

WILLIAMSTON WHISTLINGS

BY JOYCE GRAY

WILLIAMSTON—Happy birthday to Ms. Cheryl McDaniel, Henry Peele and Ms. Mary Jones.

Congratulations are in order for Rascoe Harris, West Church, who was recently appointed to the ABC Board. Harris' announcement to former fellow New Yorkers that he was retiring from the busy Big Apple life where he served as one of "New York's finest" must have them now in wonder at such a full-time schedule since being back home in Williamston.

All of those persons with some walking disabilities can no longer have an excuse for not attending worship services or any other activities held at Mount Shiloh Baptist Church on North Elm Street. The church has just completed a ramp.

The Middle Ground Union was held on Jan. 27-29 at Olivet Branch Baptist Church, Parmele.

A new maintenance man at E.J. Hayes School is Shelton Perkins, a native of Stokes. He replaces John Willis Woolard, usually called "Stoney," now retired after many years of hard work.

Perkins comes to Hayes fully qualified, having years of experience but a shorter work year at a nearby school.

Men's Day was observed at Williams Chapel AME Zion Church on Sunday, Jan. 29. The church is located at 119 Rhodes St., Alliamston, and the Rev. G. Curtis Newby is pastor there now for the second time around after a two-year absence. Speaker was Kenneth J. Newby, Richmond, Va., manager, MGIC, and a special Male Choir rendered the music.

Last Sunday, Jan. 22, the Williams Chapel minister was on WIAM radio station at 8:30 a.m. for "Blessing Boulevard." Rev. G. Curtis is an older brother of Kenneth.

A small turnout at E.J. Hayes School on Friday, Jan. 20, did not lessen the joy that those attending felt as they enjoyed the splendid voices of the two gospel groups, Luther Barnes and the Sunset Jubilee, and the Junior Consulators of Greenville.

Songs such as "I'll Be All Right," "O My Lord, I'm Going Home," "Precious Lord," and "Amazing Grace" found much acceptance in the audience.

The program, sponsored by radio station WIAM with Darryl Brockington serving as master of ceremonies, featured Barry Woolard and Rev. R.L. Hudson, Sr., assisting.

Seems as if memories get refreshed about this time every year as neighbors, friends and distant relatives of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Nichols start asking, "When is the hog-killing day or did we miss it already?" Even some of those who have been told to watch their intake of pork will quickly state, "A little piece this time won't hurt my diet." Well, folks, I found out at last—it's the 28th.

Ms. BarbaraJean Smith, Capitol Heights, Md., spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Otis Smith, East Main Street, Williamston, and they attended Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday celebration at Mount Shiloh Baptist Church together. The special program was held on Monday at noon.

Speaker Dr. Arlee Griffin, Jr., pastor of Cornerstone Baptist Church, Greenville, talked on the theme, "To Tell the Truth."

Ms. Evelyn W. Harris said the litany and invocation was given by Rev. John Williams, followed by the selection, "Almighty God." Ms. Lenora Arrington presented the statement of purpose.

A selection was performed by East Carolina University Gospel Choir. A community service award was presented to Reginald Lovett by Rev. Kenneth R. Hammond, pastor of Mount Shiloh.

The challenge was stated by Ms. Emeline B. Manson. The speaker was introduced by Rev. Ronald Maxwell.

Hood Temple AME Zion Church, Jamesville, will hold three nights of service Feb. 1-3, starting each night at 7:30 p.m.

Preaching each night will be done by Rev. Jerome Wilson, pastor, United Holy Church of Deliverance, Williamston, and a different choir will sing each night. The public is invited to attend. Rev. Morris Mitchell is the host pastor.

"A friend loveth at all times," Proverbs 17:17. To my friend, Ms. Dorothy Anderson, who was called home on Friday, Jan. 20: "Because you're such a special friend, for old time's sake here's what I'll do. I'll spend some time in touch with you. For old time's sake I'll live once more the special joys we've shared before. For old time's sake, good friend of mine, I'll drop a sentimental line, and send the best wish I can make with lots of love—for old time's sake."

