



MRS. BEATRICE MAYE'S
This Week In GREENVILLE

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To strengthen the black family, these negatives must be controlled: Sex without responsibility, fast cars, materialism and alcohol. Offset these negatives with positive role models of churchgoing, stable families and singles as well as those who will "stand in the gap" as mothers, fathers, big sisters and big brothers. Moreover, this concept must extend to the institution-building in black communities. Currently, in too many black communities other ethnic groups are operating everything from the grocery stores to the banks and other business enterprises. The absence of positive black role models in these areas ensures a self-perpetuating tradition of dependency on others.

Also, we must support our institutions: provide moral and spiritual training; ensure adequate health care (warning young people of the risks of teenage parenting and substance abuse); create a desire for the acquisition of knowledge; nurture respect for family, law and order; and help provide opportunities that will enable our youth to develop their God-given talents.

Black leadership must remain involved, informed, insistent, and unrelenting in pointing people in the right direction and in helping them maintain the integrity of their ethnicity while at the same time gaining the fullness of their American citizenship.

We must be concerned with an educational system that replaces blacks with blacks who may be retiring or moving to other positions.

Black leadership must assert itself and mobilize the masses to fulfill the promise of democracy.

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FAMOUS BLACK AMERICANS
Quiz Yourself

1. Moses of her people, led more than 300 slaves to freedom.
2. Mathematician, clockmaker, surveyor who helped plan Washington, D.C.

3. First black American to play in big-league baseball.
4. Co-discoverer of North Pole, made eight trips to Arctic.
5. Authority on blood plasma, director of first American Red Cross blood bank.
6. Father of the blues, wrote "The Saint Louis Blues" and many more blues songs and Negro spirituals.
7. Overcame handicap to become great track star, winner of three gold medals in 1900 Olympic Games.
8. Famous orator, remembered for his outstanding speeches against slavery.
9. World's greatest gospel singer.
10. Associate justice of the Supreme Court.
11. First doctor to operate successfully on the human heart.
12. America's "Ambassador of Jazz."
13. Wrote history of the Negro, started the observance of Negro History Week.
14. Writer, philosopher; early member of the NAACP.
15. Educator, founder of Tuskegee Institute in Alabama.
16. First black U.S. congresswoman.
17. Agricultural research scientist who made hundreds of products from the peanut and potato.
18. Statesman, champion of democracy, won Nobel Peace Prize for bringing peace between people of Israel and Arabs.
19. First black to serve as U.S. ambassador to the United Nations.
20. Nonviolent crusader for social justice, dreamed of a world where all men might live in peace and love, without poverty.
21. America's best-known black poet, noted for humorous verse in Negro dialect.
22. Leading Shakespearean actor of the 19th century, denied the opportunity of exhibiting his talent to American public.
23. Secretary of Department of Health, Education and Welfare.
24. First black singer to perform with the Metropolitan Opera.
25. First to die for American independence.

Gallery Honors Blacks For Deeds And Service

ELIZABETHTOWN, Ky. (AP)—A gallery honoring famous blacks such as Jesse Jackson and Martin Luther King, Jr. and those whose accomplishments are less well-known has opened in Elizabethtown but without its chief creator.

Emma Reno Connor, a teacher, poet and historian, died last year. Her husband, Charles Connor, finished the gallery.

"My wife was interested in achievement," Connor said. "A lot of the things black people did do, they were never given credit for."

He said the accomplishments of black scientists and inventors were especially absent from history books. "We were achievers in all fields, but all anybody ever knew about were the black athletes and entertainers," Connor said.

"She [through the gallery] is trying to let the black kids know their history, that we excelled in all things," he said.

During her 20 years of teaching, starting out in a tiny blacks-only schoolhouse in Hodgenville, Ms. Connor, who was born in Elizabethtown in 1918, collected hundreds of newspaper clippings, magazine articles, posters, books, portraits, and photographs of prominent blacks.

Connor said the collecting began when his wife put on annual programs during February's Black History Month in New York's public schools. The idea of displaying the items as a showcase of black excellence came later after the Connors returned to Hardin County in 1981.

Although unfinished, a private opening took place Feb. 29 of last year.

Ms. Connor's sister, Rubye Williams, went to Hardin Memorial Hospital that day to tell her sister the news. Ms. Connor died the next evening.

