

# THE BETTER WE KNOW US ...

by Miller Carter, Jr.,

WINSTON-SALEM — Politician, concerned citizen, foster mother, hard worker; all of which describe this week's personality, MRS. VELMA HOPKINS. Mrs. Hopkins is all of these — and more. Presently a resident of Winston-Salem, she is actively involved in many community improvement activities. Her latest project, in an effort to help the youth of Winston-Salem, was the "Summer Lunch Program". In this program, Mrs. Hopkins and other concerned citizens of the Citizens Councils, Inc., fed 10,000 young people daily during the summer months. This project has been carried out each summer for the past six years; and for four of the six

years, the program has been carried out by the Citizens Councils, Inc., of which Mrs. Hopkins serves as president. This non-profit organization (Citizens Councils, Inc.) is funded by the Experiment in Self-Reliance, Inc. This summer, buildings were not available for rent for use in the Summer Lunch Program; however, with the cooperation of various organizations such as the Y.M.C.A., Salvation Army, the Police Department, and many others, the program was able to have 27 sites in Winston-Salem from which they fed the children.

Mrs. Hopkins came to Winston-Salem from Asheville, N.C. (her birthplace), as a child. Now, she

claims Winston as her home. Her mother was a widow with four children, three girls and one boy, of which she was the oldest. She attended public school in Winston and helped to raise and educate her sisters and brother. Although Mrs. Hopkins never attended college, she has been trained in various fields, as well as how to work with the public. She worked at the R. J. Reynolds Company and with the thought "Why do poor people have to suffer so much?" in mind, formed the workers' union there.

Mrs. Hopkins, along with concerned citizens of the Citizens Councils, Inc., has helped make jobs available for

about 250 persons in Winston-Salem. These jobs were made available for whites as well as blacks — old as well as young. The elderly people were able to work about four hours a day, earning \$40 to \$50 a week; and the young people worked about six hours a day with salaries reaching as high as \$2.10 an hour. Though this program included whites, some 98% of them were blacks.

Mrs. Hopkins is involved with the P.T.A., of which she has served as president; the State Executive Committee; the Black Democratic Caucus; and the Concerned Women for Justice. Mrs. Hopkins comments that though

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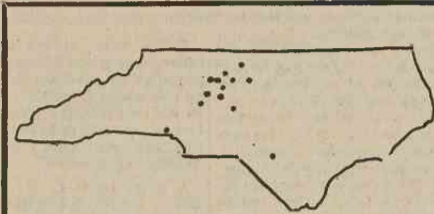
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### Notes & Reminders

**GREENSBORO**—Hayes-Taylor YMCA is now registering for a new session of its pre-school, youth and adult swimming classes.

Pre-school and youth swimming classes will meet Monday and Wednesday evenings 6:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Adult swimming classes will meet Monday and Wednesday evenings 7:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

There will be a limit on the amount of students per class. For further information call or come by Hayes-Taylor YMCA, 1101 E. Market Street, Greensboro, N.C. Phone: 272-0197 or 272-0198.

**HIGH POINT**—The YMCA, Fourth Street, is offering the following: Adult Day Care, 8 a.m., and After School Care, 3 p.m., Monday thru Friday.

Do your kids draw on the walls with their crayons or sketch on your rugs with mommy's lipstick? Why not send them to the Leonard Street Recreation Center's beginning drawing class? The class is open to ages 8 to 12, and will begin September 4, 1975, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Physical fitness, or lack of it, is one of the major health problems facing adult Americans. Recognizing this fact, the Leonard Street Recreation Center will sponsor an adult physical fitness class on September 4, 1975 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. The session is free, and all that you need to bring with you is your out-of-shape body.

A class in acrobatics for children ages 4 and 5 will be held at the Leonard Street Recreation Center beginning September 4, 1975. The classes will be from 2:00 until 3:00 p.m., and all that prospective acrobats need to bring are tennis shoes and t-shirts.

