

The Old Eye Opener

BY BILL BOWSER



FAYETTEVILLE - There is a power struggle going on in Fayetteville among Negroes. Negroes in Fayetteville have not been successful in placing a Negro in a single political office since attorney Harry Groves was elected. Many are quick to blame the reason on not being able to single shot. The real reason is the power to struggle among Negroes. No Negro as yet has emerged as the undisputed leader of Negroes in Fayetteville.

Miss McDonald Begins Work In County

FAYETTEVILLE - Miss Helen McDonald started her new job this week, with the Cumberland County Community Action Program. She will assist Mr. Hamilton in directing the Economic Opportunity Program for this area.

She is a graduate of Hampton Institute, Hampton, Va. She has been living in New York City, and has been employed by the Bell Telephone Company. She should be a valuable aid in getting our Economic Opportunity Programs off the ground.

She has valuable training in the field of sociology, that should be very valuable in this job.

Symphony To Perform At Fayetteville

FAYETTEVILLE - Dr. Benjamin Swalin and the North Carolina Little Symphony, now on the orchestra's 21st annual tour, will present two concerts in the auditorium of Fayetteville State College on Friday, March 11. There will be a matinee for school children at 11 a. m. and an evening performance at 8 o'clock.

The children's matinees are usually played wherever evening concerts are scheduled. During the current 21st annual tour, the Little Symphony and its counterpart, the Full Symphony, will instruct and entertain the youngsters of various school systems throughout the state. The two units of the North Carolina Symphony will play a combined total of some 82 matinees for school children.

A varied program is in store for Friday night's audience. Former Governor Terry Sanford commented, "The Orchestra, an institution of which everyone in North Carolina is justly proud, is maintained through the public spirit and generosity of the people who have enjoyed its concerts during the past years. Through music we may trace our growth, cultural development, our very civilization. Music has been one of this country's greatest ambassadors of good will."

have many leaders, and the masses have none. The question of who shall lead, must be settled soon, if we are to become a political power worthy of consideration. We must forget our petty grievances, and rally our strength for a common cause.

The time has come for Negro voters to prove that they have become of age. We must go to the polls and vote our convictions. We must vote for the man who appears to be the best qualified for the job, and I don't mean the man who has the best education. Education is no guarantee that a man will do the best job. Negroes have put too much stress on the amount of education, and too little on other qualifications.

If a man has not shown himself to be a man, no amount of education will make him a good public official. He must be able to unflinchingly stand on his own two feet and make decisions. He needs a reputation for fairness, but forthrightness. He must not be afraid to make decisions in the midst of controversy. He must be one of the few who is not afraid to fight for what he believes.

We must unite our forces and prove to all candidates that they cannot be elected without our support. We must not vote for a candidate simply because of his color. We must not vote for the candidate who has been interested in us before he became interested in the job.

If we must fight, let's fight it out now, and accept a winner and accept him as our leader and unite ourselves into a potent political movement, and back his leadership. We are overdue for some real political maneuvering. Let's wipe out those politicians who forget us once they are elected. We got one last time. Let's get another this season. Remember, it's open season on old time, loud-mouth, hate-preaching politicians. We have a better than usual selection of candidates. Let's choose the best of the lot and sweep them into office.

P. S. - Let's put 3,000 new names on the registration books. Come on by Bill Bowser's office and register to vote.

Commission Fails To Up Truitt

FAYETTEVILLE - The Fayetteville Civil Service Commission sent Officer Truitt to the Detective Department of the Fayetteville Police Department over a year ago, after 15 years on the force. He was sent up on probation, and without the rank of sergeant, as white officers are.

Now after one year, he has still not been promoted, despite the fact that he is one of the best trained officers on the force. This can only be explained by one word: Discrimination.

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Principals Announced For NCC Coed Weekend

DURHAM - Coffee and conversation hours, a public program, a charm clinic, and the annual coed dinner will be features of North Carolina College's seventeenth annual Coed Weekend Friday through Sunday, March 11-13.

The event, which is a major activity of the college's Women's Assembly, will this year follow the theme, "The Great Society and You." Prominent women representing several professions will participate as speakers and consultants during the three-day observance.

Friday, beginning at 8 p. m., special guests and student leaders will conduct coffee and conversation hours in four of the college's buildings.

On Saturday, a morning session scheduled for 10:30 a. m. in B. N. Duke Auditorium will have top speakers.

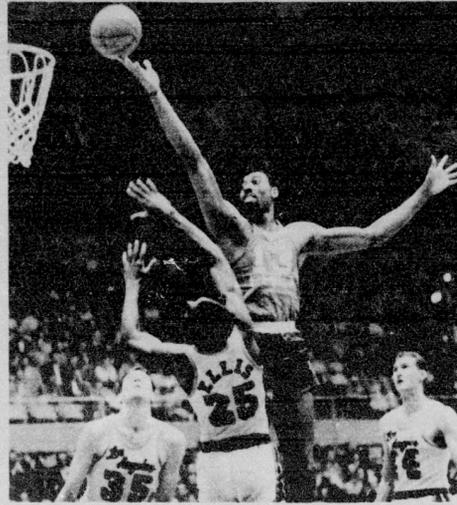
In a Saturday afternoon session, which begins at 2 p. m. in the auditorium, Mrs. DeVera Edwards, consumer service coordinator for Pharmaco, Inc., of Kenilworth, N. J., will conduct a charm clinic. A reception for special guests will follow in the college's New Residence Hall.

The annual coed supper and citation of outstanding women students is scheduled for Sunday at 7:30 p. m. in the R. L. McDougald Gymnasium. Miss Urylee Leonardos, concert soprano and radio and television performer of New York City will be the guest soloist.

