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Reginald Withers Barney W. Forney

## Forney, Withers Among Nation's Top Students

Two black students from the Charlotte-Mecklenburg School System have been named among the 1,400 semifinalists in the Eleventh National Achievement Scholarship Program for Outstanding Negro Students.

The National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC), which administers the program, announced Wednesday that Barney W. Forney, son of Mr. and Mrs. William C. Forney of 3140 Clearview Drive, and Reginald B. Withers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Withers of 2910 Burbanks Drive were among the Achievement Semifinalists being announced among 50,000 black students in some 6,000 high schools who entered the competition by taking the 1973 preliminary scholastic aptitude test, national merit scholarship qualifying test and requesting consideration in the achievement program.

Students named as Achievement semifinalists are the highest scorers in each of six geographic regions; the number named in each region is proportional to the black population of the combined states in that region.

Forney and Withers are both seniors at West Mecklenburg High School.

"One of our purposes is to encourage exceptionally promising black students to set high educational and career goals and to utilize their talents in pursuing them," says L. C. McMillan, NMSC Vice President responsible for the general management of the Achievement Program. "By identifying and recognizing these able and highly motivated black youth, we hope to increase the educational opportunities that can prepare them for future professional and leadership roles."

About 450 of the students announced will be winners of Achievement Scholarships to be awarded in the spring of 1975. At least 260 of these awards

# Robert Davis Named Chairman Of Black Political Caucus

## Homemakers Win Third Place Prize

The Women of the University Park Extension Homemakers Club have been awarded the third place prize for their booth which is on exhibit at the Metrolina Fair.

The booth is entitled "Stop Shrinking The Dollar Bill." The purpose of the booth is to inform the public of the decreasing value of the dollar bill.

In order to get their point across, the club members used statistics. In 1955 the dollar was worth just that, one dollar. In 1965 the value decreased to seventy-three cents. In 1974 the value of a dollar is forty-nine cents. In the year 2000 it is predicted that if the decreasing value continues the dollar will be worth sixteen cents.

Another example used by the homemakers was that of baskets. In the baskets were items that could be bought for the price of a dollar in the perspective years: 1955, a loaf of bread, 5 lb. sugar, a doz. eggs, etc. In 1974, three small items, and in 1974, a doz. eggs and a portion of something else.

The booth also includes a formula for consumers to acknowledge. The formula is for citizens to develop skills to perform for themselves, such as learning to make clothes, repair furniture etc., grow and conserve food by canning, freezing, drying and storing, know how to buy, compare prices, and read before buying. The booth advises one to stop spending foolishly for government causes. Citizens should vote, know what the issues are, and speak up.

It may be interesting to know that the three top winning booths were dealing with the economy. The No. 1 booth dealt with food conservation. The No. 2 booth dealt with meatless meals that would save the consumer money.

Mrs. Lunell Withers is the President of University Park Extension Homemakers Club. Other people helping Mrs. Withers in the preparation of the booth were: Mrs. Sara Willis, Mrs. Joan Corrothers, Mrs. Eleanor Washington, and Mrs. Rebecca Taylor.

The booths will be on display for the general public until the closing of the Metrolina Fair.



CANDIDATES MEETING each other— and a huge crowd of registered voters— was the prime purpose of a congregation last Friday evening at the Madison Ave. address of Mecklenburg County Commission hopeful Rowe "Jack" Motley as he

## Politically Oriented Group Has Good Record

Robert L. Davis, Jr. was installed as Chairman of the Black Political Caucus of Charlotte-Mecklenburg at the organization's September meeting.

The installation ceremony was conducted by Rev. James McCallum, immediate past president of the politically oriented group whose purposes are:

- To form a political coalition among and between members of each of the predominantly Black Democratic Precincts.
- To promote cohesiveness among Black Precinct Workers.
- To enhance our political power through political lobbying and self-financing.
- To act as a forum to keep Blacks aware and informed on issues facing the Black Community at the community, local, state and national levels.
- To establish seminars for Leadership Development at the precinct level, the community level, the local-city level, and the state level.
- To educate the Black Community on the importance of Registering and Voting.
- To attempt to prevent a seemingly long-lived pattern of politicians from playing one precinct against another or one black person against another.
- And, To uphold the ideals set forth by our local Democratic Party Organization so long as these ideals do not penalize the welfare of Black People.

Serving with incoming Chairman Davis will be: Rebecca Taylor, First Vice Chairman, from precinct #25; Rev. James McCallum, Second Vice Chairman, of precinct #27; William Tillman, Third Vice Chairman, of precinct #42; Lillie Blue, Recording Secretary, of precinct #55, Freedomia Cunningham, Corresponding Secretary, of precinct #17; W. I. Burns, Treasurer, of precinct #52; Mary Richardson, Financial Secretary, of precinct #16; Charles Barber, Parliamentarian, of precinct #12; and Carolyn Gibson, Assistant Recording Secretary, of precinct #39.

After his acceptance speech, Davis appointed and confirmed the following committee chairpersons: Sadie Smith and Isaac Heard—Issues, Campaign, and Candidates; Mary Richardson—Projects and Finance; Ethel Martin—Voter Registration; Bertha Spencer—Telephone Committee; and Sarah Stevenson—Publicity.

