

Seek Answers

To Strengthen Our Industrial World

In View Of Rising Costs For Higher Education, And The Demands For Skilled Labor, Is It Unjust To Deny Masses Of Students Diversified Career Skills Or Trades Training In The Public Schools, Beginning (For Guidance Purposes) With The Elementary Schools? Please React In The Affirmative Or Negative.

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I feel that a student should be exposed to a diversified curriculum in elementary, junior and senior high school, with vocational education being one of the programs. Vocational education should not be offered as a substitute for academic education or academic education a substitute for vocational education; but each should be pursued for its own merit.

Vocational education has gone through various high and low eras. At the present time, I think that it is going through a very high era, because of a great need for vocational skills, the higher salaries offered, and its acceptance by society. Whereas, some years ago, society did not recognize the vocationally skilled person as a professional. While vocational education is very important in the schools, no one group of individuals should be steered into certain fields. If one is inclined toward the vocational curriculum, then one should not automatically be guided away from an academic curriculum. In order to be successful in the vocational field, one would still need a working knowledge of business and finance. Therefore, individuals preparing to study at technical or trade schools should be encouraged to seek academic knowledge in order to successfully manage and expand their businesses.

Should all individuals be encouraged to attend a 4-year institution of higher learning? Yes, if he is academically prepared, even if he plans to enter into the vocational field. The exposure and atmosphere of the 4-year school would (See STRENGTHEN, P. 2)



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Black Caucus Presses Gov.; Says Test Will Hurt Blacks

A special task force of the North Carolina Black Democratic Leadership Caucus met with Dr. Banks Talley, executive assistant to Gov. James Hunt, to discuss modification of Hunt's support for two pieces of legislation setting up

standardized testing of all students in public schools.

One piece of legislation would require high school seniors to pass a standardized exam before receiving a high school diploma. The other would make mandatory testing of all students in first, third, sixth, and ninth grades to determine supposedly if they had learned the prerequisite skills taught.

A position paper presented to the House Education Committee was discussed with Talley. The paper outlined eight criticisms of standardized exams as well as six recommendations to insure that those criticisms are overcome. Because these have allegedly not been reported fairly in the major media, the following eight criticisms appear in total so as to eradicate the distortions prevailing.

Standardized tests are biased and unfair to persons from cultural and socio-economic minorities, since most tests reflect mostly white middle-class values and attitudes, and they do not reflect the experiences and the linguistic, cognitive, and other cultural styles and values of minority group persons.

Standardized measurement procedures have fostered undemocratic attitudes by their use to form homogeneous classroom groups which severely limit educational, vocational, economic, and other opportunities.

Sometimes assessments are conducted incompetently by persons who do not understand the culture and language of minority group children and thus who are unable to elicit a level of performance which accurately reflects the child's underlying competence.

Caledonia Revokes Privileges

TILLERY — Formerly, a sunny day at Caledonia Prison Farm found inmates and their families sitting in the yard talking and enjoying a home-cooked meal under the watchful eyes of the prison guards. But visiting privileges are not what they used to be. Prison officials made it known this week that the families of inmates would no longer be allowed to bring food from home, even if they met out of doors.

Caledonia Prison Farm, the State's largest medium custody institution, houses 830 inmates mostly from the Triangle area and is located 45 miles north of Rocky Mount in (See CALEDONIA, P. 2)



MRS. ROSA LEE TORREY

Tutor Of Year Selected

FAYETTEVILLE — An innovative Child Care Services course was the basis for the selection of Mrs. Rosa Lee Torrey as the 1977 North Carolina Home Economics Association Teacher of the Year. Co-sponsored by the American Home Economics Association and Family Circle magazine, the purpose of the award is to give visibility to teachers with outstanding home economics programs. As winner of the state award, Mrs. Torrey is eligible for consideration for the national award which will be given in June at the American Home Economics Association annual meeting in Boston.