Represented in the gallery are the historical figures in pre-Civil War days that fought slavery and established the underground railroad to get slaves to free states.

Abolitionist John Brown has the distinction of being the only white represented in the gallery.

"He was a little crazy and more militant than others," Connor said.

Still, he deserved recognition beside Jackson, Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall, Malcolm X and King, Connor said. "They've all had different ways of doing things."

Individual accomplishments were no less important to Ms. Connor than the causes of anti-slavery and civil rights.

From 1894 when Isaac Burns Murphy, a black jockey, took the first of his three Kentucky Derby victories,

to 1986 when Ronald E. McNair became the second black on a NASA flight when he died in the Challenger explosion, their accomplishments should make all blacks proud, Ms. Connor believed.

Her sister, Beatrice Reno, bought the house the gallery is in now for their parents in 1937. The entire Reno family helped start a playground in Glendale for area black children in the 1920s. In one room of the house is a pictorial history of Elizabethtown, from the 1920s to the present, as collected by the Renos.

Hometown success stories chronicled in the local paper are on display as well as the national heroes like Rosa Parks, Hank Aaron, Louis Armstrong and Shirley Chisholm.

Sprinkled in among the pictures and clippings are Ms. Connor's poems, weaving words of hope and promise for young generations of blacks.

"There is a great future in your past," she wrote, for example.

She also wrote, "You have a past that's a prophesy of your future. Great, highly inspired blacks have made their way through a turmoil of difficulties and injustices to become men and women of stature and respect. If ever you need inspiration for a successful future, look to your past. It is there that inspiration is firmly lodged."

Kahdy Appointed By Gov. Martin To School Forum

Gov. James G. Martin has appointed George A. Kahdy of Raleigh to the Public School Forum of North Carolina, Inc. Board. Kahdy replaces Joyce Wassell and will serve at the pleasure of the governor.

Kahdy works as an elementary and secondary education advisor to the governor. He is also executive director of the N.C. Business Committee for Education. He was formerly an assistant state superintendent for instruction with the state Department of Education.

Kahdy received his undergraduate degree from Wake Forest University in 1961 and his master's degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1965. In 1965, he earned his advanced superintendent certificate from Duke University.

The Public School Forum of North Carolina, Inc., Board, involves business and industry in education as well as researches and plans policy to improve public education.

Clinton

BY A.M. JOHNSON

THE GIFT OF FRIENDSHIP
Friendship is a priceless gift
That cannot be bought or sold,
But its value is far greater than
A mountain made of gold,
For gold is cold and lifeless,
It can neither see nor hear,
And in the time of trouble,
It is powerless to cheer.
It has no ears to listen,
Nor heart to understand,
It cannot bring you comfort
Or reach out a helping hand.
So when you ask God for a gift,
Be thankful if He sends,
Not diamonds, pearls or riches,
But the love of real true friends.

CLINTON—Ms. Mae B. Melvin and Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow W. Carr were honored for more than 17 years of service in a testimonial service at Snow Hill Missionary Baptist Church, Roseboro, on Sunday, Jan. 29, at 4 p.m. by students of the former Snow Hill Elementary School.

Rev. Jesse Smith is the pastor of the church. The Rev. William Peterson was chairman of the students of Snow Hill. He served as toastmaster for the testimonials.

Ms. Iris J. Culbreth, minister of music, played a medley of music and the Young Adult Choir sang. Deacon Chester Parker welcomed the guests. Greetings from town officials were given by Belva Jones, and Tera Culbreth greeted guests.

Paying a "This Is Your Life" style tribute to the honored guests were E.T. Underwood, Charles N. Parker, Dr. Carolyn T. Taylor, the Ezzell Brother and Ms. Jeanette Council of Fayetteville, among others.

Wilbert C. Parker made the presentation. Ms. Mildred Underwood recognized family members and guests.

Snow Hill faculty members present were 93-year-old Ms. Suzie Evans of Fayetteville, Ms. Gertrude Crenshaw of Garland, Ms. Juanita Boney of Rose Hill, Ms. Christine Moore Bullard of Rochester, N.Y., Ms. Mamie McRae of Clinton, W.W. Carr and Ms. Blonnie P. Carr of Clinton, and Ms. Studie Mae Melvin of Fayetteville.