The Leonard Street Recreation Center will sponsor an oil painting class for adults beginning on September 5, 1975. The classes will run from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., and there will be a \$5.00 charge for participants.

Foils! Epees! Sabres flashing and Douglas Fairbanks, Jr. Would you like to learn to fence? No, not chicken wire or hurrican. The Leonard Street Recreation Center will hold a series of fencing lessons for ages 14 through 17 beginning September 3, 1975. The classes will be from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., and all that the participants need to bring is enthusiasm and tennis shoes.

The Southside Neighborhood Center will sponsor a series of adult sewing classes beginning September 3, 1975. The classes will be held at the Center on Taylor Street on Wednesdays from 7:00 through 9:00 p.m., and there will be no charge for the class.

There will be a series of classes in water color painting given at the Oakview Recreation Center for children ages 7 through 12. The classes will be held Tuesdays from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m., and will commence September 8, 1975.

A modern dance class for all interested participants age ten years and over will be held at the Southside Multi-purpose Center on September 3, 1975. The class will be from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m., and it is free to the public.

### CORRECTION NOTICE

THE TRIBUNAL AID accompanying an article printed in last week's paper to Ms. Elsie Jacobs and Ms. Lola Ann McAdoo of Greensboro. The names were reversed under their pictures

concerning their selection as "Outstanding Teachers in America". We will be more careful in the future.



## Police Captain Leak Retires

**HIGH POINT**—As a veteran policeman of the High Point, N.C., Police Department, Captain Oriel Hardy Leak has seen many years of interesting police service. When he was employed by the High Point Department in 1943, he became one of the first black policemen to be hired in the South.

Captain Leak has worked on a number of special assignments during his 32 years of service. In 1963, he was a member of a special detail of policemen assigned

to the University of North Carolina campus when President Kennedy visited there. He represented the High Point city police during the Inaugurations of President Lyndon Johnson and President Richard Nixon. On different occasions, Captain Leak has also been involved in working with the U. S. Secret Service, the FBI and other numerous state, county and local law enforcement agencies.

One important task came in 1972 when he was invited by the Secretary of Defense to visit Germany and talk

with soldiers and Germans in an effort to work out the race problems they were having in that country. His assignment was to report their complaints, with his recommendations, to the Secretary of Defense.

O. H. Leak, Captain and head of the Criminal Investigation Division, retired from the High Point Police Department on September 1. A dinner is being held in his honor on September 11, 7:30 p.m., at the Top of the Mart in High Point. Many of his friends and fellow workers from throughout the country are expected to attend.

## Navy Recruiting Commander Looks For Blacks

**WASHINGTON, D.C.**—Commander Robert K. Leopold, Representing Commander, Navy Recruiting Command, arrived in North Carolina from Recruiting Command Headquarters in Washington, D.C., August 26, for a four-day period. His purpose to enhance the Navy's image in North Carolina.

During his visit, he made a presentation on "Sea Power" which, as Commander Leopold explains it, is "the sum of a nation's capabilities to implement its interest in the ocean by using the ocean for political, economic, and military activities, in peace or war, in order to attain

national objectives." Throughout his presentation, Commander Leopold gave other explanations and common uses of "Sea Power" which further translated means having safe usage of the sea for import, export, etc.

In his speech, some of the things that the Navy had to

offer in the way of training, education and technical fields were disclosed. He further dealt with the part minorities play while serving in the navy. The "typical idea" of blacks in the Navy is that all they do is common labor and that no blacks rank high or go into technical fields. Commander Leopold says "this is

false." He further commented that blacks and other minorities have an equal chance in highly skilled and technical jobs — if they are qualified. Many blacks hold high positions as pilots, aviators, and electronic specialists. Commander Leopold states that black officers are not ranking as high as the Navy

would like; but he foresees a drastic change in this number in the next two or three years.

