## Eugene "Genial Gene" Potts

## Is "Taking It Easy"

By Teresa Burns Post Staff Writer

If you flicked your radio on to WGIV in 1948, you had the privilege of hearing the first black disc jockey in the South. For 27 years this voice provided inspiration and the reality that a talented black person could be recognized. The man benind the voice is certainly a dynamic figure.

His name is Eugene Potts. Now retired, he lives his days in relaxation. "I'm relaxing and assembling materials compiled through the years. I might write a book on my experiences," Potts amounced.

Potts knows what it is like to be the best. He started Nov. 26, 1948 as an announcer for WGIV. He was also a top salesman for 27 years, Vice President, and Public Affairs Director

A native of Charlotte, Potts graduated from Second Ward and received his BS degree from Johnson C. Smith University.

A speech impediment plagued him. Determined to overcome what could have been a life-time bar-



'Genial Gene" Potts ...talented disc-jockey master of ceremonies at local churches and social events. In fact, he grew so popular he became one of the most sought after master of ceremonies in many regions.

According to Potts, "My career took me through 23

Many governmental heads have recognized him as a leader. He was one of a few blacks to be invited to the Visitors Gallery by the 51st U.S. Congress. In 1949

#### rier, he began to work as the late Gov. Cherry elect-

#### For Black Women?

the rate of lung and bronchus cancers in Detroit area women rose 39 percent and the death rate, 36 percent, reveals a trend report prepared by the Michigan Cancer Foundation.

crease was more pronounced for the years 1973 through 1977 - a 63 percent jump in incidence and a 77 percent higher death rate.

Brennan, president and true.'

bronchus cancer is consistyears 1973 surveyed.

#### Sickle Cell

The association For sentations concerning

first session will be held

of the Five Points Area.

The second session will be held for the residents of the North Charlotte Area Wednesday, February at 3:30 p.m., at the Johnston Memorial YMCA, 025 North Davidson St. The public is invited to attend both of the programs. The admission is

inherited disease which afas Sicilians, Greeks, Turks, Africans, Asiatic Indians,

Individuals who are des cendants of these different ethnic groups can also carbe ill but merely a carrier. 596-0845. ed him chairman of the council to eradicate functional illiteracy in North Carolina.

As principal of Billingsley Elementary School and officer in Potts-Murphy Life Insurance Co., Potts strengthened his leadership role in the community. He has served as president of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity and has been cited by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce for meritorial service.

Not only has Potts sought to improve the community. but his endeavor to improve himself has resulted in the 32nd Degree Mason honor. He is also the former Director of Education and past exulted Rule of Ramesee Templer Number

This is only a glimpse of Eugene Potts. The most important thing to remember is that the voice once heard on WGIV belongs to a man of undeniable distinction.

Single Women Must Exert Own Interest A good man is hard to consideration the reality of

It seems that this statethe lips of ment is on more women than ever before. In order to underfemale-male relationships. stand why this is so, one Many single men prefer must first examine a few to indulge in relationships very basic facts. with women who are

For instance, even though it is true that more male infants are born than female, it is also true that the females live longer. Hence, there are just more women in the world than This brings us to the

obvious conclusion that if one were somehow able to pair off the whole world into nice neat male-female couples, there would be a good surplus of single women left over. This fact is especially pertinent to single Black

women since they outnum-

ber single Black men about

three to one. To some of these women it appears that the marriageable man is rapidly becoming an endangered species. The Vietnam war took away a lot of men, some are in prison, some are homosexual, and a great

many are already married.

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One must also take into

changing lifestyles. Women's liberation and open marriage are taking their toll on conventional

already married because

they feel safe in that they

can avoid the responsibility

that marriage or a total

emotional commitment

brings. So once again, the

single woman is left out in

the cold. This is especially

true if she, in turn, does not

want to get involved in a

potentially hurtful situa-

tion by dating a married

As women become more

educated and many start to

earn wages equivalent to

that of men, they are less

willing to remain satisfied

with a man who provides

nothing more than finan-

cial security. Their expect-

They start to look for

qualities such as intelli-

gence, sensitivity and sex-

ual compatibility. They

look for someone who

When faced with these

problems, what is a single

woman to do? The situation

shares their interests.

ations rise.

is not as bleak as it might mind. seem. This woman owes it to herself to be the best that she can possibly be. She must live up to her full potential. She should do this in order to boost her own sense of pride, selfesteem and well-being, not

just to "catch a husband." This may call for a major change in lifestyle. The time that might normally be spent on a relationship with a man can be used to get to know herself, to explore her own interests and to assert her own standards and preferences.