Repeals Ordinance

FAYETTEVILLE - The Fayetteville City Council, after barber could not agree, repealed a 20-year-old ordinance regulating the hours barber shops open and close.

Under the old ordinance, barber shops could not open before 8 a. m. and were required to close at 6 p. m., except on Saturday, when they could operate 'til nine. The barbers are free to operate now as they desire. Most of the barbers were in favor of the old ordinance.



TWO POINTS FOR WILT - Los Angeles: Wilt Chamberlain (13) didn't score 65 points last Thursday night as he did the last time he faced the LA Lakers, but his 30, was more than enough as the Philadelphia 76'ers dumped Los Angeles, 136-121 here. In this first period action, Wilt outjumps Leroy Ellis and rolls the ball off his fingertips into the basket. Looking on are Rudy LaRusse, left, and Jerry West. (UPI PHOTO).

FSC Students Are Orderly During Strike

FAYETTEVILLE - The students are to be congratulated on their conduct, during the recent strike at Fayetteville State College. They acted adult like, even though they say they were treated as children. It was their right to protest, and they used their right with restraint and dignity.

There is too much tendency, they say, on the part of teachers to treat students as children, and to expect them to respond as adults. The fact that all students took part in the strike, at least shows they know how to cooperate. Any student body with such oneness of thought is sure to get results.

They did not destroy property as students sometimes do. They sought only to destroy the outmoded regulations of the school. Again I commend the students of Fayetteville State College for their forthright-

Begin Efforts To Cut Off City Ed. Funds

FAYETTEVILLE - The case of Mrs. Martha J. Doster is being placed before the U. S. Department of Education, and the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, in an effort to cut off Federal Funds to the Fayetteville Board of Education. If the funds are cut, the case must be resolved before funds can be restored. It would also be more difficult for Fayetteville to qualify next year.

According to information given at the Guidance Conference on School Desegregation last Saturday in Durham, new guidelines for compliance with the 1964 Civil Rights Act will be out in about a week. It is expected that school will have to offer proof that whatever plan they are using is successfully desegregating the school. The law requires that funds be withheld where discrimination is found.

Bill Bowser's Top 20 Records

1. Crying Time - Ray Charles
2. Georgia On My Mind - Righteous Brothers
3. 634-5789 - Wilson Pickett
4. Dear Lover - Mary Wells
5. Scratch My Back - Slim Harpo
6. You Don't Know Like I Know - Marvelettes
7. I Could Have Told You - Esther Phillips
8. Too Far Gone - Bobby Bland
9. Do The Batman - Gate Wesley & Band
10. This Is My Answer - Jimmy McCracklin
11. If You Could Read My Mind - Bobby Bland
12. Please Don't Hurt Me - Jackie & LaVerne
13. My World Is Empty Without You - The Supremes
14. I've Got To Get Back - Jackie Wilson
15. Sookie Sookie - Don Covay
16. Recovery - Fontella Bass
17. Uptight - Stevie Wonder
18. Don't Forget About Me - Barbara Lewis
19. All The Way Home - Dee Edwards
20. I Will Give You Love - Cody Black

Lewis Chapel Elementary School

FAYETTEVILLE - Founders Day was observed at Lewis Chapel Elementary School, Fayetteville, Monday night, Feb. 21, after the General PTA meeting.

The program was highlighted with an address given by Rev. Howard E. Hagler, Pastor of Evans Metropolitan AME Zion Church, Fayetteville.

In keeping with the changing times we are reminded that the PTA is dedicated for a better environment for all; concerned with the welfare of the child, regardless of race, creed or color.

We are proud of the achievements of the PTA. At the beginning it had only 600 members. It's membership, at present, is over 13 million strong.

The PTA is the organization that; fought and pushed for the hot lunch program; pushed for free and safe transportation of pupils; fought for medical examinations; fought for well lighted classrooms; and also installed libraries in schools.

Rev. Hagler's address was centered around the thought that "we can move it because we are as big as it is."

Several selections were rendered by the various PTA groups, to include poems, readings, and songs. One of the outstanding poems was "It Isn't The PTA, It's You. This was rendered by the Savannah 71st group.

Donations were made to the organizations for Literature, The exact schedule of hours during which you may register will be posted soon.

After the books close for registration, an information service will continue, to inform the voters on any information about voting or the candidates.

PAC Sends Several To School Meet

FAYETTEVILLE - The Progressive Action Committee sent representatives to the Guidance Conference on School Desegregation at St. Mark's AME Zion Church in Durham last Saturday.

On hand at the conference to advise the Negro leaders from many counties were Mr. John Gibson, U. S. Commission on Civil Rights; Mr. Howard Fink, U. S. Justice Department; Mr. David Barus, U. S. Office of Education; Mr. Irving Tranan, Community Relations Service; Atty. Julius Chambers, NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund; Mr. Michael Lawler, Youth Educational Services, Inc.; Mr. Charles Davis, Director, School Desegregation, American Friends Service Committee; Atty. Samuel Mitchell, Mr. Thomas Hartman, Deputy Director, N. C. Fund and Mr. LeMarous DeJarmon, School of Law, North Carolina College, Durham.

When Don Knotts, as a top-snoopy reporter, gets in trouble with the police in Universal's "The Ghost and Mr. Chicken," his girl friend, Joan Stanley bails him out.



ACTORS RELAX--Mark Clay, left, takes time between scenes to chat with Guy Stockwell during filming of Universal's French Foreign Legion epic, "Beau Geste." Clay portrays a legionnaire, with Stockwell.

Vick's Center Now Has A Registrar

FAYETTEVILLE - The Progressive Action Committee was successful in getting a registrar to be available for registering voters, at convenient hours, in Vick's Shopping Center.

She will be on duty on Saturdays as well as late evenings. With this convenience, it is hoped that 3,000 new voters can be added to registration books.

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