

MARCUS WILLIAMS

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with my campaign. I'm going to do a shoe leather campaign," he said. He said he would go door-to-door to residents throughout North Carolina and visit groups, organizations and churches, which he has already begun to do.

"I plan to resign at the end of February so that I can engage full-time in my campaign," he said. He said his experiences as executive director of Legal Services of the Coastal Plain for four years prior to his current post, acquainted him with balancing budgets, serving clients, working with lawyers, and overseeing a staff.

Williams is married to Althea Williams, an assistant district attorney in New Hanover and Pender counties. He received a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

He then went on to earn his law degree from the University of Minnesota. While in undergraduate school, Williams served as president of the Student Government Association and while still a freshman in law school, began working for the legal aid services. He was also student body president at Lumberton Senior High School and at the University of Minnesota School of Law.

BACK TO BASICS

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prise concept of America, that the marketing and promotional efforts of Miller Brewing Co. hamper instead of help our communities.

Hankin, and surely the publishers who annually gain 20 to 25 percent of their operating revenues from the advertising of tobacco and beverage companies, will say that blacks should be given the freedom of consumer choice just like any other ethnic group in our society.

Those naysayers to Hankin and his corporation should note their social responsibility actions toward building in black America and its leadership. While the debate continues regarding the products that Hankin promotes, his company has a record of reciprocity to blacks that few cereal, gasoline, airline or retail companies seek or care to rival. While blacks buy 15 to 20 percent of Hankin's beverage products, his company returns a good portion of those revenues back into our community to help more of us manifest our dreams.

In addition to providing scores of black-owned dealerships across the country, Miller's Thurgood Marshall Scholarship Fund currently provides more than 40 fully paid scholarships to black students from across the nation.

Hankin's firm works in cooperation with the Office for the Advancement of Public Colleges to provide sustained financial support to students and 36 historically black public colleges and universities. Hankin speaks proudly of the fact that Miller's four-year merit scholarships of \$16,000 per institution cover tuition, fees, and room and board for our students. The company's range of sponsorship reaches alumni and black newspapers to encourage greater support for our historically black institutions of education.

Realizing our mutual interests is a first step in the course that black consumers and corporations should follow. Our mutual concerns and interests should cause each of us to note the advantages that can accrue through collective interaction and growth for our communities, corporations and country. If we get back to the basics of American free-enterprise we can grow within and between ourselves.

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NAACP

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ping them off to refugee camps."

Ms. Hooks said that WIN will continue its efforts to assist the refugees and will concentrate on providing personal items for the women and educational toys for the children, who now have no outlets to occupy their time.

HAMLET

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their families, and supporters recently attended a program sponsored by CARE, the coalition organized to assist workers and the community in responding to the tragic fire that left 25 workers dead. The purpose of the program was to make the first mass distribution of the Imperial Foods' Victim Relief Fund.

By the distribution date, about \$31,000 had been collected for the fund from across the country. More than \$28,000 was distributed that day, giving nearly 200 workers and victims' family members each a check for \$142.

Highlights of the program featured a choir composed of the former Imperial Foods workers, Black Workers for Justice singers of Rocky Mount; Rukiva Dillahunt, president of the Wake County Association of Classroom Teachers of Raleigh; and Ashaki Bint of the Black Workers for Justice.

The keynote address was given by Elder Tommy LeGrand, pastor of the Prayer and Faith Temple of Hamlet.

HUD

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program.

Ann Marie Sharpe of Atlanta is one happy HUD home buyer. A 28-year-old single insurance claims representative, Sharpe saw HUD as a viable way to stop renting.

"I wanted to own my own home, but renting seemed to be the only legitimate option," says Sharpe.

She's changed her mind. Today, Sharpe lives in a two-bedroom, two-bath house with a fireplace. Sharpe says she looked around for a condominium or house she could afford, but was disappointed with the housing values and concerned that she would not be able to afford the 10 percent down payment.