It was truly a blessing to have had such a friend for more than 25 years. One who knew how to give respect at all times. One who earned a spot in

my life for the sake of love. One who never spent one moment trying to delve into my personal life or business. One who spent her entire time as wisely and respectfully in her community as possible.

My friend, former fellow church member, co-worker in civic affairs, PTA, and former director, who'd keep in touch all of the 16 years I have been in North Carolina by letter, card and telephone call. No woman prior thought on the wavelenght as I. To me she was a woman among women, intelligent, modest, serene, honest, outspoken, a lover of facts.

Ms., Anderson, a native of New York and Hopkins, S.C., she was married to Frank Anderson, the mother of Frank, Jr. "Nu Nu", U.S. Army, Germany, and daughters Doracina, Francina, Flora, Candy and Bunny, all surviving.

She joined Hollis Presbyterian Church, Queens, N.Y. in the early '60s. She worked in the PTA at P.S. 134, Linden Junior High School 192 and Andrew Jackson High School, Cambria Heights, N.Y.

She was director at the Social Concern Committee, an umbrella project of Southeast Queens Anti-Poverty Program Agency. She served on the Queens Planning Board No. 12. She was a member of the Hollis Improvement Association and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Jamaica Branch.

A true friend is a friend forever, a friend who may be closer than a sister, brother or cousin. And even when the best of friends must part in this life, there are the memories of old time's sake to cherish.

Assemblywoman Cynthia Jenkins, 29th Assembly District, delivered the eulogy on Wednesday, Jan. 25. Cremation was handled by Walter B. Cooke Funeral Services, Parkchester.

Ms. Maggie Lee Powell expired Jan. 13 in the Misericordia Hospital, Philadelphia. She was born in Edgecombe County on Dec. 17, 1912 to the late Romus and Alice Knight Lee.

After moving to Martin County's Leetown section, she attended school here and joined Goddard Hill Disciples Church.

Marriage to the late John Preston Powell produced two children: a son, John Preston Powell, Jr., who preceded her in death; and a daughter, Ms. Alice Pearl Pickens of Philadelphia, Pa. Also surviving to cherish her memory are one brother, Charles Henry Lee, Norfolk, Va.; two sisters, Ms. Fannie Bell Hines, Tarboro, and Ms. Alberta Lee Perry, Williamston; six grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

The scripture was read by Rev. Robert L. Hudson, Sr., who also said a prayer at the 1 p.m. service at Goddard Hill Church. The church's choir accompanist was Columbus Cross and solos were rendered by David Lee Hardison.

Pastor, Elder David Griffin, delivered the eulogy. The Smith Community Funeral Home was entrusted with the remains. Interment was in the Lee family cemetery.

Homegoing services were held for Jesse Williams on Tuesday, Jan. 24, in New Jersey. Williams died on Jan. 19. He was a native of Williamston.

Expressions of sympathy are extended to the families of the late Ernest Chance and Lenwood Earl Fink.

The Lanier, Jones, Cross and Rodgers families wish to extend a hearty thank-you to all who assisted in any manner during the confinement and passing of their loved one, the late Aaron Lanier.

A special thank-you to the public and the church family whose thoughtfulness during all the trying times and sadness in her life helped is expressed by Ms. Lenora Lee.

Expected to join the staff at radio station WIAM soon is Ms. Dee Basnight, Creswell.

Sadness also visited the home of Ms. Arthur Duggins, III last week when she had to put the family pet dog, Friss, to sleep. The animal supposedly belonged to daughter Belinda, whom she fed daily but could not keep free from illness. Seems some of the neighbors insisted on calling him "Frits" as they often stated that he looked out for their houses also.

Animal lovers will spontaneously admit there's a bond of love exchanging between them. But the unanswerable question is who gets the most joy.

Students of all ages should be thankful that there is still some means of free education in this country by the way of public schools. They should also be aware of the contribution made by parents, grandparents and other friends, as well as sometimes friends, when the only responsibility upon them is to study, do homework assignments given by their instructors and to get to classes on time.

Usually, adults do not, especially in the black family, have round-table discussions about family financial resources or operating expenses, or

at least listen since more time is spent before the television set viewing almost any program except world and local news. And the saving plan is somewhat of a disappointment when the government decided to tax dividends, interest paid on savings accounts, bonds cashed, Christmas and vacation clubs and someone decided to eliminate student savings in the school.

