

Local Man Named To Fraternity Post

The National Convention of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity met recently in Houston, Texas and Johnnie E. Burke, assistant principal at the J. W. Ligon Sr. High School, was named state director of affairs for the Fraternity in North Carolina.

Burke is a native of Edenton, and came to Ligon High School as a Math instructor in 1960. He was assistant principal in 1964.

His undergraduate work was done at Shaw University, where he majored in chemistry and mathematics. The master's degree in science and education was earned at A&T State University in 1962.

An avid supporter of Shaw, he is post president of the local alumni association and a member of the executive committee of Shaw University's National Association.

A member of the Raleigh-Wake Citizens Association, a neighborhood Commissioner of the Boy Scouts and president of Phi Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha, he still finds time

to serve as a trustee of the First Baptist Church.

The former Miss Doris McLean of Lumberton, is now Mrs. Burke and they have two children, a boy five and a little girl, six months.

The Burkes reside at 920 Hadley Road in Raleigh.



JOHNNIE E. BURKE



MRS. BURNETT RANKS FOURTH IN BRIDES' CONTEST - Mrs. Mollie Burnett, center, front row, won fourth place in the Brides' Contest at the recent meeting of the Grand Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, in High Point. Mrs. Burnett represented District No. 9. The Bride of District No. 15 won first place. There are 18 districts in North Carolina. Working in the contest, Mrs. Burnett and friends of her district presented a Mammoth Tea, featuring music and readings by Mrs. P. L. Higgs, Mrs. Bobbie Williams, Miss Brenda Smith and others. This program was very enjoyable as it also featured the local OES Worthy Patron, and District No. 9 Grand Deputy. The date was August 24 at the YWCA, Davie Street. The picture shows those attending the Tea, at the "Y" given by Mrs. Burnett in cooperation with local OES Chapter and District No. 9.

Presidential Grants Await ECSU Frosh

ELIZABETH CITY - For their superior performance on the Scholastic Aptitude Test and quality of their overall high school records, thirteen incoming freshmen have been awarded Presidential Scholarships by Elizabeth City State University. The students, all from North Carolina, compiled SAT scores in excess of 900.

According to a letter from President Marion D. Thorpe, "Significant in this connection, we feel that excellence should be awarded, and that diligent students should be assured of an opportunity to receive an education commensurate with their abilities."

The scholarships were granted for the second semester of the 1968-'70 academic year, providing that each maintains at average of 3.00 and meet

other requirements already in effect at the University.

Those prospective students who received the award and expected to report August 27 for the beginning of freshmen orientation are: Willard Felton, Hertford; Jerry N. Graves, Yanceyville; Wayne J. Hall, Raleigh; Carrie B. Hoffer, El-

izabeth City; Dorothy J. Howard, Harrellsville; Theresa A. Howell, Goldsboro; Milton R. Liverman, Columbia; Charles K. Marsh, Marsville; Veronica J. McTottle, Scotland Neck; Alice R. Mills, Washington; Rodney V. Saunders, Tyner; Martelle L. Walker, Rocky Mount; and Willie C. Johnson, Goldsboro.

Third Of U. S. Blacks In Poverty, Says Census Bureau

WASHINGTON - (NPD) - A third of the nation's nonwhites were below the poverty level during 1968, the Census Bureau has reported.

But on the brighter side, 8-10,000 nonwhite people moved out of poverty in 1968. This was 40 per cent of the 2-million Americans who escaped poverty in that year.

While a third of black people are poor, only 16 per cent of the nation's whites are poor, the figures indicated.

The Census bureau pointed a picture of decreasing poverty in the nation.

In 1968, 18 per cent of Americans were below the poverty line, compared to 14 per cent in 1967, 15 per cent in 1966, and 22 per cent in 1959.

Federal officials set the poverty line at \$3,550 for a nonfarm family of four.

Median family income rose to \$8,600 annually in 1968--an 8 per cent gain over 1967. The Negro median income of \$5,630 compared with \$8,937 for whites.

GM Loan

DETROIT - (NPD) - Harnabee, a Black development group involved in constructing 500 housing units in Pontiac, to the north of the Motor City, has received a \$1.1 million interest-free loan from General Motors corporation, to finance purchase of land in advance of building. The money is to be repaid as the housing is constructed and sold.

Farmers who gross as much as \$10,000 annually are classified in the U. S. Census of Agriculture as commercial farmers.

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Deltas Aid Green Power By Depositing

BALTIMORE - (NPD) - Delta Sigma Theta has done its part in advancing "Green Power in the Black community" by presenting funds for an initial deposit at a Washington, D. C. Black bank.

Samuel F. Foggie, vice-president and cashier, United Community National Bank of Washington, accepted the deposit from Delta President Frankie M. Freeman.

In making the presentation, Mrs. Freeman said, "By depositing funds at a Black bank, Delta Sigma Theta providing additional resources for the United Community National bank to do more toward the economic development of the ghetto."

The United Community National bank is the newest bank in the Washington area. The bank's chairman of the board is Dr. William Collins, a Black dentist who is also on Howard University's board of trustees.

The funds were presented to the bank during the week-long Delta convention in this city.

Registered Nurse Refresher Course Set At Holding

A Refresher Course for licensed registered nurses will begin on Monday, September 13, at 9 a.m., at Rex Hospital. This course is being conducted as an occupational upgrading course through the Extension Division of Holding Technical Institute. Mrs. Joyce Hinton, R. N., will be the instructor.

The refresher for registered nurses is a 120-hour course, meeting four hours a day (9 a.m. - 2 p.m.) five days a week for six weeks. Its objective is to acquaint those R. N.s who have been away from the profession for a period of time with new techniques that have been developed, and to familiarize them with the latest hospital procedures.

Enrollment in the class will be limited to 15, and all those who are interested in participating should call the Director of Extension at Holding Tech in order to be assured of a place in the class. There is no charge for the course.

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