She saw an ad for HUD homes and decided to check it out. She paid \$56,500 for her home with a minimum down payment.

While her home was in move-in condition, the kitchen appliances were run down. HUD offered \$1,000 as a special sales incentive which helped Sharpe buy a brand-new stove and refrigerator. "I couldn't be happier," she says.

Hill says Sharpe's story isn't unusual. "We're trying to make it easier for people to own their own home. It's tough coming up with a large cash down payment, pay all the closing costs and then turn the property you've bought into the home you want to live in."

On average, HUD helps approximately 80,000 families a year buy their own HUD home. Buying from HUD is an idea that is gaining popularity. Hill says more people are realizing that they can get the home they want at a better price and for a lower down payment from HUD than they can through any other source.

HUD has a free pamphlet to help potential home buyers enjoy a HUD home. To get it, call 1-800-767-4483.

F.Y.EYES

Cataracts: New Treatments Available

Four out of five people over the age of 60 develop cataracts, a clouding of the eye's normally transparent lens. Fortunately, scientific advances in cataract surgery offer many benefits to today's patient, the Better Vision Institute (BVI) says.

"Cataracts need not interfere with a person's lifestyle," says Stanley Teplick, M.D., a Long Island ophthalmologist and member of the BVI. "Advances in cataract surgical procedures, known as phacoemulsification and intraocular lens implantation, help to speed healing time and offer more than 90 percent of patients the benefits of improved vision."

Cataract surgery involves removing the clouded lens with an ultrasonic vibrating probe and replacing it with a permanent, plastic lens. It can be performed on an out-patient basis. With this brief, 10-20-minute technique, patients can expect to resume normal activities immediately, or certainly within the week.

"You should talk to your eye doctor about cataracts if you experience fogged or double vision," Dr. Teplick says. "Regular eye examinations can help detect the presence of cataracts in the early stages, enabling your eye care professional to monitor progress and recommend appropriate treatment options."

WILLIAMSTON WHISTLINGS

BY JOYCE GRAY

WILLIAMSTON—Home for just a short while and there seems to be no end to the "bawling out" I've been receiving and the remarks such as "Why didn't you call me and let me know your condition?"

Thank God for His special blessing. He provided what I needed, and the miracle took place in my life. My thanks to all of those who assisted me in any way... the patience, cards, notes, calls and deeds done, and especially to the team of doctors who I told at the hospital that they "were not getting rid of me until they got me in better shape than when I got there."

It will take some time yet to get caught up with all of the back reading and correspondence. I am trying hard to not overwork in order to mend properly.

Missing the squirrels in the backyard playing and digging up their hidden food in Hollis and telling the family how they all appeared to have moved into the cities. I can, however, enjoy walking in the yard here in Williamston.

When I phoned one of my chairladies to get the committee's report, I was told that "I was not allowed to get sick." So my reply was the work goes on—period.

We so far have three ladies who are entering the Mother's Contest for Martin County Branch NAACP: Ms. Zenner Middgett of Goddard Hill Church, Ms. Betty Rodgers of Cedar Hill Baptist Church and Ms. Doris Duggins of Back Swamp Church. Any other lady whose membership is current may enter the contest by contacting me or the treasurer. Contest ends April 28. Ms. Frances D. Evans is the coordinator and anyone who desires to assist, her is welcome.

On the sick and shut-in list: Ms. Christine Council, Ms. Virginia Hunter, Ms. Della M. Moore, Calvin Rodgers, Frederick Bennett, Ms. Annie Lee, Alton Bell, Mr. and Mrs. George T. Hyman, Ms. Armaza C. Roberson, Joe Biggs, Ms. Grace P. Smithwick, Ms. Rachel H. Lyons, Sam Brown, Herman Johnson, Ms. Daisy H. Biggs, Jesse Bell, Ms. Betty S. Lanier, Ms. Mattie H. Perry, Thomas Hill, Ms. Artie Manson, Ms. Devie Hill, Robert Jones, Mr. and Mrs. James Marriner, Ms. Doris R. Duggins, David B. Foggins, Ms. Marie Biggs, Ms. Roxie West, Ms. Lucy P. Brown, George Roberts, George Anthony Perry, William T. "Jack" Smallwood, Ms. Rosa Best, Ms. Maude Riddick, Ms. Hattie Spell, Ms. Annabel Best, Raymond Reese, Ms. Cieta Cordon and Ms. Faye T. Smith.

