

# Counties Take A Look At Themselves

It's a small but important step that county commissioners across the state are taking this month on behalf of North Carolina's children.

They are appointing study committees to assess youth needs in their communities; focusing on the needs of children who

have gotten into the kind of trouble that sends them into the juvenile court--and in many cases--on to the state's training schools.

The action on the part of the commissioners is the result of legislation passed by the 1975 General Assembly. The studies are expected to precede the

establishment of community-based programs and facilities that will reduce the number of children in state institutions.

The legislation says that effective July 1, 1977, status offenders (children who have committed no crime) such as truants, runaways or those adjudicated to be undisciplined may not be committed to the state training schools. This means that the need for community programs and facilities will become more crucial.

At the present time counties have a wide variance in their facilities and programs for juveniles. Many of the more progressive areas have already provided programs that keep the majority of their children with problems in their own communities. Some have begun far-sighted juvenile delinquency programs designed to keep children out of trouble by attacking school and family problems early in a child's life. But there are other counties who give their juvenile judges little choice. Because of lack of community alternatives, judges are faced with either putting a child on probation or committing him to a state institution.

Counties that wish to take part in the state program that will aid and advise communities in establishing their own programs must submit study plans or name committees to begin the studies by January 1, 1976. They will have until January 1, 1978 to file a full report. The state's technical, programming and funding help is authorized by legislation for the counties which meet the deadlines. The legislation authorizes, but does not mandate the county's participation.

Response from the county commissioners has been

encouraging. Some committees have already been named, but others are puzzled about how to conduct their needs study. The advisory committee, drew up a set of suggested guidelines to help the county commissioners determine their direction.

The study, they said, should include the number of juveniles petitions filed in the past year, the number of juveniles committed to training schools and the reasons for their commitment. They also need to know the number of children under court supervision, the number of

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## SADIE'S CORNER

(Tips To The Ladies)

In many conversations with women, I have heard several times how arguments between them and their husbands have lasted for days and make their lives very miserable.

My suggestions have been to them that first of all it takes two persons to keep an argument going for days. A wife should always voice her opinion to her husband but in a moderate tone and never let any discussion develop into an argument. Whenever a conversation with your mate is getting to a boiling state cool it immediately. You can express a desire not to discuss the issue at hand anymore and wait until he is in a better frame of mind. It is not wise to ever let an argument last over night. Be just as loving as you were before the argument. Go for a drive or go shopping to let the husband miss you for a time. Upon your returning continue to be affectionate and loving and this will settle any argument. At a later time remind him if he was a little huffy and if you were wrong admit it. To be hostile or unloving during any situation can be very damaging to a marriage. Remember that husbands do like to feel superior and anytime you maintain your control and use love to point out his mistakes at the right moments, pat yourself on the back because the superior man is blessed with a very smart wife.

If you have questions or suggestions to SADIE'S CORNER, you can have them answered by writing to THE TRIBUNAL AID.

## THE BETTER WE KNOW US

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During reconstruction, however, something very significant began to happen. Both the poor white masses and the blacks were awakened to the fact that they had a commonality of interests, that they were being fleeced by big business and the monied special interests. Black and white together, they joined to form a voting block that threatened to drive the money interests from the command posts of power in the South. Marching on ballot boxes, black and white together, they sent the fourteen black Congressmen to the U.S. House of Representatives from such states as South Carolina, Georgia, Mississippi, Florida and Alabama. Marching on ballot boxes, black and white together, they sent black men to the U.S. Senate, two from the State of Mississippi.

"Something has to be done," thought the monied interests of that day. The Presidential election of 1876 gave them their opportunity. You will recall that the Presidential election that year was so close that it had to be decided by the House of Representatives. Rutherford B. Hayes, the Republican candidate for President, made a deal with southern members of the House in order to become President. In return for their decisive votes, he would withdraw the Federal troops who for eleven years had protected the voting rights of the newly freed black men. And that did it. That killed the incipient Populist Movement.

The Klu Klux Klan went wild beating and maiming and murdering blacks to drive them from the ballot box. Southern politicians fashioned segregation laws that made it a crime against society for blacks and whites to come together

publically as equals.

