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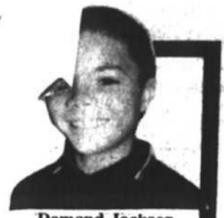
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Hooks Reacts Angry To Charges

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New York - Benjamin K. Hooks, NAACP executive director, has responded sharply to charges by Clarence Pendleton, chairman of the U.S. Civil Rights Commission, that its leaders led black Americans into a "political Jonestown" in the presidential election.

"We are appalled that any government official would utter such gross statements as Clarence Pendleton reportedly did on Monday in attacking American black leadership," Hooks said. "We are even more appalled that the head of the United States Civil Rights Commission, created out of the fires of the struggle to free black Americans from oppression, would resort to such shameful behavior, seemingly to score political points with those who appointed him to the position he now holds."

"Mr. Pendleton's charge that black leaders led black Americans into a 'political Jonestown' in the last election is a sad reflection on his ability to serve as chairman of the Civil Rights Commission."

"Mr. Pendleton's recent statements further underscore the need for Mr. Reagan to meet with black leaders to discuss urgent civil rights concerns and halt the rapid erosion of hard-won gains in this area."



Phyllis Flax
...Local salesperson

Phyllis Flax Would Like To Get Back Into Modeling

By Jalyne Strong
Post Staff Writer

A native of Daytona Beach, Florida, Phyllis Flax had previously lived in Bestal, New York, for four years before moving to Charlotte in 1979. Does she like Charlotte?

"Yes," Phyllis answered, "I got married here. There was definitely something here that I liked," she laughed.

Married to Greg Flax Sr. and the mother of Shanessa, 12, and Greg Jr., nine months, Phyllis is a salesperson at In Styles clothing store and she also models.

Her first experience in modeling happened in New York when she applied for a receptionist job at a dress shop. "The owner asked if I would like to model for the store," Phyllis recalled. After she accepted the offer Phyllis modeled formal party dresses for the store's clients.

"I'd like to get back into modeling," she says. Already she is making some progress in that direction. She is to model at a fashion show in the Marriott (uptown). "I really enjoy it (modeling)," she revealed.

This mother of two maintains she has no problem staying in shape for modeling jobs. "I get plenty of exercise running behind the children," she admits. "My little boy is very energetic, I'm always chasing him, saying, 'stop that, leave that alone,'" Phyllis smiles.

She also has no problems about going all the way in the modeling profession. "I'd like to make it to the top," Phyllis confesses. She acknowledges that a high flight modeling career may involve some upheaval in her domestic life, but Phyllis contends she'll take her family with her to wherever she may venture. "My husband is 100 percent behind me," tells Phyllis, and that's a big help.

A self-described "small-town girl," Phyllis calls Charlotte a big city. "It's much larger than Daytona Beach and Bestal, N.Y.," she says. She has lived in Manhattan, New York, for about three months and she explains that experience as being simply "fast."

"That's why I only lived there three months," jokes Phyllis. "I was used to corn fields, wheat fields, cows, chickens and pigs. There weren't any trees in Manhattan."

Another reason she left Manhattan was the religious influences of her family. Phyllis' father, grandfather and uncle are all preachers. "My father raised me strictly on the standards of the Bible," she comments. "I wasn't used to the sort of things that were going on in Manhattan."

Phyllis' hobbies are sewing and

taking long walks bringing along her son in his stroller. She and her family attend Greater Bethel Methodist Church.

"My wish for my family and myself is that we get along in this world together and do what we were sent here to do supporting one another along the way," expresses this week's beauty. "I also hope that the people around us will be touched by and feel the love we hold for each other."

Sutton's Vision For Ebenezer Church Is Viable And Strong

By Teresa Simmons
Post Managing Editor

God has poured out His Spirit upon all flesh. It was prophesied as far back as the Old Testament's Joel that old men shall dream dreams and our young men shall see visions.

Rev. Dr. A. B. Sutton's vision for Ebenezer Baptist Church is viable and strong. It's part of the reason the membership of the church, which has doubled since he became pastor eight years ago, has decided to once again sponsor an Appreciation Service for their spiritual leader.

The service will be held Sunday, December 9, at 5 p.m. at the church, 733 Trade St.

Rev. Sutton's visions for the church include building a facility that will be a seven-day-a-week church. "This church will also house an elementary school and an aggressive day care center, both for youth and senior citizens."

"This is an era," Rev. Sutton continued, "when prices are skyrocketing and senior citizens will not be able to afford to live in homes for the elderly. The day care will not only be for children, but also for adults. It will be a place where children can leave their parents. They will be cared for while the children are at work. There will be a nurse on staff and a doctor on call as well."

In the past eight years the church has increased its Stewardship Program; it started an outreach radio ministry heard each Sunday from 4-5 p.m. on WCQQ AM station; and tapes are made available of worship services for the sick and shut-in or for those who simply want to concentrate on the message privately or at home. The church edifice has also been improved for the comfort of the congregation.