She can fill her world with hobbies, exercise, music and with meaningful relationships with friends of her own sex. She should. not isolate herself. She needs her friends. All of this can occupy her time until she discovers someone who is right for her.

She can also use her free time to bolster her selfimage and to shore up her own personal values system

try exercise to get her body in shape. She can jog every morning or take a dance class. Her appearance will benefit her as well as her

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For example, she might

Joining a discussion group could prove helpful. Listening to other people

articulate their feelings could help her to recognize and express her own. She could go places

the type of man who ap-

If she makes the effort to pursue what she wants in life, then she will look like someone who is having a

great time. It is safe to assume that she will then where she is likely to meet have no trouble at all in

attracting others to her

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## Lung Cancer On Rise

# Between 1973 and 1977,

In Black women, the in-

"Smoking is the villain here," said Dr. Michael J. medical director of the Michigan Cancer Foundation. "women do not have some special immunity to ing cancer. Rates for women were low because large numbers of women had not been smoking for 20 years. As the new statistics illustrate, that's no longer

The rate of lung and ently higher in Detroit than in other areas surveyed. through 1976, Detroiters experienced six percent more cases and 11.4 percent more deaths from lung and bronchus cancer than residents of other areas

Lung and bronchus cancer accounted for 16.5 percent of the 12,857 cancers reported in 1977, or 2,128

#### Association

#### Plans Meetings

Sickle Cell Disease has implemented a program to provide educational pre-

Sickle Cell Disease and Sickle Cell Trait for the residents of the Community Development Target Areas. Two such services have been scheduled: The

on February 9, at 2 p.m., at the Gethsemane A.M.E. Zion Church, at 531 Campus Street for the residents

free. Sickle Cell Anemia is an fects Black Americans and other ethnic cultures such and West Indians.

ry the Sickle Cell Trait. If an individual has the trait, Hughes at 588-0133 and then he is not considered to Margaret McLaughlin at

cases. Although the sharp-

est increases were noted among women, men ex-

perienced 72 percent of all lung and bronchus cancers. Black males show the highest rate of incidence at 110 cases per 100,000 of population, and a mortality rate of 101.3 deaths per 100,000 of population and 73.4 deaths per 100,000 of population.

For white women the 1977 rate was 24.5 cases per 100,000 of population and 19.2 deaths. Black women experienced a 34.9 incidence rate and a 28.5 mortality rate.

The Michigan Cancer Foundation report is a trend analysis of incidence. mortality and survival of all cancer cases reported in Wayne, Oakland Macomb counties.

#### Democratic

#### Women's Club

Democratic Women's Club's annual winter luncheon will be held on Saturday, February 9, 12 noon, at the Myers Park Country

The luncheon speaker will be State Representative Patricia Hunt, who is now serving her 4th term from the 17th District. She is an attorney practicing in Chapel Hill. She earned A.B., M.A., and J.D. degrees from UNC-Chapel Hill and was Phi Beta Kappa. Before becoming an attorney, she was a teacher and guidance counselor. She serves as chair of the Judiciary III Committee, vice-chair of the Board of Governors of the Greater University, and serves on several other important legislative committees. In 1978 she was voted "Most Influential Female Legislator" by her colleagues in the legislature, registered lobbyists, and the press. She was Woman of the Year in the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Area" in 1977, and in 1978 was voted one of the 5 most outstanding citizens in the

Hill-Carrboro Area. The luncheon this year will honor our elected women officials. The women to be honored include State Senator Carolyn Mathis; State Representatives Louise Brennan, Ruth Easterling and Jo Graham Foster; County Commissioner Liz Hair; City Council members Betty Chafin and Laura Frech; Board of Education members Betsy Bennett, Pat Lowe and Carrie Winter; and District

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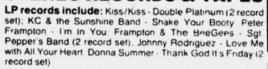
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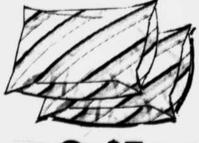


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