

# Special Events Observe Black History Week

The students at J.W. Turlington School made posters and did other art work and participated in poster and essay contests this week in observance of Black History Week.

Special displays prepared by the students are on walls at the school. Sylvia Barkley directed the project. The winners of the poster and essay contest were announced Monday.

Kathleen McMillan won the poster contest, and Susan Ragsdale won the essay contest.

The others who placed high in each contest were: posters -- Frankie McLean, second; Wiley Michaels, third; Lorie Wilson, fourth; and Roscoe Graham, honorable mention.

Essay -- Melissa Brock, second; Martha Baldwin, third; and Twana Bridges, fourth. The subject was "The Importance of Having Black History Week."

Here are their essays.

by Susan Ragsdale

I feel that knowing of the historical background of all people is needed in trying to understand our fellowman. Black people are a very important part of our society today.

Black history is most interesting from as far back as their heritage in Africa, to their courage shown in the face of harsh and unfair treatment in bringing them to a world that was strange and new to them as slaves. Their determination to obtain their rightful part of our country should be recognized by everyone.

I feel that this week should be set aside for us to appreciate all of the great black leaders that have made the black race what it is today - a powerful part of our society, nation, and world.

by Melissa Brock

The Importance of Black History Week is to emphasize the contributions that many Blacks have made to our American History. I would like to share some of these contributions.

Martin Luther King Jr. was very important to the freedom of the Blacks. He was black and fought bravely for Blacks' rights knowing that someday he might have to give up his life for his belief. Mr. King was assassinated in Memphis, Tennessee, in 1968. He died from a gun shot wound.

Another contributor was Harriet Ross Tubman. She lived in the years 1821-1913. She was often called "General Tubman." "General Tubman" was a slave girl who dreamed of being free. One day Harriet decided to run away. After she left, she disguised herself and came back to free others. Some people would not go with her, so she convinced them to go by showing a small pistol. She was never caught because she was too bright. Harriet Tubman earned a place upon American heroines early in her life. She received a military funeral at her death.

Mahalia Jackson, Marian Anderson, Harry Belafonte, and Lena Horne were outstanding Black singers. Lena Horne was listed among the six best actresses in Hollywood. Mahalia Jackson was a well-known Gospel singer. She gave a performance at Carnegie Hall, as well as for the President of the United States of America. Also, she gave a concert for Martin Luther King Jr. during the famous march on Washington. Marian Anderson sang at Lincoln Memorial on Easter Sunday in 1939. She was chosen by our government for a representative of American life and

art. Also, she was a U.S. delegate to the United Nations. Harry Belafonte was a folk singer. He supported the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Recently he was in Atlanta, and he participated in a Memorial Service honoring Mr. King.

Today we have found that the Black race has made contributions to our history and have helped us to realize the worth to all people whatever their race.

by Martha Baldwin

Martin Luther King was a man of his word and a man of freedom. He spoke what he thought. He did not treat anyone unkind. He tried to treat everyone alike.

He fought for what he wanted, even when it was hard. Mainly he fought for the people. He wanted all people Black, White and Indian to live together peacefully.

Before Martin Luther King died, he said, "Free at last," "Thank God, "Free at last." Most people wanted to fight or kill when Martin Luther King died. Some people called him Mr. King or King for short. He was a Black American with pride. I hope the people of America will never forget him. I know I will not!

