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Save Black Colleges Rally Set

On Monday, September 28, the second annual march and rally in support of the continued existence of black colleges - Black College Day '81 - will take place in the 16 states under the gun of desegregation orders or justice department lawsuits. It has been said that these governmental policies force the black colleges to become white while the white colleges remain white.

The Project '81 Coalition for black colleges, sponsor of the highly successful Black College Day '80 march and rally in Washington, D.C., last year, is in the process of forming statewide coalitions in the states where the greatest peril to black colleges exists: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia. Each state coalition will hold a march and rally at their state capitol on September 28th - with the exception of Pennsylvania, which will hold its rally on September 30th - to voice their support for black colleges.

On August 24, members from state coalitions around the country gathered at Howard University in Washington, D.C., to draw up a plan of action for each state coalition to follow. Issues covered ranged from publicity strategies to lobbying techniques to follow-up campaigns for future rallies. Tony Brown, founder and chief organizer of Black College Day, headed the meeting and deemed it highly successful. State coalition leaders at the meeting emphasized a need to develop strategies to combat the new state federalism.

City Begins Special Transportation Service

The City of Charlotte has begun operation of two specially-equipped vans for curb-to-curb transit service for Charlotte residents with handicaps.

The Special Transportation Service (STS) operates Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. To qualify for service, residents should call the Department of Transportation at 374-2261 and request an application form. The form, along with a doctor's certificate of disability, must be completed and returned to the Department of Transportation, City Hall Annex, 600 East Trade Street, Charlotte, N.C. 28202.

Applications are reviewed and STS I.D. cards are issued to eligible people. Tickets are \$1.85 and sold in books of 10 (\$18.50). Trips require one ticket each way and travel attendants must also use tickets. Seeing eye dogs are allowed on the vans.

TURTLE-TALK



Courtesy is too cheap for some people to be interested in it.



Daisy Watts Is Beauty Of Week

By Teresa Burns
Post Staff Writer
Believing in people is part of our beauty's spiritualism. And her faith in God has turned her whole life around.

"I found the Lord and now all of my ambitions are geared towards Him. I asked him to fulfill me and I asked Him what He wanted me to do," Ms. Daisy Watts divulged.

Even her profession with the newly originated perfume company, Chlon is related to her religious realizations.

"The first perfume I were priests. It was used as a weapon of love, peace... it is the essence and soul of plants. No one has ever fought over perfume," Ms. Watts explained.

As part of the Chlon team Ms. Watts designs fashions for the fashion shows.

"During these fashion shows the 10 different fragrances are introduced. Each model is outfitted for a particular mood of a perfume... for instance elegance is portrayed in fashion while the model allows the audience to smell the perfume."

In addition to designing, Ms. Watts is also getting involved in other facets of the eight-month-old business. She is also recruiting for the company.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Watts of Fort Mill, S.C. "My father is one of my favorite

people," she revealed.

"His goal is to take care of all of his six daughters. He worries about us...and he is such a beautiful person."

Ms. Watts also admires Ricky Sampson, manager of Jim Black Photographers. "Most people seem to be thinking about making money, but Ricky thinks about people and he helps his black people."

Eula Rush is another favorite of our beauty... mainly for her belief in the Lord, in people and the way her spiritual light shines.

"You can just tell that the Lord is with her and that He is using her."

And there is one more person Ms. Watts admires a great deal. B. J. Richard rates high on her list because of his positive attitude.

According to Ms. Watts Diana Ross and Stevie Wonder are noted entertainers. Ross as an inspiration and Wonder as a true-to-life artist.

As a change Ms. Watts would wish for people to become involved in the Word of God. "I would have more people in the church... living for the Lord. Nationally, no doubt, there would be no more crime," she declared.

As a member of the Central Church of God, Ms. Watts is not only dedicated to the words of the Bible, but also to the well-being of people. This attitude indicates that her heart is made of pure gold.

Census Bureau Reports 783,000 Elderly Blacks Are Living In Poverty

Budget Cuts Face Massive Resistance

"The September 19th Solidarity Day march promises to be the massive peoples' demonstration since the historic 1963 Civil Rights march," said Charlene Mitchell, executive secretary of the National Alliance Against Racist & Political Repression in a statement released today.

"Our organization," continued Ms. Mitchell, "stands firmly committed to doing all within its capacity to turn all out for Solidarity Day because now like never before there is a need to reject Reaganomics and government repression. We wholeheartedly agree with the AFL-CIO that only mass united action can turn back the Administration's assault on vital social programs, civil rights, women's rights and labor rights."

"The cruelty of Reagan's budget and tax offensive against working people and farmers is only matched by his policy of promoting racist and political repression to unprecedented heights. The attacks on the Voting Rights Act, affirmative action, busing and the drive for states rights are mere episodes in the criminal plot to reinstitute jim crow like policies and to deny some 50 million people of color every semblance of democracy."

In the face of massive resistance President Reagan continues to try and turn our country into an economic wasteland for working people, small farmers and the racially oppressed and a haven of super-profits for the corporations. And to complement this mean-spirited mania euphemistically called "fiscal responsibility" Reagan's Administration proceeds with frightening rapidity, to dismantle democratic institutions. Freedom of speech, assembly, the right to organize and protest are rights that this Administration is attempting to erase from the law books.



Annie Bell Caldwell
Mother of her church

"Serving The Lord" 89-Year-Old Annie Caldwell Devotes Time And Energy

By Teresa Burns
Post Staff Writer
Annie Bell Caldwell, 89, is the Mother of her church, Greater Providence Baptist, Rev. Fred Gibson, pastor.

