

Club Begins New Year With Focus On Growth

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International Training in Communication, an educational organization for adults which focuses heavily on individual member participation and leadership activities and responsibilities, can be observed at its best in the Raleigh club.

President Bertha Summerville formally initiated the new year's activities recently at the Richard B. Harrison Library. She unveiled her theme, "ITC—The Challenge—Our Opportunity to Grow." The concentration for this specific meeting was "Training for Impromptu Speaking."

Carrie Brock and Debra Bowden assisted the president with the opening ceremonies: the former with the invocation and the latter with the pledge of allegiance.

Visiting in the meeting were Juanita Bright, who later accepted membership in the organization, and Joyce Myrick.

After a brief business session, President Summerville introduced

the program for the evening, which highlighted quick thinking and self-expression. The topic was "I Was Flexible This Week Because..." Each speaker was required to list three reasons to support flexibility in the open-ended discussion.

Following the program, the president detailed her goals and objectives for the year. She also presented her calendar of events with timelines. The new events include community projects, including the November food drive and a potluck dinner and toy drive in December. Members pledged their support for the new efforts. Continuing activities listed the annual speech contest for March.

Martha Ricks was the timer and Mae DeLaney was the evaluator. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Sept. 19 at the Richard B. Harrison Library at 7 p.m. There are spaces for eight more new members. Interested persons may call President Bertha Summerville at 787-4622.



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South African Police Arrest Demonstrators

JOHANNESBURG. South Africa—Police in South Africa arrested dozens of people, including demonstrating students, journalists and trade union members for participating in anti-apartheid protests.

The demonstrators were protesting the segregated elections which are being held in South Africa. President Frederik W. de Klerk said police had arrested nine "guerrillas" who planned to disrupt parliamentary elections Wednesday.

Police in Johannesburg banned and then fired tear gas and rubber bullets at hundreds of students who reassembled each time they were dispersed.

An estimated 5,000 mixed-race high school students in the city boycotted classes to protest the elections.

Police raided the Johannesburg home and office of Jay Naidoo,

general secretary of the militant Congress of South Africa Trade Union, and later arrested about 10 members of the labor federation who protested the action.

Twelve journalists in Cape Town were arrested for protesting media regulations under the state of emergency.

In Durban, five activists were detained by police for visiting a whites-only beach.

De Klerk announced in a speech at a police college that nine African National Congress guerrillas and 10 collaborators had been arrested in the past week.

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Woman Wins Battle To Be Designated "Black"

DENVER, Colo. (AP)—A light-skinned woman has won her battle to be designated black, even though her parents listed her as white on her birth certificate in an attempt to help her overcome racial bias.

A judge last Wednesday directed Kansas officials to issue a new birth certificate for 39-year-old Mary Christine Walker, who was born in Great Bend, Kan.

"I'm glad it's over," said the former Denver Public School teacher who always called herself black. "I'm very thrilled."

Her attorney, Penfield Tate, II, said Kansas' current birth certificates do not designate race, so her new one will have no race on it at all. "But that is fine with us," he said.

The order came from U.S. District Judge John Brooks of Denver, who heard Walker's plea to stop the illusion that she was white, a well-intentioned deception she said her parents started.

Her father, who's black, and her mother, who had a white mother and a black father, endowed their daughter with a fair complexion, green eyes and a light brown hair that would allow perpetuation of the secret.

"My parents wanted their kids to make it, and they picked the easiest way possible," Walker said. "They knew what it was to be black. They knew the problems."

At that time, passing for white was risky but financially rewarding for blacks who had the physical and emotional ability, she said.

"Mom really stressed the white world on the kids—education, manners—and she was very paranoid about the secret getting out," Walker said.

But she said she couldn't blame her parents.

"I resent that this society is set up in such a way that someone would have to pass [for another race]. It's a disgrace that this country is so screwed up racially. Because it really is," she said.

Walker said that, living as a black, she never was bothered by the heritage of deception except when applying for work. Prospective employers would point out the discrepancy between the "white" on her birth certificate and the "black" she had filled in as race on an application, accusing her of lying to take advantage of policies that encourage minority hiring.

Her claim of civil rights discrimination following the incident was rejected, too, because of the birth certificate.

"The federal government put in writing that I was not black," and that was too much, she said. "It just hurt that this was the federal government [saying] the history of my family didn't mean anything."

So she decided to pursue the change.

"This is like emancipation for me. So I won't have to go through this again," she said. "I don't want to be put in a box I don't fit in."

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