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## Blacks, Jews Reaffirm Bonds



### Black Majority Counties Decreasing

#### N.C. State Shows Black County Gain

Special To The Post  
ATLANTA, GA. - The number of black majority counties in the South is decreasing at the rate of 2.4 per year, according to a study released today by the Voter Education Project, Inc. (VEP).

The study, done by VEP Research Associates K. Farouk Brimah and Richard A. Hudlin, shows that the 11 southern states had 284 majority black counties in 1900 while today there are only 89. The greatest loss since 1900 occurred in Georgia, which lost 47 counties and the least loss in Tennessee, which lost one.

In 1900, Georgia had the largest number of black majority counties, with 67. By 1980, Mississippi led with 22.

In the last decade, North Carolina was the only state in which blacks gained counties, increasing the number in that state from five to seven.

Commented Brimah and Hudlin, "Of the 89 majority counties presently, 40 are experiencing declines in black population and if the present rate of loss continues, additional counties will lose their black majority by the end of the eighties." They added, "Blacks now make up only five percent of county governing board members and the decrease in the number of black majority counties suggests that blacks will continue to be severely underrepresented at the county level."



#### LOVELY PAMELA KIRKPATRICK ...Assistant supervisor **Pamela Kirkpatrick** Is Beauty Of Week

By Teresa Burns  
Post Staff Writer  
We as a nation may be facing tough economical times. But Pamela Kirkpatrick is determined to keep a smile on her face and the will to accomplish. "I know I have to make it," she began, "my motto is to never give up and to keep striving for something. To give up is just like dying."

With the economy the way it is," she continued, "the youth of America must be trained in certain skills. If not in a university then in a community college or trade school for a certain skill."

Ms. Kirkpatrick has completed a certificate in nursing from Central Piedmont Community College and a certificate in Business Management. She also attended Southern Biscayne now called Rutledge College.

Presently she is Assistant Supervisor at Howard Johnson's and admits it is an interesting job. "But my heart is in nursing and helping others in this fashion," Ms. Kirkpatrick revealed.

"I plan to further my education in nursing by pursuing an associate degree in nursing."

A desire to help the young and the elderly are part of our beauty's dreams in life. Her nursing career could lead her to pediatrics or to nursing Wachovia To Open New Office Here

Wachovia Bank and Trust Company have received permission from the U.S. Comptroller of the Currency to open an additional office in Charlotte. The new office, Wachovia's 19th in Charlotte, will be located in the Three Guys Shopping Center on Tyvola Road between Pineville Road and Highway 77. "We are very pleased to receive permission for this new office," said Harold G. Hoak, regional executive of Wachovia in Charlotte.



When life kicks you...let it kick you forward.



The two oldest members of University Park Baptist Church, Lou Garland and Sarah Crawford, cut the ribbon leading into the church's new sanctuary. (Photo by Peeler)

#### Fervent Prayers Answered **Dr. James Palmer Preaches First Sermon In New Edifice**

Fervent prayers were answered as history recorded the first official sermon preached by Dr. James E. Palmer in the new edifice of University Park Baptist Church, 2400 Keller Ave., Sunday, December 6th.

"The new sanctuary was filled with nearly 1,100 members and friends who came to commemorate this stupendous occasion," according to Mrs. Hazeline Sarter, a member of the church.



Dr. Palmer's message was taken from Psalms 34:8: "Oh taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the man that trusteth in Him."

About a year ago members and pastor began to plan for the new edifice. The project was to be completed by January but the schedule ran far in advance. The former sanctuary will be transformed into a dining hall. The membership of the church has increased from 1,100 to 1,400 in one year.

Rev. Palmer started the building fund a few years ago, in spite of opposition. But God's goodness prevailed. His goodness and the congregation's faith carried the project to its completion. As the service continued Rosa Hagins stood up. Mrs. Hagins is a long time, faithful member of the church and she decided to give \$100 towards the building fund.

Rev. Palmer was so touched by her gift that he gave \$100. Many members began to donate money towards the church without being asked. This is when the gifts truly come from the heart. And in a matter of minutes more than \$5,000 had been raised.



Rev. Palmer, who had instrumented a bus ministry in the church suggested that some of the money could be used towards the third bus for the church. Several years ago two buses were purchased and today another is needed to accommodate the growing membership.

God's wonderful blessings have been bestowed upon the church even through the leadership of Rev. Palmer.

#### Prominent Leaders Remain United On Major Issues

The bonds that link America's Black and Jewish communities in a mutual concern for the preservation of human and civil rights are as strong as ever, prominent leaders for both groups asserted recently at an unusual forum in Newark, N.J.

Despite widely reported national feuds, the heads of the seven largest Black and Jewish organizations in the Newark area, representing more than 200,000 persons, contended that they remain united on major issues.

Leaders of both groups joined in a statement calling for "social justice and a better life for those who are disadvantaged or deprived in American society" and "support for a secure and flourishing State of Israel as a democratic homeland for the Jewish people."

The purpose of the joint statement was to reaffirm support for common goals and to attempt to refute any arguments that the groups, long allies in many civil rights causes, are drifting apart.

