

BLACK MEN
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wonderful black man and of course my husband is always with me to encourage me and lift me up when I am down.

"That's why I am able to write some of the things I do because there are beautiful black men out there waiting to be heard, praised and loved," she said.

Ms. Johnson-Coleman continued that one of her greatest joys is working with the churches to meet their needs. She writes speeches, plays, themes, journals and poems.

There are other projects she's working on that she will premier later in the year. One is a children's series of poems and plays.

Her line of cards is currently being carried by Community Drug Store on Blount Street in Raleigh and is being distributed at this writing to other area locations in Wake and Durham counties, as well as eastern North Carolina.

She writes for Allen AME Church, pastored by Rev. Floyd H. Flake. Also, the Rev. G. Edmunds of St. Paul AME Church in Raleigh has been one of her supporters since moving here.

The following is an example of her work about black men:

To the man I love:
Hold on to thy soul, my majestic black man, for the angels
Are singing, our love is a blessing
and our destiny is victory...

There shall always be enemies of the righteous that shall try to weaken the spirit and torment thy holy soul, but thanks be to God for He hears the prayers of the weak, arms the spirit of the humble and like the walls of Jericho, so thine enemies shall be weakened and ultimately crumble. You shall be mightier than the sword and despite the efforts to defeat thee, you are shielded in glory and strengthened by our Lord.

So my very special black man, hold on to thy soul for the winds of a conquest are stirring, the bells of a miracle are ringing and the waters of a communion are flowing...

REWARD

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missing from her apartment.

Also: Daniel Earl Williams, 27, of 20 Shepherd St., was arrested and charged with first-degree rape, first-degree kidnap and first-degree sexual assault after a woman was taken from a block party at knife-point and raped.

Police said the woman was at the party off Hillsborough Street when a man approached her with a knife, carried her to his home and raped her. Williams is in Wake County Jail on a \$100,000 secured bond.

HARVEY GANTT

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The race is sure to raise racial questions, as Gantt, a black, faces Helms, known for his arch-conservatism which has been described by his detractors as thinly-veiled racism. His televised commentaries on a local television station blasting integration and the civil rights movement were instrumental in bringing him to office almost two decades ago, and his vocal opposition to the Martin Luther King, Jr. federal holiday in the '60s left many North Carolina voters embarrassed, as he attacked King's memory and accused him of being immoral and having been influenced by communists.

Although originally it was thought that a black man would stand no chance at all in a statewide race of this kind, many in North Carolina are striving to overcome a national reputation of racism, and this could spell trouble for Helms in a head-to-head contest with a polished, professional black man.

Harold Webb, the coordinator for the Fourth Congressional District which includes Wake, Orange, Chatham, Randolph and Franklin counties, said, "The second primary was a tremendous effort by a cross-section of people in the district, rich and poor, black and white, male and female. Neither Mr. Gantt nor his opponent had much money to put into the campaign. As a result a lot of people truly worked on the basis of how they agreed with the candidates on the issues."

"This is the first time to my knowledge that many precincts, including most of the predominantly black precincts, voted at a higher rate in the second primary than they did in the first. It shows it can be done if you believe."

"A tremendous opportunity looms in the future for the same kind of spirit inasmuch as Mr. Easley has taken a gentlemanly and statesmanlike position on assisting Mr. Gantt in arriving at a victory in the November general election."

Rev. H.D. Fickens, president of the Raleigh-Apex Chapter of the NAACP, said, "June 5, 1990 was a great day for Afro-Americans in particular and North Carolinians in general with Harvey Gantt receiving support from the black community, but the white community as well."

"Precinct No. 24, of which I am a member, was one of the leading precincts in Wake County as it voted more than 70 percent."

"The nomination of Mr. Gantt

could not have come at a more crucial time in the history of North Carolina. It definitely was a very positive step in the right direction."

NEWS BRIEFS

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SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

The United Way of Wake County Voluntary Action Center is seeking African-American volunteers to act as role models and mentors for various community non-profit agencies. Agencies include the Boys and Girls Clubs of Wake County, the American Red Cross, Wake County Opportunities, the YMCA on Old Garner Road and Partners of Wake County.

ELECTRIC VEHICLE

The only prototype of an all-electric vehicle now being tested in the eastern part of the United States was in Cary this week. The G-Van is a one-ton electric-powered vehicle with a daily range of 60 miles and pollution-free motor. The vehicle is currently assigned to the Raleigh Housing Authority.

RECYCLING SITE

Wake Community Recycling, Inc., has opened a new drop-off site at 2310 Old Garner Road. Recyclable materials accepted are clear, brown and green glass, beverage cans and newspapers. The site, located at K&L Scrap Service, is open 24 hours a day.

TOUCH A TEEN

Raleigh will host the 17th annual Miss and Mr. Black Teenage World Pageant of North Carolina on June 23 at Meredith College at 8 p.m. Teenagers 14-17 are invited to participate in the pageant by Touch A Teen Foundation, Inc., Zebulon, P.O. Box 754, Zebulon 27597-0754.

