

New Principals Express Excitement About Challenge They Will Face

By Karen Parker
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Stephanie Counts and Joann Standifer were among six educators recently appointed as new principals in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg School System. The school board approved the appointments earlier this month.

Mrs. Counts has been assigned to Cotswold Elementary and Mrs. Standifer to J. H. Gunn Elementary. Both expressed excitement about the challenge they will face as principals.

"I'm very appreciative to have the opportunity to serve as a principal in such an outstanding school system," Mrs. Counts commented. She stated her goal as she works with the community and staff is to continue to strive for the excellence which has made the local school system a national model.

Mrs. Counts received her B.S. in sociology and education from the State University of New York at New



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Paltz. The cum laude graduate who minored in black studies while in un-

dergraduate school obtained her M.H.D. in administration from UNC-



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Charlotte.

Before the assignment as principal, Mrs. Counts was

assistant principal for administration at Randolph Junior High School. Other

experience includes being coordinating teacher for curriculum and instruction at Carmel and Hawthorne Junior High Schools.

Prior to those positions she taught at Elizabeth Traditional School. Mrs. Counts also worked in the Athens, GA, school system as well as in the Newburgh education system in her native state New York.

Mrs. Standifer was acting principal at J.H. Gunn before being assigned principal. She is a graduate of Johnson C. Smith University, where she received a B.A. in elementary education. During her junior year in college, Mrs. Standifer attended the International Christian University, Mitaka, Tokyo, Japan. She obtained her M.A. in Education from Alaska Methodist University, and has taught in Alaska and Germany.

Mrs. Standifer agreed with Mrs. Count's opinion that the Charlotte-

Mecklenburg school system is outstanding. She spoke highly of the Effective Teaching (ET) and Career Development programs adopted by school administrators.

Mrs. Standifer also spoke positively about the California Achievement Test (CAT). "The results show that Mecklenburg County was competitive in the nation," Mrs. Standifer stated. She added the tests help students identify their needs and help educators be accountable for their instructional program.

Besides teaching, Mrs. Standifer has held the position of Area Program Specialist for Garinger-Independence. She received the Teacher of the Year Award in 1966 and the Career Woman of the Year Award in 1971.

professional and civic organizations. They are anxious to work with their respective staffs. Counts and Standifer stressed their schools are supported not only by the staffs but by the parents as well.



Rev. White To Host 94th AME Zion Conference

Rev. William White Sr., pastor of Little Rock AME Zion Church, will be the host pastor of the 94th Session of the Western North Carolina Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church scheduled for July 3-8.

The conference, which will be held at Little Rock, has chosen for its theme: "Committed To The Commission."

The Right Reverend William Smith, Senior Bishop of and Presiding Prelate of the First Episcopal District, will preside. In addition to being presiding Bishop, Bishop Smith is involved with several organizations and is in outstanding positions in the church. He is chairman of the Church Extension Board, he sits on the Board of Trustees for several colleges, national chairman of



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the Centennial Campaign, vice chairman of the Publishing House Lay Activities, on the national board of the NAACP and was recently elected as president of the North American Section of the World Methodist Council.



Bishop William Smith
.....Presiding officer

Bishop Smith is also listed in EBONY magazine as one of the 100 most influential Black men in America.

His wife, Ida M. Smith, is the Missionary Supervisor. The conference begins with registration and is de-

signed "Youth Day." Registration will last from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. The Rev. C. W. Lewis, Christian Education Director of the Western North Carolina Annual Conference and other Christian Education directors will be in charge of the entire day. The youth will celebrate the Sacrament of the Holy Communion at the First Session.

Late evening begins at 8 and will be led by the Western North Carolina Lay Council.

On Wednesday, July 4, The Right Rev. William Smith will administer the Holiest of all Zion Sacraments, the Holy Communion.

Friday's session will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Civic Center, 101 S. College St. The Missionary Night will be conducted by Mrs. Ida Smith.

Conference business will be held in the church

sanctuary on Saturday, beginning at 9:30 a.m.

All activities for Sunday will be held at the Civic Center. Sunday School will begin at 9:30 a.m. and morning worship service will follow at 11 a.m. Bishop Smith will deliver the message and the choir from Little Rock will provide the music. A special memorial service for all deceased ministers, including laymen who died since the last annual conference, will be held at 2:30 p.m.

At the close of the afternoon session a fellowship banquet will be held. Mrs. Iris Battle and staff will host this event. The banquet will commence at 7:30 p.m.

Rev. White, host pastor, issues a cordial invitation to everyone to attend this annual event.

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