem Piedmont Triad Film Commission was in good company at Location Expo '94. Wilmington, Asheville (including the Great Smokey Mountains and Biltmore House), Durham and the North Carolina State Film Office also were represented.

Johnson became executive director of the Winston-Salem Piedmont Triad Film Commission soon after the Commission was formed last August. She is responsible for organizing, implementing and carrying out an aggressive filmmaking recruitment program for Forsyth County. In its first five months of operation, the Commission brought more than \$1 million to the area. Three commercials and two films were produced here, including Taking Liberty, a pilot for a possible CBS series, filmed primarily in Old Salem.

The program that Johnson manages has an initial two-year budget of \$200,000 funded by grants from the Winston-Salem Foundation, the John Wesley and Anna Hodgin Hanes Foundation and from the Chamber's special economic development fund.

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