Mrs. Torrey is chairperson of the Home Economics Department and dean of students at E. E. Smith High School in Fayetteville, where she has taught for 13 years. Her Child Care Services program, which is designed to prepare senior high school students for entry-level positions in child care, grew out of a community need for more day care centers. Comments from teachers and children at the centers and parents in the community provide evidence of the excellent preparation students are receiving in the course. (See TUTOR OF, P. 2)



NEW SPIRIT OF CARTER ADMINISTRATION DISCUSSED — Left: Seated, Ben Brown, deputy chairman Democratic National Committee, Washington, D. C., talks with Caswell Singleton, Student Government president, Saint Augustine's College, and other students about the new spirit of the Jimmy Carter Administration. Students standing, left to right: Reginald Hill, W. Scott Murphy, Sharon Frazier, Cornell McGill, Gregory P. Sligh, Janice M. Tyson, and James Beckwith. Brown visited Saint Augustine's College on March 23.

Iotas Elect Soror

Mrs. Delores H. Clements, president of Upsilon Chapter of the Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc., was elected Southern Regional Journalist, at the sorority's 40th Southern Regional Conference. The conference was held in Albany, Ga. recently. As a result of this election, Mrs. Clements will also serve on the sorority's Southern Regional Executive Board.

The Southern Region of the sorority covers all chapters in 6 southern states, of which there are 22 graduate chapters and 4 undergraduate chapters, with a total of 449 members.

This marks a great step in progression for the Upsilon chapter, since the chapter's organization in 1971 at Shaw University.

Prior to their organization, Mrs. Clements served as organizing chairman. It was her job to interest qualified young ladies in this business and professional sisterhood.

As results of her hard and extensive efforts in recruitment, along with 7 other young ladies, the Upsilon chapter was founded and chartered. The 8 ladies became charter members of the chapter in June, 1971.

Since Upsilon's charter, the (See IOTAS, P. 2)

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In Johnston County

Fire Victims Buried

Says He Advocates Suppression

Catholics Oppose Supt.

Family Of 3 Is Mourned

BY ALEXANDER BARNES
PRINCETON — Long before the Revs. Fletcher Coley and Willie Williams began the final rites for Mrs. Julia Best Moore, 78, her son, Elton Leon Moore, 44, and her brother-in-law, Thomas Hezekiah Pierce, 101, at Cedar Grove Disciple Church, in a triple funeral ceremony, clusters of people were asking many questions that even local investigating officers have not answered satisfactorily about the fire that took their lives early Saturday morning. Burial was in Selma Memorial Gardens.

The mystery started when it is alleged that Donald Keam, a relative of the victims, broke down the door of a frame 6-room house after he noticed it on fire, about 4 a.m. Saturday. The information given out was that Mrs. Moore was not dead and was standing near the door, with a troubled look on her face. Her daughter, Mrs. Minnie Moore Williams, who lives across the street from her mother's home, described the tragedy as "non-understandable."

A spokesperson for the Princeton Fire Department said that the fire seemed to have started in the kitchen and that no foul play was evident.

Students Warned By Brown

If government-financed housing, health care, public works jobs and universal voter registration are not soon adopted as national policy, the "U. S. will be the laughing stock of the world," said Ben Brown, deputy chairperson of the Democratic National Committee to the N. C. Student Legislature here last Thursday.

Brown is a former Georgia legislator who was President Carter's coordinator in minority communities throughout the country. Following the election, he was elected to the party's number two post.

Introduced as a "good southerner" returning to the south, Brown charged the students from several of the state's campuses to become a (See US LAUGHING, P. 2)

Two Claim Appreciation Checks Here

There were two winners in last week's Appreciation Money Feature, sponsored by THE CAROLINIAN and participating merchants. Each received checks in the amount of \$10.

Zollie Joyner, 614 Chamberlain St., saw his name in the advertising paid for by Hudson-Bell Company, 315 Fayetteville Street, Crabtree (See APPRECIATION, P. 2)



VICE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES DIES — Washington — There died in Washington last week a truly rebellious man. It did not surprise those who followed his career that it took two kinds of incurable cancer to kill Julius Hobson. In the early 1970s, he ran for vice president with Benjamin Spock and for Congress and lost; for the school board and won; for city council and won the at-large seat he occupied until his death from complications of another type of cancer, leukemia. Here he is shown in Washington in 1972 (on crutches, suffering from the bone cancer) after being elected as People's Party vice presidential candidate. (UPI)

Citizens To Speak Out On Welfare

Many people throughout North Carolina and the nation have been critical of the welfare system for years. They now have an opportunity to speak out on how and why they think it should be changed.