NEW LEAD LAW

On July 1, state health officials will begin forcing owners of homes and schools with peeling lead paint and contaminated soil to eliminate the hazard. The state's Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Act, adopted by the General Assembly last year, will go into effect then.

AGGIE FESTIVAL

The Raleigh-Wake A&T State University Alumni Chapter held its Aggie Festival and club installation recently at F.J. Carriage Middle School. Dr. Edward Fort, chancellor, and various athletic department representatives were among the speakers.

CAMPUS RAPES

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Six St. John's University students, five of them members of the lacrosse team, pleaded innocent in connection with a March 1 incident in Queens. They allegedly lured a fellow student to their off-campus house, plied her with liquor until she passed out, then sexually attacked her.

College women also can be raped by a solitary acquaintance. Sandler said studies show 15 to 25 percent of all women undergraduates are physically or psychologically intimidated into having sex against their will.

"I don't know if many more instances are occurring now than 20 years ago; it's just that the females are more willing and capable of speaking out and bringing charges—which I think is good," said Durward Owen, executive director of the Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity.

Pi Kappa Phi, which has 6,500 members at 142 colleges and universities, voted six years ago to take a stand against sexual abuse. Owen said a growing number of frats have begun discussing the problem in the past two years.

"We noticed so many instances of athletic team rapes and dorm rapes and date rapes being reported," said Owen. "It appeared that many times, these things had gone on in the past and were accepted at face value."

Pi Kappa Phi mails literature to its chapters and examines the issue at regional meetings. Its chapters often offer seminars with other campus groups.

In 1987, California's Legislature voted to suggest that the state's colleges and universities adopt codes prohibiting rape and setting penalties, including suspension or expulsion for conviction. The resolution also suggests rape prevention seminars for freshmen, fraternities and sororities.

Building on the resolution, California Assemblywoman Lucille Roybal-Allard has introduced a bill requiring essentially all colleges and universities to follow specific procedures in the event of sexual abuse, including calling the police when the victim allows it.

In New York, a report of the Governor's Task Force on Rape and Sexual Assault has recommended that the State University of New York and City University of New York develop strong prevention programs.

"Campus-based surveys have indicated that many students lack an

understanding of, or deny, what constitutes a rape," said the report.

Ignorance is only one aspect of the problem; mob psychology, peer pressure and alcohol abuse also contribute to these campus rapes.

Shawn Johnston, a forensic psychologist at the University of California-Davis who treats sex offenders, said gang attacks may indicate a "perverse group dynamic taking place in terms of these young fellows attempting to out-macho each other. It's kind of a wolfpack phenomenon."

Sandler of the Association of American Colleges said most gang rapists are fraternity brothers or team athletes. "Very often, these men are simply raping for each other. They'll do something they might not do if they were by themselves."

She said women who report campus attacks often are harassed by the rapists and their friends; many drop out or switch schools after their attackers start using sexual slurs or other intimidation tactics.

Johnston said there are times, like when alcohol is involved, when "the line that differentiates the consensual, or voluntary, from a forcible act is fairly thin." That, say women's advocates, contributes to a "blame the victim" attitude, even by the victim herself.

"I don't care if a woman walks into the room raving drunk and stark naked; it's not an excuse to be raped," said Clare Kaplan, executive director of the Washington-based National Coalition Against Sexual Assault.

Brown's Simon agrees, but still urges caution. She says booze can lead men to "push themselves on women, misread the cues they're getting from a potential partner." Then, an inebriated woman may not be able to fight off an attacker.

"This attitude exists with men: 'Give them enough to drink and they'll be easy,'" she said. "I've had men tell me, 'If she passes out and then we have sex, is that rape?' I say to these men, 'What kind of a lover are you? Sex is something that happens with two alert, conscious people.'"

Owen of Pi Kappa Phi said it took "about 30 years to reach the obsession with alcohol" that often triggers campus rapes. "We can't do all that much to make it turn around in a hurry. But I think an amazing turnaround is starting to occur."

North & South Golf Association Seeks Support

The North and South Golf Association in conjunction with the Garner Road Family YMCA is currently soliciting support for its annual Youth Golf Clinic. Approximately 60 youths, ages 9-14, are targeted.

The Youth Golf Clinic will be held at Meadowbrook Country Club located off White Oak Road, Garner. The clinic will last four days, June 20-23, from 9 a.m. to noon.

According to Tony Caldwell, coordinator, "The program will serve as an introduction to the fundamentals of golf and will be offered to youngsters who would not otherwise be introduced to the sport because of finances. Benefits of the program include role models, exposure to the sport, viable recreational alternatives to the unfruitful opportunities that the streets offer."

Supervision and instruction will be provided by members of the North and South Golf Players Association. Also, area golf professionals will provide assistance. St. Augustine's College will provide room and board, athletic facilities for out-of-town clinic participants.

The Golf Players Association of Raleigh is this year's host of the annual Youth Golf Clinic. Volunteers, contributions, golf clubs and golf-related merchandise and other services are needed. Contributions are tax-deductible. For more information, call the Garner Road YMCA at 833-1296.