"I think there was a need for a very public, very loud statement from all of the groups that the Black and Jewish people of this area are committed to each other and to goals that we will never back off from, civil rights and human rights," said Leonard Coleman, director of the Greater Newark Urban Coalition, who brought the groups together.

Langdon Dames, head of Newark's Urban Leagues, acknowledged that there may have been a brief period of poor communication between the two groups in the past decade.

However, he added: "That's changed. Today we are saying that we are together. The concerns of one group here are the concerns of all."

There have been incidents in New York, Los Angeles and other urban centers that seemed to point to a growing split between Blacks and Jews, the leaders said.

Blacks and Jews in the Newark area, who have maintained cordial relations, indicated they felt tarnished by the atmosphere of confrontation in other cities.

Defamation League of B'nai B'rith

Just The Beginning  
"We see this statement to be just the beginning of a partnership to protect all who are in need," said Jacqueline Levine, chairwoman of the Community Relations Committee. "It is an example of our ability to work together."

Mrs. Levine, chairwoman of the National Governing Council of the American Jewish Congress, added: "We are facing difficult months and years ahead," referring to the recent passage of budget cuts. "This is an example of our ability to work together."

Morton Bunis, president of the New Jersey Region, A.J. Congress, said: "There are many people who think Blacks and Jews cannot come together; we can."

Urban League Director Coleman said: "If our Jewish allies have influence in the administration, we can take up our issues through them."

Another reason for working together, explained Jeffrey Mass, New Jersey director of the Anti-Defamation League, was the recent rash of vandalism and the increasing numbers of Ku Klux Klan members.

"It's that poisoning of the atmosphere we're addressing," he said. "We need to establish a network of relationships, on a personal level if your neighbor's home is vandalized; on a community level, if a temple is vandalized."

#### Reagan Appoints Pendleton To Commission

President Ronald Reagan has announced his intention to nominate Clarence M. Pendleton Jr. to be a member of the Commission on Civil Rights. The President has also announced his intention to designate Mr. Pendleton as Chairman of the Commission.

Since June of 1975, Clarence Pendleton has served with distinction as President of the Urban League of San Diego, California. He also serves as President of Building for Equal Opportunity and the San Diego Local Development Corporation - two subsidiaries of the Urban League of San Diego. In these capacities, Mr. Pendleton has seen the San Diego Urban League's real estate holdings increase in value from 218 thousand dollars to three million dollars.

Prior to 1975, Pendleton directed San Diego's Model Cities Department; served as director of Urban Affairs for the National Recreation and Park Association; and coordinated the recreational activities of the Baltimore Model Cities Program.

Pendleton is married and resides in La Jolla, California. He was born November 10, 1930 in Louisville, Kentucky.

#### Over Rising Crime

### Black Merchants Along Beatties Ford Road "Extremely Concerned"

By Gayle Hinson  
Post Staff Writer  
The rising rate of crime has merchants along Beatties Ford Road extremely concerned.

Several store owners recently interviewed expressed their deep interest in the crime problem and how the black community can help decrease the rate.

Sam Patillo, owner of Sam's Exxon at 2120 Beatties Ford Rd., who has been in business for 11 years reported that back in the 70's he experienced a break-in in which the robbers got away with approximately \$3,500 worth of merchandise. Nothing was recovered but Patillo said police did the best they could considering that they didn't have much to go by.

In an attempt to prevent crime he has installed a better alarm system which has been successful.

Patillo said, "I do not allow people to hang around the corner. When people hang around something goes wrong."

Patillo worries about the kids who just hang around doing nothing. "When I see



Sam Patillo...of Sam's Exxon

kids who should be in school I call the cops or run them home. Nobody is concerned about kids but these are the same people who end up being criminals," he commented.



Larry Hailstock...Local manager

Patillo added that our politicians also must play a bigger role in solving the crime problem. "We got leaders but they aren't doing anything to help. They don't come back by and assess the problem. If you go to them they give you the cold shoulder," he remarked.

He ended by emphasizing that we need to make people aware of what's happening. "We need to advertise and find out why we have black-on-black crime. We need to bring people's attention to the



Richard Hopkins...Mini Pantry owner

problem," he commented. A nearby authority at McDonald's Cafeteria on LaSalle Street has little patience for criminals. "We have been in business for 10 years and I don't play with them, don't deal with them and don't take no mess," he strongly declared.

Larry Hailstock, manager of Betsy Bounty Food Mart at 3201 Beatties Ford Rd., said that the store has been in operation for seven years and that they have only been robbed once and that was outside the store.

He said that the robbers only got away with about \$30.

He cited the main problem at his store as being shoplifting. "In the past two months we've had more shoplifting than since we've been here," he began.

"We do prosecute shoplifters," he continued. "Most of them are between 18-25 years old and 90 percent of the merchandise stolen is meat and wine," he added.

He theorized that the crime problem may have a lot to do with the bad economy. "But on the other hand," he said, "that may not be the problem. I caught a guy stealing balloons who had over \$200 in his pocket."

When he asked how he has tried to prevent crime he remarked, "I can't figure out a way to stop it. I have tried many different ways - signs, bars, everything. I think the main thing that has helped is that after people see that you will prosecute it scares them off," he continued. See BLACK on Page 3