Three representatives of the Executive Committee of the Mecklenburg Democratic Party, Edith Shearin, First Vice Chairman; Howard Campbell, secretary; and Mrs. Walter Smith, member, were in attendance at

## 31st NAACP Convention To Address Itself To Whole Man

The 31st annual meeting of the N.C. State Conference of NAACP Branches will address itself to those things which affect the whole man, when it meets here this weekend at the Downtown East Motor Inn, 201 S. McDowell Street.

The entire first day will be devoted to religion. The day is known as "Ministers & Church Emphasis Day." It will be chaired by Rev. J. T. McMillan. The keynote of the day will be given by Bishop W.M. Smith, 2nd District, A.M.E. Zion Church. He is a former president of the Alabama State Conference and has an enviable record in NAACP activities. He speaks to the luncheon, which will be held at 1:30 p.m.

At 3 p.m., Rev. Joy Johnson, pastor, First Baptist Church, Fairmont, and a member of the N.C. State Legislature, will lead a discussion on "The Church Political Action and the black vote. The matter will be gone into thoroughly by ministers from all over the state.

Something new has been added and at 7:30 p.m., the first part of this innovation will take place. William E. Stevens, Republican candidate for the seat being vacated by Sam Ervin, Jr., will tell the delegates why he wants to go to Washington.

On Friday, the first plenary session will begin at 9 a.m. This session will feature internal affairs of the State Conference. The afternoon session will deal with fund raising, which has become the number one issue of the N.C. State Conference, but with the national office. The subtle reappearance of discrimination all over the nation, as evidenced by the Boston anti-busing situation makes it necessary to adopt a national drive.

## New Food Stamp Rules Planned For Studnts

Students who receive more than half of their support from a household which is ineligible for the food stamp program would also be ineligible for food stamps under a proposed regulation announced by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). The proposed rule applies to any student, age 18 or over, who attends an educational institution beyond high school, is claimed as a tax dependent by an ineligible household, and receives over half his support from a household ineligible for food stamps.

It applies only to the individual student; other members of the household can receive food stamps if they are otherwise eligible. The individual would also have an opportunity to prove that he does not receive over half his support from an ineligible household.

## Young At Heart Club Celebrate

The Young At Heart Club observed its seventh (7th) Founders' Day recently by worshipping at the Little Rock A.M.E. Zion Church. Rev. William H. White is pastor of the church and George T. Nash, Jr. is the club's president.

## CPCC To Host World Forum

Citizens of Charlotte and the Metrolina area will have a unique opportunity soon to be brought up to date on the position of the United States in the world today—economically, scientifically, and militarily. Central Piedmont Community College and the Naval Reserve Association are co-sponsoring a World Affairs Forum to be held here November 4 through November 15.

This two week program, covering all aspects of National Security Affairs consists of: 32 colorfully illustrated presentations, each followed by a question and answer session; 17 short films; and 3 panel discussions. Conducting the seminar is a faculty team from the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, Washington, D.C. (Tentative seminar outline attached.)

"With the rapid changes taking place in world affairs today," says former U.S. Congressman Charles R. Jonas, "The people of Charlotte are fortunate indeed to be able to participate in this information packed briefing on national and international affairs."

Interested citizens are encouraged to attend this special program on a first come, first enrolled basis. Some 150 officers will attend the sessions as part of their active duty assignments. However there will be additional space available for civilian participants from the area.

Attendance at all of the sessions is strongly recommended in order to obtain full benefit of the entire scope of the program. However, for those whose time may be limited, each segment of the program is designed to be a complete presentation without requirement to refer to prior or subsequent presentations. Registration for the World Affairs Forum is now open. Fee for adults is \$10.00, with special rates for educators, clergy, and students. For registration, or more information, call World Affairs Forum, (704) 377-4986, or write to 1944 Brunswick Avenue, Charlotte, North Carolina 28207.



HEREDITY is something every MAN believes in until his own SON begins acting like a DARN FOOL.



GUEST SPEAKER—Mrs. J. B. Humphrey, center, is addressing the dinner meeting of the Women's Auxiliary of the Mecklenburg General Baptist Association. Seated, left to right, are Mrs. Morehead, Mrs. Pittman, Mrs. Cooper, Mrs. Fraylon, Rev. J. B. Humphrey, Rev. Kennedy, Mrs. Kennedy, Mrs. Dean, Mrs. Roseboro and Mrs. Patterson.

## You Have Until Monday To Register To Vote In November Election

The citizens of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County have until 5 p.m. Monday (October 7) to register to vote in the November 5 election.

According to Bill Culp, director of the Board, every effort will be made to make it convenient for citizens to register before the deadline.

In addition to the various mobile units that have been made available, registration will be held at branch banks throughout the city on Friday and at 13 shopping centers around town from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Saturday.

Those who must register are those persons who have changed their addresses since the last time they voted, those who are new to Charlotte, and those who have not voted in the last two years. To find out when a mobile unit will be in your neighborhood, call the Board of Election office at 374-2133.

The Election Office is located at 710 E. Fourth St., across from the county courthouse. Voters will have 30 choices from among 94 candidates seeking election to 30 offices. A seat with the U.S. Senate and the House of Representatives are among the most important on the national level offices that will be filled and The Attorney General, Chief Justice of North Carolina Supreme Court, District Court Judge, four state Senators and eight Representatives of the State House are some of the major offices to be filled on state level.

Voters will also elect a local sheriff, five county commissioners and various other officers.

Only two Blacks are among the candidates. They are Fred Alexander, long-time City Councilman who is seeking a seat with the N.C. Senate and Rowe "Jack" Motley, local Real Estate official who is desirous of a county commissioner's position.