Rev. Sutton stresses certain

In Finding Adoptive Parents

School-Age Black Boys Face Most Difficulties

By Loretta Manago
Post Staff Writer

Eight year old Reggie is a very intelligent little boy. He recently made a perfect score on a math achievement test.

Lindberg is seven years old. This warm, friendly child seldom meets a stranger. He has a pleasant personality. Lindberg also has cerebral palsy.

Larry and Paul are twins, age 12. Larry, who is five minutes older than Paul, is an active, well-behaved boy. He works hard in school and does well. Paul is more outgoing than Larry. He talks a lot, which sometimes get him into trouble in school. Paul has average ability, but does as little work as possible.

Reggie, Lindberg and Larry and Paul are typical of the large number of school-age black boys who are waiting for someone to take an interest in them and give them a home.

Craig Bass, supervisor of The Children's Home Society, said that because most black parents who are interested in adopting, request infants, the older kids and the child with siblings face the most difficulty in finding parents.

"Even when a parent is interested in adopting an older child, he or she normally requests a girl," stressed Bass. Personal preferences like those makes the possibility of adoption for older black boys that much slimmer.

In the midst of personal preferences that cloud the issue of adopting older children are two misconceptions. One is that girls are much easier to raise than boys and secondly, that older children already have developed their own personality.

Refuting that first charge, Bass strongly asserted, "I haven't seen any evidence which supports that girls are any easier to raise than



Because most parents interested in adoption seem to be attracted to infants or older girls, the school age black boy becomes the most difficult of children to find adoptive homes for. They seem to suffer from a stigma that boys are harder to raise than girls or that the personalities that they have developed won't be the kind they are looking for in a child. This youngster in the picture is representative of the number of black boys who are just waiting for someone to love them. (Illustration By Janice Dalton)

boys."

In an answer to the second misconception, Bass admitted that it is true that the personalities of the older kids have formed, but he also injected that the personalities developed, may be just the person-

ality that a parent is looking for in a child.

While it is true that when most people think of adopting they think of adopting an infant, Bass listed benefits of adopting an older child that aren't possible with an infant. "To begin with, with an older child you have a person who is capable of doing some things for himself, in contrast to the infant who is totally dependent. The mother doesn't have to worry about whether or not she will continue to work. And there's always the joy of teaching that older child something, doing things with him and seeing instant results from those experiences."

Bass was quick to add that in spite of the child's age, many haven't been culturally stimulated and because of that, they possess a toddler's sense of wonderment about their surroundings. "For some of these children going to a 7-11 or to McDonald's is a big deal," remarked Bass.

Bass is indeed concerned that so many black boys need homes and he feels that one reason for this problem is that adopting is a relatively new family planning alternative for the black family.

To combat that problem, The Children's Home Society is giving exposure to these kids through WSOC's "Carolina's Child." (Recently, a black family, the Farrers, were spotlighted with their newly adopted five year old son), the Black Adoption Task Force and a newsletter that comes from the agency's main office in Greensboro, which features biographies and pictures of children who need adoptive parents. Word of mouth from parents who have adopted also serves as an effective way of getting the word out to prospective adoptive parents.

Not only does The Children's Home Society work with older children and siblings who are referred to them from the Department of Social Services and other agencies, but they also concentrate on the placement of infants.

According to Bass, the only problem that the agency has in this area is finding enough babies to supply the demand. "In the first nine months, over 2,000 white couples expressed a desire to adopt a child and we just don't have that many infants for adoption. We have direct contact with teenagers who are experiencing problem pregnancies - that is, they don't know whether or not they should keep their child. Out See ADOPTION On Page 16A

Science And Math School Seeking Local Students

A representative of the N.C. School of Science and Mathematics will be in Mecklenburg County on Thursday, December 13, to present a program on the state school for academically gifted students in Durham.

An admissions officer at the School of Science and Mathematics (NCSM) will conduct an informal information session on the school's educational program and admissions process at Central Piedmont Community College in Charlotte. The session will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Anyone wanting to know more about NCSM is welcome, but 10th graders and their parents are especially invited to attend. NCSM students are selected during their high school sophomore year for admission the following fall. Applications for admission next year are due January 31, 1985.

The N.C. School of Science and Mathematics, which opened in 1980, is a public, residential school serving academically gifted 11th and 12th grade students with a special interest and potential in math and science. The coeducational school charges no tuition or room and board fees. About 400 students attend the school, representing 85 North Carolina counties.

For more information about the session, contact Ms. Pat Mauney, Central Piedmont Community College at 704-373-6633.

Class Of 1966

The Logan High School Class of 1966 will have an organizational meeting to make plans for its upcoming 1966 class reunion 5 p.m. December 8 at Shiloh Baptist Church, in Concord (on the corner of Logan and Crowell).



If you see someone without a smile, give him one of yours.