A statewide public hearing has been scheduled from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on April 4 at the Scott Pavilion in Raleigh to receive input from people across the state who have suggestions on how the present welfare system should be reformed.

President Carter has made a commitment to the nation that he will propose a major reform of the nation's welfare system.

Lin Long Chief Of Planning

Improving the quality of life through long-range and short-range planning effort is the responsibility of Lin Long as he became the chief of Local Planning and Management for the Community Assistance Division of the N.C. Department of Natural and Economic Resources last week.

Long, 32, and black, is responsible for planning efforts conducted for local governments through 7 regional offices scattered around the state. The operation is supported by a budget of more than \$2.5 million of state and federal funds. (See LIN LONG, P. 2)

Threatens Freedom Rights

By National Black News

WASHINGTON — The Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights has condemned a Detroit school official's call for the suppression of the Constitutional rights of parents in the education of their children.

Father Virgil C. Blum, S. J., president of the Catholic League, took sharp issue with school superintendent, Arthur Jefferson's call for federal income tax penalties for citizens who send their children to private schools. Jefferson issued the call at a conference here recently, sponsored by the National Institute of Education.

Father Blum pointed out that such a tax on the exercise of religious freedom rights in education would be a gross violation of the First Amendment rights upheld by a unanimous Supreme Court more than 50 years ago. "It is indeed ironical," said the Catholic League spokesman, "that while more and more black parents are sending their children to Catholic schools, Superintendent Jefferson, himself a black, would call for legislation to penalize them for the sacrifices they make in paying tuition for quality education in private schools."

The Supreme Court, in its 1925 decision on Pierce V. Society of Sisters, ruled: "The (See CATHOLICS, P. 2)

Turn City Around: B. Burrell

LAS VEGAS, Nev. — The efforts of minorities to achieve economic parity in the foreseeable future are seriously jeopardized by steady deterioration of the nation's centers of commerce, according to the head of the nation's oldest national business organization, Dr. Berkeley G. Burrell, tenth president of the National Business League, recently warned that unless minorities can produce a health economic climate in their communities, efforts to achieve economic parity may well be doomed.

Said Burrell: "Among in many obstacles confronting us, (See TURN CITY, P. 2)

Bragg St. Scene Of Murder

A 51-year-old Raleigh man has been charged with murder in the stabbing death of a 40-year-old woman here, allegedly his girl friend, about 7:30 p.m. last Saturday. Detectives arrested Calvin Coolidge Pegram in the death of Mrs. Nancy Alice Ingram, whose body was discovered in her Bragg Street apartment. She suffered one stab wound in the abdomen.

According to Lt. W. C. Nipper, the woman had been stabbed sometime Friday, but had not received any medical



CALVIN C. PEGRAM... faces stabbing charge

treatment for the wound before she died.

Pegram lived in Apartment B, 500 Bragg St., reportedly with Mrs. Ingram, according to the detective, who also stated that the man and woman got into an argument Friday. Nipper refused further comment on a further motive for (See WOMAN SLAIN, P. 2)

Official Of VEP Heard

ATLANTA, Ga. — Universal registration for American voters will greatly strengthen the political process, but additional federal and state programs of outreach and affirmative education will be necessary to increase the relatively low levels of minority political participation, according to an official of the Voter Education Project (VEP).

"President Carter's proposal for universal registration is an exciting and major step toward the goal of an interracial democracy," stated Archie E. Allen, administrative director of the Voter Education Project, a nonpartisan organization which has promoted minority political participation in the South for 15 years. "The universal registration proposal is simple, but contains sufficient safeguards to prevent abuse and provides incentive to the states to increase voter participation outreach."

"The VEP has advocated the elimination of the registration barrier for many years, but its removal will not be sufficient encouragement for minorities to participate," explained Allen. "As recently as 12 or 15 years ago, black people in the South had to struggle, suffer, and even die for the right to register. The years of restraint and the climate of fear in many parts of the South still intimidates prospective black voters. It will take more than the removal of the registration barrier to convince these people that they have a stake in the voting process. A substantive program on the (See VEP OFFICIAL, P. 2)



PRESENTS BALL TO PRESIDENT — Washington — Edson Arantes de Nascimento, known better around the world as Pele, the recognized world's best soccer player, called on President Carter at the White House March 28 and presented him with a soccer ball. (UPI).

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