



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION - These are scenes of the annual religious institute of the West Tennessee and Mississippi Conference of the AME Zion Church, held at Johnson Memorial Institute, Batesville, Miss., recently. The picture on the left (top) shows many of the children and youths who attended. Bishop A. G. Dunston, Jr., who presides over the area is shown seated in the center. The adults, along with the instructors, are shown top right. Shown on the left (center) are persons who taught classes, ranging from Church Polity to African languages. Bishop Dunston is shown with some of the principals in right center. Bottom right shows the prelate with the leaders of the educational and missionary work of the Conference.



NEA Human Relation Center To Give Rights Awards During Annual Session

WASHINGTON, D. C.-Awards for leadership, courage, and creativity were announced at the National Education Association's Human Rights Awards Dinner, Monday, June 30, in the Sheraton Hotel, Philadelphia. The events were held as part of the NEA annual convention June 30 - July 5.

In addition to the awards, NEA President George D. Fischer made a special presentation of \$10,000 to the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Foundation. This money was collected from the sale of a photo documentary book, published by the NEA's Center for Human Relations, highlighting the career of Dr. King.

The H. Council Trenchholm Memorial Awards, named in honor of the founder of the American Teachers Association, a predominantly Negro association that merged with NEA in 1966, will be presented to two recipients "for leadership in the advancement of inter-group understanding within the education profession." Receiving the awards will be Margaret Stevenson, executive secretary of the NEA's Association of Classroom Teachers, and Elizabeth Kooztz, former NEA president and now director of the Women's Bureau, U. S. Department of Labor.

The NEA Human Rights Awards, presented for "creative leadership in the education profession," will be presented to Mrs. LaDonna Harris, chairman of the National Women's Advisory Council on Poverty, U. S. Office of Economic Opportunity, and State Sen. Joseph Bernal of Texas. Mrs. Harris, a full-blooded Comanche Indian, is the wife of Sen. Fred R. Harris, D-Okla., and Senator Bernal is a Mexican-American teacher turned politician.

Two Coahoma County, Miss., teachers will accept the Abraham Lincoln Award on behalf of the 71 educators who continued to teach when they were terminated from their jobs last February after federal aid to their schools was cut off. The award is "for courageous action in pursuit of educational opportunity." Federal aid to Coahoma County schools was cut off because the county refused to comply with desegregation guidelines. Since that time, the NEA and its affiliate, the Mississippi Teachers Association, have supported

legal action on behalf of the teachers and have contributed more than \$40,000 in subsistence grants from the DuShane Emergency Fund and voluntary gifts.

The other Abraham Lincoln Award will be presented to teachers who organized the Student Exchange Project in Denver-Littleton, Colo. Mrs. Helen Sebring and Mr. Beth Hall, both teachers, with the support of county human relations specialists Gilbert Cruter and Dave Wagoner, have for the past year successfully conducted an exchange program of activities between an all-black classroom and an all-white classroom. This series of activities led to many events which involved parents and community leaders.

The Carter G. Woodson Award, usually given yearly to an NEA affiliate for its leadership in promoting Negro History Week, will be given this year to the Nashville Tennessean newspaper for a series of eight articles titled "Negro History - The Hidden Past." One of the reporters, Reginald Stuart, will accept the award.

C.E. Buckram, Shaw Junior, To Africa

Clifton Earl Buckram, a rising junior at Shaw University, has been selected as one of twelve students to study abroad by the Institute of International Education.

Buckram, also a recipient of the university scholarship at Shaw, will spend the fall semester at University College in Sierra Leone, West Africa. He chose Sierra Leone, "because I feel the program there will be more profitable to me in the attainment of my educational goals." Buckram plans to major in Political Science.

The program is a new project of IIE and is aimed at aiding American minority groups in establishing "study abroad" programs. Five of the scholarships were reserved for institutions affiliated with the United Negro College Fund. The initial investment for these scholarships is being drawn from the organization's "Fiftieth Anniversary Fund." The award includes domestic and international transportation,



TRAINEES IN CAROLINA-WASHINGTON: Trainees in South Carolina's technical education program learn mathematics and instrumentation from a professional instructor in one of the state-operated programs in this 1968 file photo. More than 77 million Americans now have jobs; only 2.5 million are looking for work. (UPI).

Top Award Goes To A Raleigh Native, Dr. Grainger Browning

Dr. Grainger Browning, professor of sociology at Massachusetts State College, Fitchburg, Mass., has been awarded the prestigious Book of Golden Deeds award by the Exchange Club of that city, it was reported by the daily Fitchburg Sentinel recently.

The citation was presented in recognition of his efforts and accomplishments in working with underprivileged youth; for the many services rendered to the communities in which he has lived; and outstanding accomplishments in sponsoring the annual intercollegiate sociological conference on com-

munity affairs. Dr. Browning is the 10th person in the history of the club to receive this honor. The plaque was presented to him by the club president, James E. Dumont, following the annual Awards Dinner meeting.

The Award winner has his master's and doctorate degrees both in philosophy and sociology from Boston University. He earned his A. B. degree from Shaw University.

Dr. Browning came to Massachusetts State College from Massachusetts Institute of Technology where he taught psychology. He formerly taught at Johnson C. Smith, A&T College, and Hampton Institute.

Active in community affairs he is a member of Central Massachusetts Health Planning and Co-ordinating Committee, member of Fitchburg Planning Board; member of the Policy Committee of the Montachusett Opportunity Council; director of senior citizens program at Ellis Memorial House in Boston; director of boys activities at the Cambridge Community

Center; Organizer of Boston's United South End Settlement House; and Fitchburg's NAACP.

A native of Raleigh, he is the youngest son of late Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Browning. His late brother, Walter, operated a barber shop in this city for a number of years. His older brother, J. Royal, lives in Washington, D. C., and his sister, Mrs. Olivia Jones, makes her home in Knoxville, Tenn.

Dr. Browning's wife, Esther, is a teacher in the Fitchburg Public School System. She is a native of Boston. The couple and their 2 children, Grainger, Jr., and Cornelia, make their home in Fitchburg.

Her Ambition
NEW YORK - (NPD) - Mrs. Shirley Chisholm, the first Black woman in the U. S. House of Representatives, has her eye on becoming the first Black woman in the Senate. "My personal ambition is to capture the seat in the United States Senate, formerly held by the late Sen. Robert Kennedy," she said.

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