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MR. AND MRS. JAMES A. DINGLE

Dingles Observe 50th Anniversary In Bailey Rites

May 15 was the 50th wedding anniversary of Ruby and James Albert Dingle of Wilson who were united in holy matrimony on May 15, 1940 in Nash County. They were honored by their 11 children at a marriage blessing ceremony and reception immediately following the morning service at St. Mary Disciple Church of Christ, Bailey, on Sunday, May 20. The theme of the ceremony was "What God Hath Joined Together, Let Not Man Put Asunder," and their pastor, Bishop E.L. Uzzell, officiated. Gwyn Silver of Durham was the directress of the affair.

Music for the ceremony was provided by Dedrick Womble and Al Perry. The younger Dingle grandchildren gave a congratulatory salute to the couple immediately following the lighting of candles; family friends shared reminiscences; and a daughter, Janice Faye, read the history titled "50 Years of Testimonies." During the ceremony, other married couples present were invited to receive the pronouncement of blessing and prayer upon their marriages by rising and joining hands as directed by the pastor.

In addition to punch being served from a golden fountain and the three-tier anniversary cake by Unique Caterers of Durham, another highlight of the reception was the centerpiece consisting of the figure "50" sculpted in ice with a blue and gold floral base. The ice sculpture was selected to symbolize that the first 50 years of a good marriage melted away with God's blessings of stability, commitment and pleasure; and that the latter years will be better years as the couple drink of the Living Water, Jesus Christ. The ice sculpture was embedded in blue flowers which were selected because blue is Ms. Dingle's favorite color and she wore blue on her wedding day in 1940. Also, colors for the anniversary celebration were blue, gold and white.

Ms. Dingle wore a David Rose designer tea-length dress with antique lace accents and a drop waist. The dress was made of ivory lace over satin with see-through lace sleeves. Her headpiece consisted of a matching headband and shoulder-length veil worn away from the face. The couple's eight daughters and one daughter-in-law served as matrons in the anniversary party and wore light blue silk dresses with matching wrist corsages; Ms. Dingle carried a Colonial bouquet with streamers and a removable wrist corsage. The groomsmen consisted of the couple's three sons and six sons-in-law.

The couple has 12 children, one of whom is deceased. The 11 living children include two sets of twins. The couple raised their children in the church and today all of them have confessed Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. To date, eight of the 11 children have been to college; three hold advanced degrees. Among the children there is one doctor who is also a licensed minister, one teacher, one nurse, one manager in the federal government, one computer operator, one engineer, two manufacturing workers, one technician, one office clerk, and one private industry team leader. The couple has more than 20 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

One of the couple's daughters, Ms. Ruby Diane Vick, lives in Raleigh with her family. Another daughter, Dr. Quintine Finch, serves as director of student teaching at St. Augustine's College in Raleigh.

Cokesbury Methodist Sets 3-Day Revival

Cokesbury United Methodist Church will have a three-night revival Sunday through Tuesday, June 10-12, beginning with a praise service at 7 p.m. and worship service and preaching at 7:30.

Guest ministers Sunday and Monday will be the Rev. Albert Shuler, district superintendent-elect of the Durham District of the N.C. Conference, United Methodist Church. On Tuesday, the Rev. Leroy Worth, Sr., minister, Southeast United Methodist Church in Raleigh, will speak.

On Sunday, June 10, at 11 a.m., a pre-revival message will be given by the Rev. Joseph P. Dempsey.

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WELFARE

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Seeing these types of situations only spark anger, especially with the taxpayers. But why, then, should welfare recipients work when they're "richer" on welfare than they'd be if they were out working? This goes to show that there are many faults in our welfare system which is causing the government and taxpayer unnecessarily used money.

So what solutions can be applied in order to reduce the economic expenses incurred by the abuse within our welfare system? Are there any true solutions or is this a no-win situation for our country?

Perhaps there are some options that will help to better the system and reduce the amount of recipients on the program. One way of reducing food stamp abuse is to revert back to the times when the welfare system delivered foods and goods to the recipients' homes, or perhaps those caught abusing the food stamp system could revert back to delivered goods.

If possible a system for monitoring AFDC checks could be arranged, or a requirement that rent and other necessary bills be taken from the checks first. Perhaps the recipient needs to be given the very minimal amount of financial assistance. Then, the government requiring welfare recipients (not disabled or elderly) to work in order to receive a check. Perhaps the government itself could reduce immigration in our country, since it is very costly to support them. Finally, suggest that the government re-evaluate its priorities in aiding other countries. This is not saying that we stop helping other countries totally. But we need to take care of "our own" first. Perhaps the above suggestions sound immoral, but as a nation we are being faced with looking at this increasingly growing problem.

In the welfare system there are people in need of its services. Likewise, not everyone abuses the system. However, it is time that Congress introduce some new laws and/or regulations which will help to weed out the abuse. There may not be a foolproof way, but effort should begin. Perhaps effort needs to begin with a letter to the congressman.

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