The reason for this change is that more NROTC (Navy Reserve Officer Training Corps) programs are being placed on campuses where the student population is predominately black. This program allows a black a chance to come out of school and into the Navy as a commissioned officer. "It's not that blacks never get a chance, it's just that some are not qualified," says Commander Leopold.

Commander Leopold is a naval officer assigned to the U.S. Navy Recruiting Command, Washington, D.C. He is the coordinator of the Chief of Naval Operations Sea Power Presentation Team. He is a surface warfare officer who has commanded two navy ships, an ocean-going minesweeper, the USS Pluck and the destroyer, the USS Embassy. Additionally, he has served as Assistant Naval Attache in the U.S. Embassy, Buenos Aires, Argentina. He further has served on the Current Operations Section of the Staff, Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet in Honolulu.

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## NAACP Request Suit Against Iowa School Boards

**IOWA**—The branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) in Iowa has made a decision concerning the desegregation issue of two Iowa school districts.

Leaders of the local NAACP chapter have decided to ask the federal government to file suit against the Des Moines and Davenport school districts to force them to desegregate.

Des Moines and Davenport were singled out for legal action because the cities school boards have refused to eliminate segregation from their schools, according to Robert Wright, Iowa NAACP president.

The reasons for the actions are that few measures to reduce racial imbalances have been taken in schools with high concentrations of black students in both cities, according to Wright.

The Iowa NAACP decided to ask for federal action because it is the responsibility of two federal agencies to act when there is a denial of equal rights. The local civil rights organization's request for legal action will go to the U.S. Justice Department and

the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

The state board has asked the Des Moines and Davenport school boards for desegregation plans. Davenport has refused to comply and Des Moines submitted only a partial plan involving junior and senior high schools.

Refusal of the two school

boards to meet state guidelines is cited by NAACP leaders as the main reason to ask the courts to order desegregation.

If the federal government

## Minority Bankers To Hold 48th Session

**WASHINGTON, D.C.**—The National Bankers Association, the trade association for minority-owned banks, will go west, to Seattle, Washington, for its 48th annual convention, from October 2 to 4.

Hosting the convention will be James Purnell, president of Liberty Bank of Seattle. The opening day will pay tribute to the 12 past presidents of NBA, followed by two days of workshops.

The workshops will include subjects on: Capital Adequacy; Marketing and Bank Image; Directors' Roles-Responsibilities; Loan Administration in a Depressed Economy; Upward Mobility in the Corporate Structure; Groups in Organization; Correspondent Relations; SBA Relations; Electronic Funds Transfer System; Role of Black Bankers to the Com-

munity-Leadership and Civic Participation.

The workshops will be followed by an Awards Banquet, regional meeting and elections, a business session and elections, executive committee meeting and a post convention tour.

David B. Harper, president of NBA, sees the convention reaching broad range goals. "At each convention we strive to get banking expertise from the federal agencies, state agencies, from banking legislative committees and from persons who have a direct impact on the banking legislation," explains Mr. Harper, who is president of First Independence National Bank in Detroit.

Harper continues, "We try to encourage students in business administration, hoping that the convention will help them make more decisive

choices in career opportunities. It will be an excellent time for them to interact with bankers so that they may recognize the need to have more minority institutions aware of the economic situations in minority communities. It will expose them to the different types of services which will better provide minorities with upward mobility."

## New Sunday School Literature For Blacks

**CHICAGO**—A new Sunday school literature designed to correct the impression Jesus is white Anglo-Saxon or that Christianity is the white man's religion has been introduced here by Urban Ministries, Inc. (UMI), the first predominately black-owned independent publisher of religious curriculum literature.

For its members, Harper says, "The convention will allow the member bank officers and board of directors to interact, to exchange ideas, experiences and explore new technology in banking."

"We hope to draw talent from the experienced and the dedicated individuals who are ready to bring talent to minority banking," said Mr. Harper.

Called *PRIMARY STREET* and planned especially for children ages 3-4 plus - minus, the literature depicts, more than most literature has done heretofore, Bible characters with the likeness of middle eastern and north African people.

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