But when there is a breakdown in the preparation of younger adults for the business world, regardless of who is at fault, sometime later someone decides there is a need for further education. Such is the case of one Ms. Evelyn Frances Hardison, a grandmother now five times over, who says enrolling at Martin Community College two years ago enabled her current presence at East Carolina University, Greenville.

Ms. Hardison readily admits being a student, getting into ECU, was no easy matter, and staying there is even harder as the grades must be kept up to par. When there is family, home and personal obligation, the mind is less free for research and study.

All adults do not graduate in the same time frame as the unmarried or the more affluent persons with full support from family and friends, but some are so determined to improve their standard of living that they work harder to succeed. Let us pray for the success of those who are at least trying.

We were happy to hear from Ms. Nellie Fennell, Harrellsville, of her interest in forming a NAACP Youth Council in her area. And we shall be delighted to share ideas with her. Also any material available.

An invitation was received from the national executive for attendance at the NAACP National Board of Trustees annual meeting, Feb. 9-11, at the Grand Hyatt Hotel, Park Avenue at Grand Central, New York, N.Y.

The day begins at 9 a.m. and ends at 6 p.m. for the press and general office workers.

The election supervisory committee meets at 10 a.m. on Friday.

Anyone planning to attend should notice the importance of attending the workshops: membership, life membership and radiothon.

Since reservations must be made for dinner on Friday, Feb. 10, at 7 p.m., one should reply to Ms. Doris M. Edwards, 4805 Mount Hope Drive, Baltimore, Md. 21215 by Feb. 1. The cost is \$25. Check must accompany reservations.

Another event to mention that is special that same weekend is the 80th birthday of the NAACP.

The W.C. Chance East End Alumni are currently in the midst of a membership drive, and therefore, solicitors will be visiting area churches. President is the Hon. H. Milton Andrews, mayor of Parmele. Chaplain and vice president is the Rev. Robert L. Hudson, Sr.

Some interest is now being generated to revise and stimulate new persons in the Rodgerstown Community Center. Apparently there is room for anyone looking to work.

The William H. Mansons' new home shows promise of being a thing of beauty on Route 2.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. James E. Leathers, who are reportedly in the process of building a new home in town.

Mr. and Mrs. W.J. Morris have replaced their mailbox which was removed by someone without permission. Seems the very beautifully decorated box was inviting.

On the sick and shut-in list: Ms. Gracie Smithwick suffered a mild stroke and is now in Martin General Hospital; William Preston Lanier, Veterans Hospital, Virginia; James Ramsey, Beaufort County Hospital; Ms. Alberta Lee Perry, Ms. Susie H. Durham, Ms. Lucy P. Outterbridge, Frank Cross, Deacon Jessie L. Hudson, Raymond Rease, Ms. Bessie

Williams, Minister Irvin Brown, Ms. Nancy M. Griffin, Ms. Gwendolyn Hyman, Ms. Mary G. Roberson, Ms. Faye Cross Williams, Charlotte; Ms. Mary W. Davis, Herman Rease, Bobby Joe White, Willie C. Bunch, Jr., Willie C. Bunch, Sr., Ms. Floretta Speller, Ms. Eliza B. Harris, Ms. Courtney Johnson, Raymond Raynor, Ms. Armaza C. Roberson, Ms. Mattie H. Perry, Mr. and Mrs. Alton C. Roberts, Haywood Harris and M.K. Bennett, Ms. Elsie Jones and James B. Rodgers.

We are pleased to announce that Ms. Frances "Frankie" Evans and Ms. Novella Joyner Bond were both discharged from Martin General Hospital.

Antioch Baptist Church, Everetts, has added another Sunday of worshiping. Their regular service has been every fourth Sunday. Now they will have each second Sunday as Youth Day. Both services start at 11 a.m. The Rev. Milton Staton is pastor. And of course, the public is always invited.

The Middle District Union met Sunday, Jan. 29. The Rev. Arlee Griffin, Cornerstone Baptist Church, Greenville, preached the doctrinal service at 11 a.m. Rev. Alonza Mills was the alternate.