by Twana Bridges

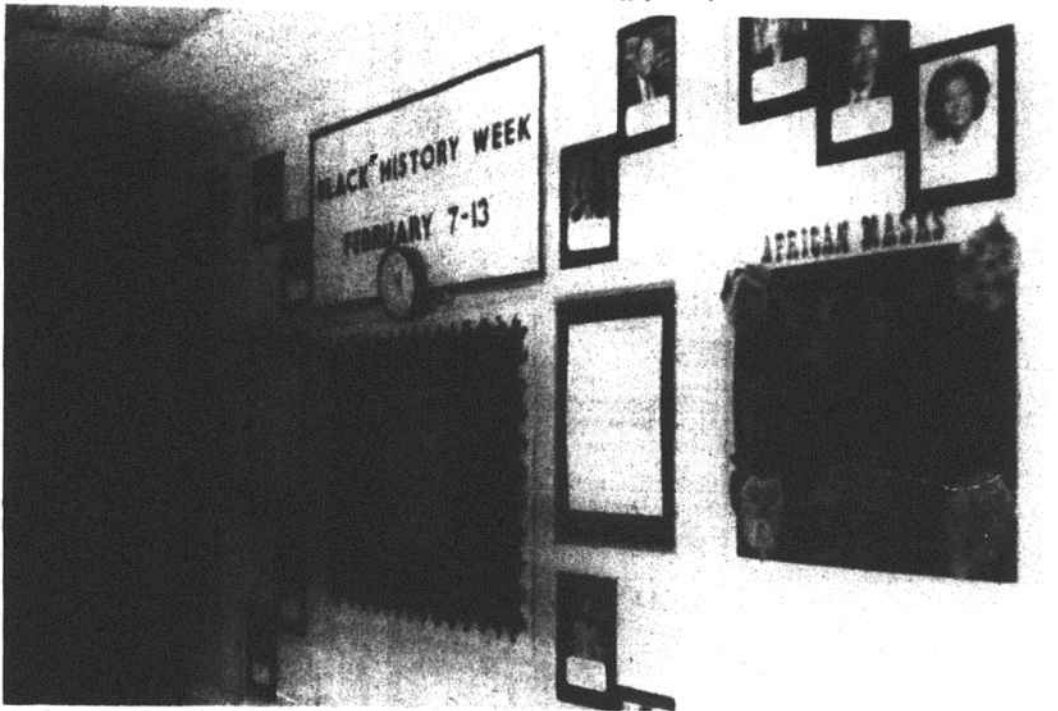
We celebrate Black History Week because there are important black people. Some helped America to be successful. People like Martin Luther King helped the Blacks and White come together and let them know that Blacks and Whites are people. We celebrate civil right leaders like Roy Wilkins. He helped direct the fight for equal rights opportunities for black people. We celebrate black educators, too. One black educator is Robert R. Moton. Today, because of these successful people, we use a week to let them know that we really appreciate the hard work they have done for all of us. That is "The Importance of Black History Week."



TOP FOUR -- Susan Ragsdale [seated, right] is holding her essay which won the Black History Week contest at Turlington. At left is Martha Baldwin, whose essay placed third. In the rear are Twana Bridges [left], whose entry finished fourth; and Melissa Brock, whose essay placed second. [Staff photo.]



BEST POSTERS -- Seated, left, Kathleen McMillan is holding her poster that was judged the winner of the Turlington School contest. Seated at right is Lorie Wilson, holding her art, which placed fourth. Rear, L-R, holding their work, are Frankie McLean, whose poster placed second; Roscoe Graham, awarded an honorable mention; and Wiley Michaels, who placed third with his art. [Staff photo.]



This is one of the Black History Week displays prepared by Turlington students. It faces the school's main entrance. [Staff photo.]

## 4-H's To Meet On Energy Handicapped

4-H'ers in the Southeastern District are planning a 4-H Senior Leadership Retreat February 26 and 27 in Kinston.

An excellent program has been planned that will give 4-H'ers information on energy and working with the handicapped. There will be speakers on energy and volunteering for the handicapped, as well as workshops on "Working with Mentally Handicapped," "Working with Physically Handicapped," "Volunteer Opportunities," and "Legal Help for Handicapped."

For recreation, the group will go skating Friday night. The cost for the weekend is \$27, which includes skating, lodging, most meals, insurance and transportation. 4-H'ers 13 and older are encouraged to attend.

Money must be turned in to the 4-H office no later than February 16. For more information, call 875-2162.

## Young Democrats

The Hoke County Young Democrats will meet Tuesday at the Courthouse at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is invited.

"Come and register and support the future of the Democratic party," the announcement of the meeting says.

## College News

The following Hoke County students have made the honor roll for the fall 1981 semester at North Carolina A&T State University. They are Judy D. Kinwell, Debbie J. Shaw, and Richard A. Small, all of Raeford.

## 82nd AB Brigadier Promoted

Brig. Gen. George E. Marine was promoted to major general by Lt. Gen. Jack V. Mackmull, the commander of XVIII Airborne Corps and Fort Bragg during ceremonies Feb. 1.

A veteran of both the Korean and Vietnam conflicts, Marine has served as the deputy commander of XVIII Airborne Corps and Fort Bragg since September 1981.

He is a master parachutist and recipient of the Combat Infantryman Badge with Star. A native of Jacksonville, Ill., Marine began his military career in February 1952 as an infantry second lieutenant.

## PTA To Meet

The Hoke County PTA will hold its monthly meeting Monday at 7:30 p.m. at J.W. Turlington School. The speaker will be Allen Edwards, principal of Upchurch Junior High School.

All officers and committee chairmen are asked to meet at 7 p.m.

Parents, the superintendent of schools, members of the Hoke County Board of Education, principals, teachers and other concerned citizens are invited to attend the regular meeting.

## Correction

An error was made in listing the name of J.P. Plummer, a candidate for a Democratic nomination as a county commissioner.

"J.P." are Plummer's correct initials, not "J.W." as published recently.

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