Since 1919 she has devoted time and energy to serving the Lord. Her life's story is one of courage and endurance. But what stands out most of all is her belief in one Supreme Being-God.

Church members recently honored Mrs. Caldwell with a birthday party and flowers...an indication that her contributions are well thought of.

The following is the Post's honor to Mrs. Caldwell. Through our discussions we learned her story. And now through this keepsake, her Christian beliefs, faith and works will never be forgotten.

It was 1982, and in the home of Rev. and Mrs. J.

K. Wilks another child was to be born. They would have 10 and of this number one would be named Annie Bell.

Annie Bell grew up, in frame, to be the smallest family member. Her statue was no indication of her large heart, however. And when her brothers and sisters needed someone to understand them or needed someone to listen, Annie Bell was always there.

During those early years, Annie Bell's father was well respected. He was one of the oldest ministers and founder of Bethlehem Baptist Church in Chester, S.C. Religion and strictness were two major principles of the Wilks' household.

Annie Bell was 20 when she married Leroy Caldwell, December 26, 1912 to be exact. They first farmed in Chester, S.C. In 1919 the young couple moved to Greenville section of town for 10 years.

Her husband even fought in WWI. He returned home to his wife and together again they picked up their lives. Annie Bell, doing domestic work, while Leroy worked with Southern Railroad.

The hard times appeared. The country was in a turmoil, hit by depression and panic. The safest path for the Caldwell family was to return to their original profession of farming. They raised their own foods, just about anything one can imagine. And the life was good. The Caldwells raised two brothers, Fred and Clarence Montgomery on that farm also.

Today, Mrs. Caldwell has six foster grandchildren and 13 foster great grands. Leroy Caldwell passed December 27, 1935 and at see Annie on page 8.

Reid, who says he has dealt with discrimination throughout his life said he "won't mind having to prove himself to the voters."

Two Out Of Five Live In Poverty

Washington, D.C. - "Elderly blacks are worse off today than they were two years ago," National Caucus and Center on Black Aged (NCBA) President, Dr. Dolores Davis-Wong declared last week.

"Recent Census Bureau figures show that two out of every five blacks 65 years or older lived in poverty in 1980, but what is worse, the numbers and percentages of elderly blacks living in poverty have increased in the past two years," Dr. Davis-Wong said. "This is the highest number of impoverished elderly blacks since poverty statistics were first tabulated more than two decades ago."

According to the recent Census Bureau figures, older Americans were considered poor if their income fell under \$4,954.

An estimated 783,000 elderly blacks were considered below the poverty line in 1980, as compared to 602,000 in 1978, an 18 percent jump. The poverty rate among elderly blacks rose from 33.9 percent to 38.1 percent in those two years. "I hope this is not indicative of a trend," Dr. Davis-Wong said.

"Aged blacks are nearly three times as likely to be poor as elderly whites," she emphasized. "In 1980, 38.1 percent of older blacks were poor in contrast to 13.6 percent of elderly whites."

Furthermore, these poverty figures represent only the tip of the iceberg. Another 30,000 older black Americans are marginally poor. The net impact is that 14 million blacks 65 years or older either live in dire poverty or so close to it that they really cannot appreciate the difference," Dr. Davis-Wong explained.

"People are considered marginally poor if their income is above the poverty threshold but not more than 25 percent above it."

"I know there are many apologists who say these figures do not represent reality, and who try to soothe their own nagging consciences by telling themselves that these same poor have fringe programs to soften the blow of poverty. The reality is that poor is poor, and the fear of poverty, illness, lack of food, heat and housing is the reality facing elderly black people," Dr. Davis-Wong stated. "It is absolutely essential that the White House Conference on Aging comes to grips with these issues."

Approximately 2,000 delegates from all walks of life will meet in Washington at the White House Conference on Aging, November 30 through December 3, 1981, to develop a national policy on aging.

"NCBA has developed, through a series of mini-White House Conferences, a detailed policy statement which directly attacks the problems of poverty highlighted in these gloomy

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At-Large Seat

Rickey Reid Announces For City Council

By Susan Ellsworth
Post Staff Writer
Rickey Reid wants to be recognized as one of eight Democrats seeking an at-large seat in the City Council primaries on September 22nd.

Although he originally filed for a District 3 seat he has since recinded his bid and refiled for an at-large seat, choosing not to run against incumbent Ron Leeper.

"It would split too many black votes and cause too much animosity," says the Charlotte native.

Reid grew up in the Brookhill community. He became active in public affairs during his junior high days. He was a spokesman for the Martin Luther King movement and "brought it down to a



Rickey B. Reid
Community leader

local level" for students. That interest intensified after an incident at South Mecklenburg High School.

While a student there he was arrested for allegedly

disrupting school during a demonstration. He called it a coincidence. The scene erupted. He arrived on campus just in time to be seized instantly. Reid said he was "harrassed because he had been affiliated with Civil Rights and schools sponsoring movements with marches." Charges were dismissed but he said the incident made him more aware of the need of civil rights.

Yet, he did not choose to become a radical. In 1971 Reid received an award from the Respect for Law Committee headed by former mayor John Belk.

Since he was keyed up about community action and self-improvement, Reid joined the Army after graduation. He served in military intelligence for six

and a half years, stationed in Germany half of that time. He was involved in weapons instruction, drafting procedures for planning response to a nuclear war, and biological and chemical war defense training.

After his return to Charlotte in 1979, Reid enrolled at Central Piedmont Community College to study political science, expects to transfer to the University of North Carolina at Charlotte next semester and works full-time as a telephone operator for Southern Bell.

Reid, who says he has dealt with discrimination throughout his life said he "won't mind having to prove himself to the voters."