

Black Caucus Backs Hunt's Road Program

The North Carolina Black Leadership Caucus has endorsed Governor Jim Hunt's highway program, which is now being considered by the General Assembly.

About 70 members of the caucus, representing most of the state's 11 congressional districts, took the action recently in a meeting at White Rock Baptist Church in Durham, according to Dr. Lavonia Allison of Durham, chairman of the organization.

Dr. Allison said no one relished the prospect of new taxes, "but good roads have a tremendous impact on new jobs."

Governor Hunt's highway program would provide about \$200 million a year to the highway fund for maintenance of existing roads and bridges, and for a limited amount of new construction. The package includes a three-cent per gallon gasoline tax, with an income tax refund up to \$22.50 for necessary driving such as going to work, school, church and shopping.

It also contains a 50 percent increase in the tax on liquor, a tax on minerals mined in the state and a sales tax on rental or vacation homes. Hunt has also ordered the Department of Transportation to save \$20 million a year in its operations, and to re-evaluate the need for every new project that hasn't already been started. He is also pushing the Legislature to enact the toughest law in the nation against bid-rigging.

Juniorettes

The newly organized Washington Heights Juniorettes met recently and discussed plans for plays, fashion shows, buying and fertilizing plants. Members are planning to meet with the Council of Garden Clubs on the fourth Wednesday in June.

Hosted by Estrica Clayton, members attending the meetings were Sheneta Lindsay, Terri Lindsay, Dana Williams, Minnie Hays, Tracey Lindsay and Yolanda Straight. Minnie Hays will host the June meeting.



Pamela Jordan
...Ms. Delta Debutante

Sorority Seeks

Debutantes

Applications

The Charlotte Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority is now in the process of receiving applications for prospective Debutantes for the 1981-82 Cotillion.

Rising seniors interested in participating should contact Michael Vaughn at 537-3974 daily from 7:30 p.m. until 10 p.m.

This year Pamela Denise Jordan, now a South Mecklenburg graduate, was crowned Miss Delta Debutante. She will continue to reign for one year. Ms. Jordan has also received an impressive scholarship from the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Charlotte Alumnae Chapter. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Lee Johnson.

Mercy

Volunteers Want

To Keep Busy

How can we actually feel better about our problems? Do some volunteer work in a hospital where there are plenty of people worse off than us. Many volunteers at Mercy Hospital, for example, do feel that way, according to Linda Ball, director of Volunteers.

"This just makes me feel so good," Ms. Ball said many volunteers tell her. "I've got problems but they don't seem so bad now."

While many of Mercy's volunteers just want to keep busy and accomplish something, others who were hospitalized themselves at one time have since thought of ways to make a patient's stay easier, she said.

Whatever a person's reasons for volunteering, their efforts are much needed at the hospital. Volunteers can assist nurses by admitting and discharging patients, distributing flowers and menus, reading mail to patients, and transporting them to other departments in the 427-bed hospital.

Glenda Grate

Participates In

Workshop

ORANGEBURG - Glenda A. Grate of Charlotte, N.C., Dennis Jefferson of Charleston, S.C., and Queen A. Smalls of Huger, S.C., all juniors at South Carolina State College, participated in the 1981 CORP (Corporate Orientation Program) Workshop sponsored by College Placement Services, Inc. It was held in the IBM's Management Training Center in Atlanta, Ga.

CORP is a new and unique program that was presented as a pilot project. It exposed 30 junior level students from 10 historically black colleges to the workings of corporate businesses and the problems that negatively affect the career prospects of minority managers and manager trainees.

Leaders in the workshop included Dr. R. Roosevelt Thomas Jr., dean of the Atlanta University School of Business; Robert W. Brocksbank of Mobil Oil Corp.; Gilroye A. Griffin Jr. of Bristol Myers Co.; Charles F. Cammack of IBM and Cheryl R. Basye of International Paper Co.



J. C. SMITH RETIREES

Certificates were presented recently to five Johnson C. Smith University retirees who together worked 85 years for the school. Nancy Alexander was employed there from 1946-81, Homer Polk worked

at the school from 1953-80, Louis Jackson - 1967-81; Mrs. Julia Shilty - 1960-81 and Mrs. Sally Macon-1973-80. A reception was held in the Union Building. (Photo by Jim Black Photographers)



MOTHERS AND DAUGHTERS BANQUET

A Mothers and Daughters Banquet sponsored by the Women's Auxiliary of Mecklenburg General Baptist Association was held recently. Minnie Patterson,

president of one of these auxiliaries served as guest speaker. (Photo by Jim Black Photographers)

NEA President Says:

Schools Must Combat Ku Klux Klan Influence

Special To The Post - WASHINGTON, D.C. - A resurgent Ku Klux Klan is carrying on a determined recruiting campaign among high school and elementary students - some as young as 10 - and succeeding in areas where the white-sheeted, night-riding organization hitherto have been virtually unknown.

Exploiting racial tensions in the schools, feeding on nativism, intolerance and fear, fanning group suspicions and applauding Nazi-like tactics, the Klan - although numbering only about 11,500 - is now active in 22 states.

It defies the popular notion that the organization exists only in the Southern states. Klan activities are now reported in such industrialized Northern states - traditionally assumed to be immune from its influence - as Pennsylvania and New Jersey and even New York and Connecticut.

The story of Klan resurgence and its activities among school-age youngsters is spelled out in the

current issue of the "NEA Reporter," published by the National Education Association for its 1,750,000 teacher-members and others in the education profession.

Commenting on the increased activity by the 115-year-old Klan, once thought to be dying or even dead, NEA President Willard H. McGuire said:

"The NEA has long recognized the Klan for what it is and we have already taken action to fight it in a meaningful way - not broadside counter-propaganda, but by monitoring its activities and helping teachers develop the skills necessary to combat the student behavior that reflects prejudice and discrimination.

"As in all education, enlightened citizen participation will be welcome and helpful to the school and the teacher. While a small number is reported as Klan membership - real figures are kept secret - we do not believe we are over-reacting to the reports of KKK youth recruitment," McGuire added. The NEA leader, who has a parti-

cular a threat that can't be ignored. There have been too many lessons in the past that teach us that it takes only a few fanatics to set off sparks where tensions exist."

The NEA, at its 1981 convention, July 2-7 in Minneapolis, will bring out a newly-developed curriculum guide for teachers that not only traces Klan history but encourages class discussions on the broader issues raised by Klan activity - separatism, white supremacy and racism.

The guide was developed by an NEA state affiliate, the Connecticut Education Association, in cooperation with the NEA and the Council on Interracial Books for Children. The

action followed a Klan cross burning in a private field outside the town of Scotland in eastern Connecticut in September, 1980.

NEA action on Klan activity started, however, even before the Scotland incident. Reports of Klan T-shirt-wearing children in Decatur (ALA.) burning a

school bus, a camp near Houston (Tex.) set up to train youths from 13-20 years old in racist ideology and hand-to-hand combat, and vulgar, frontal-assault propaganda against blacks and others, have sparked support for NEA affiliate action. Last year's NEA convention committed funds to "train, inform and assist teachers in connection with programs aimed

at combating intolerance.

It is estimated that Klan membership has tripled in the last decade. Aside from the states mentioned earlier, the Klan is active in Alabama, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, Ohio, South Carolina, Texas, Tennessee and Virginia.

Boosters Club

The North Carolina Central Boosters Club is starting planning early. On Monday, June 22, at 7:30 p.m., the Boosters Club will meet at the Beacon Club, located at 3029 Beatties Ford Rd. This is a very important meeting and if you can't come but are interested in what's going on, contact Lawrence Pettis at 394-3830.

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