Old North State Dentists Hold Meet In S. Carolina

MYRTLE BEACH, S.C. — The Old North State Dental Society's 57th annual dental convention was held at the Myrtle Beach Hilton, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina recently, with guest speakers, Dr. Joy J. Johnson and Henry Frye, Representatives in the North Carolina General Assembly, emphasizing the theme, Better Dental Care For North Carolinians.

Clinicians for the scientific sessions were Dr. Craig Means, professor of removal prosthodontics and associate dean for undergraduate affairs, Howard University College of Dentistry; and Dr. Tolly A. Kennon, oral surgeon. Charlotte.

Special recognition and plaques were given to Dr. George W. Walker, Raleigh, Dentist of the Year; Dr. R. L. Foy, Kinston, Fifty Years of Service; Dr. Raymond White, dean of Dental School, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, Continuous Years of Service to Minorities; and Dr. W. L. T. Slick Miller, Forty-Four Continuous Years of Services to the ONSDS.

From THE CHARLOTTE POST

The Post- 99 Years Of Service

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American journalism has historically provided a place for the small newspaper which reports the activities of special interest groups in a city or other identifiable geographic area. This has been consistent with our nation's belief and commitment to freedom of speech and freedom of the press.

One of these special interest groups which has developed a thriving and progressive press is the 22 million Americans who make up the black community. This group is primarily responsible for the circulation of approximately 390 black oriented newspapers in the United States.

The black press employs about 2,500 people, publishes 385 weekly and five known daily newspapers, and has a circulation of over 10 million.

The black press began in the United States with the publication of the Freedom's Journal, first issue in New York City in 1827. This was approximately 140 years after the first white newspaper was published.

For reasons of history and circumstances, the black press has gone through many changes. One such black newspaper and its periodic changes can be seen in the development of THE CHARLOTTE POST.

Created in 1877 as a church news newspaper called the MESSANGER, the paper was re-named THE CHARLOTTE POST and transformed into a general black-oriented weekly publication in 1918. The brainchild behind this change in Charlotte's only black newspaper was A.M. Houston, a black civic leader and commercial printer with offices on Second Street.

For many years Houston guided the POST until declining health forced him to hand the management of the business to his son. Some time later the POST was purchased by Dr. Nathaniel Tross, a prominent black minister, who published the paper until his death in March of 1971.

A few months later the Tross family sold the paper to Garland Atkins and the General Publishing Company of Belmont, North Carolina. Willie L. (Bill) Johnson, a former sports writer for the Charlotte Observer was hired by Atkins as manager and then editor of the POST in 1971.

Johnson's impatience with the paper's progress and his desire to see the POST become a first-class black-oriented newspaper led him to purchase the business from Atkins and the General Publishing Company in June of 1974.

Johnson said at the time of the purchase, "The Charlotte black community needs a voice that mirrors the opinions of that community. We want the POST to provide services which the daily papers do not offer. These services to the black community will include information, education, and entertainment. We hope that the CHARLOTTE POST will be able to influence community life."

New Guidelines Given For Children's Food Program

WASHINGTON — New income poverty guidelines for determining eligibility for free and reduced price meals and free milk under the child nutrition programs of the U. S. Department of Agriculture were announced.

The new guidelines which become effective from July 1 to June 30 of next year, will apply to schools and institutions participating in the National School Lunch and Breakfast program, Child Care Food Program, Special Milk Program or receiving federally donated food. The guidelines are being issued in advance to assist school boards and administrators in advance planning and budgeting.

The guidelines increase income eligibility by about 14 per cent over last year and reflect the increase in the Consumer Price Index from 1974 through April 1976. For a family of four, this means that the base level of income eligibility increased from $5,010 to $5,700.

Based on these national income poverty guidelines each state's education agency issues guidelines for determining whether or not children are eligible for free or reduced price meals or milk. The cut-off level for income determing eligibility for reduced price meals must be set by states at 95 per cent above the national income poverty guidelines. In establishing eligibility standards for free meals and milk, however, states have the option of placing the cut-off level up to 25 per cent above the national poverty guidelines.

The change in the Consumer Price Index is the basis of USDA guideline adjustment procedure and is consistent with the Bureau of Census method for updating its statistics on poverty levels. USDA's poverty guidelines are higher for Alaska, Hawaii and Guam because of higher living costs in those areas.

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