

For Minority Students

Metropolitan Life Foundation Announces Scholarship Program

Special To The Post
 New York - To encourage more minority students to become classroom teachers, the Metropolitan Life Foundation announced a Future Teacher Scholarships Program for black colleges.
 This new program, an extension of the foundation's \$175,000 national Future Teacher Scholarships Program, is designed to help reverse teacher shortages in this country by offering stipends to exceptional minority students, entering their third year of college, who have chosen teaching as a career. Twelve winners, to be selected from among 17 historically black colleges and universities, will be announced this

summer.
 "There is a growing concern among American educators that while the minority student population is growing, the number of minority teachers is on the decline," said Dr. Sibyl Jacobson, Metropolitan Life Foundation president. "Children need role models and it is especially important for minority children to encounter professionals who share their cultural backgrounds. That way, they, too, may aspire to achieve professional goals."
 Eligible for Metropolitan Life Foundation scholarships are full-time students enrolled in one of the schools participating in the 1986

program, and continuing a program leading to a bachelor's degree by June 1988 or a master's degree by June 1987. In 1986 students from the following schools are eligible to participate: Stillman College, Tuscaloosa, Ala.; the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff; Delaware State College, Dover; Florida Memorial College, Miami; Clark College, Atlanta; Paine College, Augusta, Ga.; Dillard University, New Orleans; Morgan State University, Baltimore; Alcorn State University, Lorman, Lorman, Rust College, Holly Springs, and Tougaloo College—all in Mississippi; Voorhees College, Denmark, S.C.; Knoxville College, Tenn.; Wiley

College, Marshall, Tex.; Hampton University, Norfolk State University, and Virginia State University, Petersburg—all in Virginia. Upon graduation each student must have earned the required credits for certification as a primary or secondary teacher. Deadline for applications is May 30.
 The lack of growth in the minority teaching force is another aspect of the overall teacher shortage revealed in the 1985 Metropolitan Life Survey of the American Teacher, noted Dr. Jacobson. The Future Teacher Scholarships Program for minority students, therefore, serves a dual purpose: the attraction of talented minority youth to the teach-

ing profession, and the building of the ranks of the profession as a whole.
 According to the American Council of Education's 1985 annual status report, "Minorities in Higher Education," minority teachers are leaving the classroom, especially in southern states. The report states that "considerable counseling, compensatory education, and recruitment of students with high potential will be necessary to maintain a significant presence of minority teachers in classrooms."

Lee's Strange Disappearance Baffles His Family

On November 20, 1985, Vernon Lee Partlow left his daughter's house around 5 p.m. to catch the bus to go home.
 That was the last day Teena Partlow would see her father who is called "Lee" by his friends.
 Five months have passed and still no word has materialized on the whereabouts of Lee.
 Needless to say, Lee's strange disappearance has baffled his family who has taken all types of measures to locate him. Since his November disappearance, the family has frequently combed the Beatties Ford Rd. area where it is thought that he would be and they have hired a local investigator.
 Lee, who is described by his daughter as being dark-skinned, 5'7" in height and weighing 165 pounds, has brown eyes, wears a moustache and wears a medium sized curl. Prominent of Lee's features is the fact that four fingers on his left hand are missing. Only a thumb remains.
 Lee's daughter, Teena, who says that she was the last person to see her father, commented that he was leaving her house to catch the No. 2 bus home. "I know that he did make his first connection. (Lee was to have transferred to another bus once he reached the Square.) But after that I'm not sure if he caught the second bus," relayed Ms. Partlow.
 Lee lived off Newland Road in Lincoln Heights Court.
 Even more puzzling is that fact that Lee has not been seen in the past five months, according to his daughter, is that Lee has never left for days before nor can anyone in the family think of anyone who would harm him.
 When last seen, Lee was wearing a light blue shirt, a pair of burgundy pin-striped slacks, a pair of track shoes and a beige trench coat.
 Lee is 60 years of age.
 If anyone has seen Lee or know of his whereabouts, contact investigator, C.A. Walton, at 336-2368.

Regional Spelling Bee
 Jenny Fry, an eighth grader at Smith Junior High School, will represent CMS in the Charlotte Observer Regional Spelling Bee Friday, April 11, at 1:30 p.m. at the Knight Publishing Company building on Tryon St.
 Jenny is one of 50 contestants representing school systems in 26 counties. The winner of the regional bee will compete in the National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C., in May.
 Jenny qualified for the regional bee by winning the CMS spelling championship March 11. The word she spelled to win was "bivouac." For additional information, call Dr. Genie Ball, CMS English specialist, at 379-7185.

Absentee Voting
 Mecklenburg County voters who are physically unable to enter the voting place, are ill, disabled or feeble due to age, or will be out of the County on voting day, Tuesday, May 6, are eligible to vote the one-stop absentee ballot way.
 You may complete the absentee voting process in one stop at the new Mecklenburg County Election Office, 741 Kenilworth Ave., Suite 202, Charlotte. Park and enter the office from the rear.
 The one-stop absentee voting deadline is Friday, May 2.
 The Election Office is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., and will be open each Saturday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., through April 26.
 Absentee ballots are also available by mail through April 29.
 For further information, call 336-2133.

Child Safety Week
 Raleigh - Governor Jim Martin has proclaimed the week of April 7-13 as "Child Safety Week" in North Carolina, stressing the importance of educating children about the dangers they face and proper measures they can use for protection.
 "Children must be taught basic safety rules to prevent them from becoming crime victims," Governor Martin said in signing the proclamation. "It is particularly important that parents take time to make their children aware of hazards and teach them how to protect themselves."

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