

And Founders

Wright: Need For Black Leaders Is Now

"If ever there is a need for black leaders and founders, the time is now," Dr. Stephen J. Wright, Senior Advisor for the College Entrance Examination Board, stated during the Livingstone College Founders Day Convocation on Thursday afternoon.

Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degrees were awarded to Mrs. Hildred H. Wactor, Missionary Supervisor of the Fifth Episcopal District of the AME Zion Church and Bishop William Milton Smith, Senior Bishop of the AME Zion Church and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Livingstone College. Bishop Smith was unable to attend due to his recovery from a recent illness and Bishop Alfred Dunston accepted for him.

Rev. Otis R. Hayes, Presiding Elder of the Chattanooga District of the AME Zion Church was awarded the Honorary Doctor of Divinity degree.

Mrs. Josephine Price Sherill, the daughter of the founder and first president, Dr. Joseph Charles Price, participated in a wreath laying ceremony in honor of the One Hundred and Thirtieth Anniversary of his birth during the morning celebration at the museum in the Poets and Dreamers Garden.

Mrs. Sherill is a graduate of Livingstone and served as head librarian for over 50 years. She continues to live across the street from the college in the house where her father lived.

Citing Dr. Price as "Physically imposing (6'2", 300 pounds), a great orator and totally dedicated to his mission," Dr. Wright indicated that Price possessed four major attributes that distinguish leaders and founders from other men and women:

Writing Skills

The Office of Continuing Education at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte is offering a writing workshop this spring for people interested in improving their writing skills.

Jean Morgan, lecturer in English at UNCC and author of a book titled "The High Priestess of Change," is the instructor for the workshop, which runs in two sessions.

Session I will meet on Tuesday, March 6 to April 10, from 7-9 p.m. in Room 330, Van Every Hall at Central Piedmont Community College. Session II will meet Tuesday, April 24 to May 29, 7-9 p.m., Room 217, King Building, UNCC. The cost is \$50 per session, or \$90 for both.

To pre-register or for more information, contact the Office of Continuing Education and Extension, UNCC, Charlotte, N.C. 28223, 704-597-2424, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. week-days.

West Mecklenburg Annual Barbecue Scheduled

Get your taste buds ready for another West Mecklenburg High School barbecue. On Thursday, March 15, you are invited to enjoy a plate for \$3.99 or three sandwiches for the same amount.

The plate will include pit cooked barbecue, slaw, potato chips or bread. Desserts are extra.

Sponsored by the West Mecklenburg High School PTA and cooked and prepared locally by PTA patrons, proceeds from the barbecue will go for the improvement of the academic, athletic and service programs of the school.

CPCC Theatre

The CPCC Theatre will present Arthur Miller's "All My Sons" in Paine Auditorium March 2, 9 and 10 at 8:15 p.m. and March 4 at 2:30 p.m.

Winner of the 1977 New York Drama Critics Award, "All My Sons" traces the shattering consequences of World War II and its aftermath on an American family.

Tickets to the production are \$4 and may be purchased at the CPCC Theatre Box Office from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday or ordered by mail.



Dr. William H. Greene, president of Livingstone College is pictured with Mrs. Hildred Wactor, Missionary Supervisor for the Fifth Episcopal District of the AME Zion Church and recipient of the Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree; Rev. Otis R. Hayes, Presiding Elder of the Chattanooga District of the AME Zion Church and recipient of the

Honorary Doctor of Divinity degree; also pictured is Dr. Stephen J. Wright, Senior Advisor for the College Entrance Examination Board who served as keynote speaker for the commemoration of the founding of Livingstone College in the one hundred thirtieth anniversary of Dr. Joseph Charles Price.

buties that distinguish leaders and founders from other men and women:

"First, the ability to identify and assess some human condition that must be improved," Dr. Wright said was of major significance. "Second, the vision to conceive a solution to a problem and make a contribution. Third, 'The power to persuade,' which Price certainly possessed as one of the great orators of all time; and finally, 'The dedication, perseverance and faith to overcome obstacles that would stand in the way of that vision.'"

Reemphasizing one of Dr. Price's most famous adages, he quoted, "It matters not how dark the night, I believe in the coming of morning."

"Protest long, hard and united to halt the decline of black progress," Dr. Wright challenged.

"Let the leaders rise who will focus on the problems of unemployment, illiteracy, hunger and the decline of the family rather than a nation filled with frustration, desperation and racism," he remarked.

Dr. Wright indicated that "Livingstone is providing a continuing miracle just by its survival and adding a different dimension to the world of higher education."

"It is our duty not to take for granted the rights and privileges that we did not create, but rather our responsibility to lift the moral character of this nation to the level of scientific knowledge we have attained for the purpose of

improving the condition of humanity," he concluded.

Dr. William H. Greene, President of the college, convened the program and presided. Rev. A. McClean Spaulding gave the prayer.

One of the highlights of the program was a moving description and historical review of the college by Mrs. Louise Rountess, head librarian at Livingstone.

Music was provided by the college concert and choral union.

Dr. Patsy Perry

Dr. Patsy B. Perry, professor and chairman of the department of English at North Carolina Central University, has been elected secretary of the South Atlantic Modern Language Association.

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