The members of the Morning Star Holiness Church family and the family of Ms. Pearl Raynor Wynn honored her last Sunday, Feb. 5, at 4 p.m. at the church with a celebration of thanksgiving, themed "A Star Was Born."

The welcome was given by T. Highsmith. The program began with the professional of the family. The sisters and the honoree and husband were honored with a prayer by the pastor, Rev. James Butler, and a selection by the Community Male Chorus. Ms. Lizzie Harper read a selection titled, "A Star Was Born," followed by reflections from the church by Ms. Lucille Kenlaw; from the home by Isaac Faison; and from the community by Mose McRae.

Ms. Rosalie Beckett sang a selection and Quentin Wynn gave a tribute to his mother. The Raynor boys gave two selections, "Family" and "We Care." Presentations were made by Ms. Sadie Tallie and others.

Edwin Ray Wynn paid tribute to his wife. The prayer of thanksgiving was given by Evangelist Martha McLaurin. The honoree, Ms. Minnie P. Wynn, made remarks and thanked all who had honored her.

A reception was held at the Fisher Drive Building.

City Of Raleigh Funds Historic Property Study

The Raleigh Historic Properties Commission has begun a survey of historically and architecturally significant structures in Raleigh's black communities, the second phase of the African-American Studies Project.

This project is being funded by the City of Raleigh and the Historic Preservation Fund administered by the National Park Service and the State Historic Preservation Office.

The survey, which will last through June 30, will document the buildings and prepare nominations for the National Register of Historic Places. Surveyors for the project are Kip Wright, coordinator; Joyce Mitchell and Terri Myers.

Communities they will survey will be East Raleigh in February; Shaw University/South Raleigh in March; South Park in April; the area between Linden Avenue and St. Augustine's College in May; and College Park, Battery Heights, Southside, Oberlin, Method and Nazareth in June.

In order to document these historic areas, surveyors will be equipped with notebooks, survey forms and cameras. Any assistance from residents related to the history of their home would be appreciated. Information needed includes the building's construction date, builder and the names of past residents.

Drive Safely



WINNING THE PRIZE—Martin Luther King, Jr. became the third black, 12th American, and the youngest person ever to win the Nobel Peace Prize. Black History Month photo, courtesy the Associated Publishers, Inc.

Peace Corps Training Helps Launch Careers

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Black Americans who have joined the Peace Corps over the past 28 years credit the overseas experience as a springboard to success. Many of the thousands who received invaluable leadership training in the Peace Corps now hold key positions in government, education, business and finance, communications and the arts.

As part of its celebration of Black History Month, Peace Corps is highlighting a number of these prominent former volunteers and staff and their recollections of their years with the Peace Corps. In its continuing drive to attract more representative numbers of minority volunteers, Peace Corps is appealing for greater participation from the black community.

Former Peace Corps volunteers and staff are working in top positions in a wide variety of occupations. They are heads of institutes at major universities, seasoned reporters for major daily newspapers, top corporate managers and prominent artists. Almost without exception, these national leaders cite their Peace Corps service as the pivotal experience in their professional careers.

"Peace Corps made a terrific impact on my life," Leonard Robinson, director of the African Development Foundation in Washington, said.

"There is no question in my mind that Peace Corps served as a springboard, a launching pad, for my career in international development," he said. Robinson was a volunteer in India from 1964-66.

"For young blacks in particular, the Peace Corps gives you an opportunity you couldn't get elsewhere," according to Dr. Joseph Kennedy, director for international development at Africare in Washington. Kennedy served as deputy regional direc-

tor for Peace Corps operations in Africa and also as country director in Sierra Leone.

To make volunteer service more practical and appealing to black Americans, Peace Corps has developed several new incentives to ease the financial obligations of higher education. The U.S. government and many educational institutions offer special student benefits, for Peace Corps volunteer service, including:

- Partial forgiveness and deferment of payment of student loans in certain cases;
- Academic credit;
- Scholarships and assistantships for returned volunteers, at least half of whom go on to graduate school;
- Unique master's degree programs—some specifically designed to attract minorities—that combine academic study and service overseas;
- Non-competitive eligibility consideration for federal employment for up to three years after completion of volunteer service.