At 2:30 p.m., a missionary sermon was delivered by the Rev. W.T. Taylor, pastor of Providence Baptist Church, Robersonville, and Rev. J.L. Farmer, pastor, Cedar Grove Baptist Church, was the alternate.

There was a one-hour service on Saturday, Jan. 28, starting with Deacons Hour, then business and roll call and ending with education center with the Rev. Robert L. Hudson, Sr. in charge and Rev. Earl Jones serving as alternate.

The location was Phillippi Missionary Baptist Church, Simpson. Providence Baptist Church, Robersonville, will host the next union on April 29-30.

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preschool program for poor children, reaches less than 18 percent of the eligible population;

• Chapter I, a math and reading program for low achievers, reaches less than 50 percent of the children who need these services;

• The Women, Infants and Children (WIC) nutritional assistance program is available to only 50 percent; and

• Medicaid, a health services program, only covers half of the poor population.

These programs are not budget-busters, and in fact represent a long-term return to the U.S. Treasury. For every \$1 invested in the prenatal part of WIC returns \$3 in short-term hospital costs; for every \$1 invested in prenatal care for Medicaid recipients \$2 is saved in the infant's first year; and for every \$1 invested in Head Start, \$4.75 is saved through lower costs of special education, public assistance, and crime.

I would urge the new president to take a different approach and increase significantly (not marginally) spending for cost-effective programs. This would assure him bipartisan congressional support and give him a boost along the way in achieving his desire to be the "education president."

The Congress will fashion their own budget, which will be considerably fairer and more equitable than the one submitted by the outgoing president. Undoubtedly, the new president will need time to fashion his agenda and spending priorities. The Congress will meet the new administration with a cooperative spirit. But this time around we cannot let our nation suffer from neglect and indifference. We are desperately seeking a "kinder and gentler" society.

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criminal behavior than others. Then, there are those who believe that criminal behavior is the result of a brain disorder and that criminals should be incarcerated and treated with drugs and lobotomies.

Islam does not brand man as a helpless and hopeless creature, condemned by original sin from the womb to the tomb; rather, it portrays him as a noble, honorable and dignified being. The idea of hereditary criminality has no room in the teachings of Islam, regardless of body type, race or parentage. Man according to the Holy Quran is born in a natural state of purity. The Holy Quran says:

So set thy face for religion, being upright, The nature made by Allah (God) in which He Created man.

—Holy Quran 30:30

According to Islam, whatever man becomes after birth is the result of external influences. The human being grows and develops through his contact with the physical world by means of his five senses. To put it simpler, a human being can only become what he or she is taught to be. No man is born with a natural desire to smoke. He learns to smoke. No man is born with a natural thirst for alcoholic beverages. He learns to drink. Likewise, neither is he born a drug abuser, thief, burglar nor murderer. No man, black or white, is born with a racist mentality. No, no man is born any of these things but it taught to be all of them. If we are to remedy these problems that plague our society we must start by eliminating the sources of instruction. What is one of the main sources of instruction used to promote evil in our society? Part II will address this most pertinent question in a subsequent article.

Judge Dismisses Charge Of Racial Bias In Jury Selection

LOS ANGELES, Calif. (AP)—The judge presiding over the trial of accused "Night Stalker" defendant Richard Ramirez on Friday rejected claims that potential jurors were being excluded because of systematic racial bias.

Superior Court Judge Michael A. Tynan ruled the prosecution has not systematically excluded black women from serving as jurors or alternates.

Ramirez, a Texas drifter, is charged with 13 murders and 30 other felonies that left suburban Los Angeles County residents terrified during 1984 and 1985.

Jury selection resumed Monday, with six Hispanics and five blacks seated on the panel, which will comprise 12 jurors and an alternate.

Earlier, Tynan dismissed a black juror for misconduct after hearing testimony the juror had said he could not impose the death penalty on a Hispanic defendant because a disproportionate number of minorities are sentenced to Death Row.

The issue set off a flurry of legal arguments over ethnic bias in the

case. Daniel Hernandez, a defense attorney for Ramirez, had sought hearings to show that Deputy District Attorneys Phillip Halpin and Alan Yochelson had shown racial bias during jury selection.

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