If it may be said of the slavery era that the white man took the world and gave the Negro Jesus, then it may be said of the Reconstruction Era that the southern aristocracy took the world and gave the poor white man "JIM CROW." He gave him Jim Crow, and when his wrinkled stomach cried out for the food that his low wages could not buy him, he ate "Jim Crow", a psychological food that filled him with the knowledge that no matter how bad off he was, at least he was a white man. He gave him Jim Crow, and when his under-nourished children cried for the necessities his empty pockets could not provide, he showed them the Jim Crow signs on the busses and in the stores, on the streets and in the public buildings; and his children too learned to feed upon Jim Crow, their last outpost of psychological oblivion.

Thus, while the Klu Klux Klan went about its bloody work, the monied special interests laughed all the way to the bank with the money the masses of workers, black and white, deserved but would not never receive.

The infamous coalition of southern Democrats and conservative Republicans which was responsible for that strategem is still with us today. It is the coalition that has dominated the national politics of this century and developed a system of taxation that has the very rich of today laughing all the way to the bank with what Joseph Pechman and Benjamin Okner estimated to be \$77 billion dollars a year that slip from the public coffers through gaping tax loopholes.

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Youngsters from Children's House on the Bennett National Children's Book College campus explore the world of books during Week.

### Notes & Reminders

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Care, 8 a.m.....After School Care, 3 p.m.

Wednesday (Dec. 10): Piano Lessons, 4:30 p.m.... Council on Status of Women, 7 p.m.

Thursday (Dec. 11): Let's Go Girls Club, 8 p.m.

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by: C. M. Winchester 33 Degree Major S. High 33 Degree

Brother Ulis N. Dawson, 602 Longleaf Avenue, Goldsboro, North Carolina 27530, is District Deputy Grand Master for the Fourth District of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of North Carolina. He is a member and Past Master of Bel Stone Lodge #535 located at Goldsboro, which he has also served as Secretary and Senior Warden. He also served his District as Secretary prior to being appointed District Deputy.

Brother Dawson is presently employed as a Workshop Supervisor at the O'Berry Center in Goldsboro where he has been employed for seventeen (17) years. Prior to his present position, Brother Dawson worked as a Recreation Supervisor and as a Rehabilitation Therapist. In his present position he devises programs which are designed to develop mentally retardation pre-vocational skills preparatory for community placement.

Through the dedicated service of Brother Dawson, his District continues to grow. In addition to his Masonic work he is a Certified Professional Recreator; Certified Recreational Administrator; a member of the N.C.R.P.S.; a member of the N.R.P.A.; a member of the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity; a World War II Veteran; an ordained Deacon of the St. Luke Free Will Baptist Church of LaGrange where he has served as a Trustee, Sunday School Superintendent and Teacher.

Brother Dawson attended Shaw University, St. Augustine College, both of Raleigh, and East Carolina University, Greenville, North Carolina. He is a member of the Wayne County Advisory Council; Chairman of Area #10 of the North Carolina State Employees Association and he has served on many other local and state-wide committees in several Civic, Fraternal and Professional organizations.

Brother Dawson is married to Mrs. Ethel Hines Dawson and they are the parents of seven (7) Children.

The North Carolina Prince Hall Grand Lodge will continue to grow with the progressive assistance of Deputies such as Brother Dawson. In his District, he has instituted programs of progress which are designed to further the high principles of Prince Hall Masonry. We join the many Lodges and Brothers in congratulating Brother Dawson for the great job he is performing.

(Last Week's Question: What is the estimated value of the assets of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of North Carolina?)

Answer to Last Week's Question: \$600,000.00

QUESTION: WHEN AND WHERE DID THE GRAND LODGE SYSTEM ORIGINATE?



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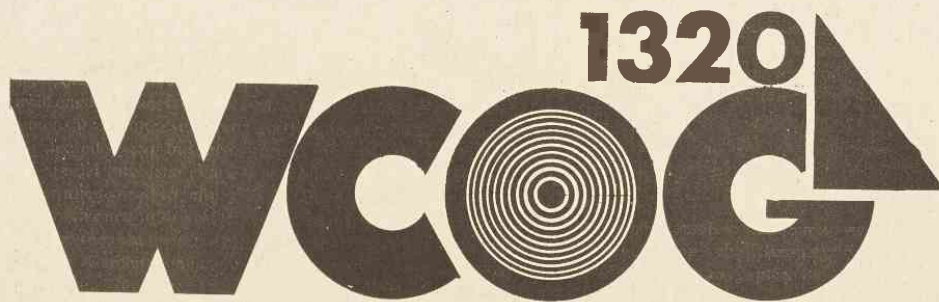
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