In addition, Peace Corps volunteers receive paid training and vacation, complete medical and dental coverage, free transportation overseas and a monthly living allowance. Volunteers also earn a \$200 monthly readjustment allowance for use after they complete their service. For a two-year assignment, including training, the average volunteer would receive a \$5,400 readjustment allowance.

Karen Ows, from Portsmouth, Va., served as a Peace Corps volunteer in Senegal from 1985-88. "I don't think many students realize how fantastic the financial benefits can be in helping with education expenses," she said. "My Peace Corps service will help me to go law school."

Eagles Present Celebration For Founder's Day

The NRTA retired teachers celebrated their Founder's Day in the Johnson Building at Martin Street Baptist Church on Wednesday, Feb. 8.

The program began with the group singing "Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing." Eagle Marjorie Phillips presided. The Lord's Prayer was repeated in unison, led by Eagle Bertha Wilson. Next, the Eagles' Ensemble sang "Sweet Sweet Spirit." Eagle Irene Scales gave the history of the Eagles.

Since the last celebration of Founder's Day, two Eagles have expired—Vivian Toney Brown and Addie G. Stroud. A tribute to these deceased members was given by Eagle Estella Curry. Soft music was played by the president, Eagle Etta Jones.

The program continued with a rendition of poetry read by Eagle Catherine Quick. Eagle Myrtle Crockett thrilled the group by preaching one of her famous sermons.

After the announcements and remarks by the president, refreshments were served. During the fellowship period, each Eagle was given a Valentine's gift that was made by Eagle Carlotta Haywood.

The following members were present: Lillian Brown, Josephine Bryant, Lillie M. Clemons, Myrtle Crockett, Laura Crumby, Estella Curry, Mary B. Graham, Catherine Hargrove, Carlotta Haywood, Maggie Holley, Dorothy Jones, Lee Etta Jones, Hester McManus, Marjorie M. Phillips, Ruth Pope, Catherine Quick, Irene Scales and Bertha Wilson.

ONE-PARENT

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situation in 1988 were most likely to be living with a parent who had never married (54 percent), while white children were most likely to be living with a divorced parent (50 percent). Hispanic children living with one parent were about equally likely to be living with a never-married parent (33 percent), with a married parent whose spouse was absent (31 percent), or with a divorced parent (30 percent).

As in all surveys, the data are subject to sampling variability and response errors.

These statistics are from a final report on these subjects. An advance report that did not contain the data highlighted here was issued in September 1988. It was titled "Households, Families, Marital Status, and Living Arrangements: March 1988" (Series P-20, No. 432).

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has an enrollment of more than 20,000.

Johnson, who has served 11 years as president of Grambling, said he is interested in the EMU job, but is not sure he is ready to pull up his Louisiana roots.

Other candidates vying for the position are:

Dr. Ronald W. Collins, 52, provost and vice president for academic affairs at EMU; Dr. Judith L. Kuipers, 51, vice president for academic affairs at California State University, Fresno; Dr. Dale F. Nitzschke, 51, president of Marshall University, Huntington, W.Va.; and Dr. William E. Shelton, 44, vice president for institutional advancement at Kent State University, Kent, Ohio.

The Eastern Michigan president earns \$107,000 annually and is furnished a home and automobile, Tinney said.

STUDENT SEEKS

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corporate leaders.

"I was really worried about how the commercial would turn out," Ms. Hill said. "By the time we finally got it right, we were hot and tired and to me it looked obvious we were acting. I haven't seen the commercial on television yet but one of my friends videotaped it and let me borrow it. It doesn't look as bad as I thought it would."

Ms. Hill says the winners return to Chicago in the summer for a four-day leadership conference where they will meet with black civic and religious leaders to tell them what they think are problems in the black community.

"I think we need to stress that too many black students are satisfied with just settling for average," Ms. Hill said. "Just getting by. We need to motivate students to do better and to strive for more—to be the best."

Ms. Hill said she chose medicine as the theme for her essay because she would like to work in medicine after graduating from college.

"I would like to be either a pediatrician or a research scientist," Ms. Hill said.



FITNESS AND HEALTH—The "Fitness for Everyone" program, sponsored by the National Handicapped Sports and Recreation Association, will be held at the YWCA of Wake County, in Raleigh, beginning Feb. 27. (Photo by Richard Labin)