In Plymouth, Ms. Esther Roberts, Ms. Pauline Brown, Ms. Eva Satterthwaite, Ms. Elizabeth W. Wilkins and Rudolph Wilkins.

Checking with Ms. Earnestine Hannon of Roper and was told that she is spending a lot of time in Petersburg, Va., her native town.

When she's at home, she says, "It's straight home after work and early to bed." No one had informed her as to why I was missing at the meetings we usually see each other at. I took that opportunity to wish her a belated happy birthday.

Trying to recapture yesteryear's homestyle meat slaughtering for family consumption last Saturday were the Nichols and Cordon families. A brother-and-sister team, Joseph Nichols and Shirley Cordon's offspring, usually get most of the goodies and probably will let that means of gaining food for the table die a sudden and permanent death once those two are totally unable to carry on.

Only two years out of the past 15 have been omitted from the event, which often appears more of a social gathering than a work session. Each one, however, has captured the attention of some family member's friend who's arranged job assignments in order to travel to Williamston to work that day. This year, this very good worker came from Charles Town, W.Va. by the name of Robert Copman. He was a friend of Ms. Cordon's son, Jesse Lee James.

A friend, William, came for the second visit with John Shannonhouse, from Decatur, Ga. Another good worker, and so I'm getting forgetful as I cannot remember William's last name.

Myron Watson came with Jeré Daniels from Suitland, Md., and James Daniels came from Capital Heights, Md. Mark "Markus" Nichols, recently discharged from the U.S. Army, has been living in Jersey City, N.J., and accompanied his cousin, Ms. Daisy Allen, and was given some small jobs since he was inexperienced.

In years gone by, folk would get all of the work done within one day, starting as early as 4:30 a.m. by

lantern light and no electricity, but somehow it seems to take two days or more with the help of professional slaughterers at the market. I'm really wondering if this was the last hog-killing or will they change their minds again come next winter.

Homegoing service was held for Ms. Ethel Brown Short on Jan. 15 at James Mt. Pilgrim Baptist Church in Hobgood. The Rev. C.H. Brown officiated.

Born Feb. 2, 1904 in Martin County to the late Gene Henry and Lena Brown, Ms. Short departed this life in Martin General Hospital, Williamston, on Jan. 11.

Ms. Short was married to the late Henry Robert Short and to that union, six children were born. Two preceded her in death.

At an early age, she became a member of James Mount Pilgrim Baptist Church, remaining faithful until her death.

Surviving are four children: Robert Henry Short of Jamesville, Ms. Mary Lou Corey of the home, Sam Short of Williamston, and Ms. Addie Crosby of Brooklyn, N.Y.; 20 grandchildren and 32 great-grandchildren; one sister, Ms. Catherine Wesson of Brooklyn, N.Y.; three brothers, Christopher Brown of Richmond, Va., Ben R. Brown of Brooklyn, N.Y. and Roosevelt Brown of Hickory; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Scripture readings were done by Rev. G.L. Harris and Rev. Carrie Alexander from the books of Ecclesiastes and Matthew.

A prayer was offered by Rev. Walston with a solo by Evangelist George Hawkins and Spencer Brown.

Services were entrusted to Fields Funeral Home of Hobgood and interment was in Woodlawn Cemetery, Williamston.

Someone told me that Ms. Debbie Osborne was installed as president of the Martin County Unit of Church Women United on Jan. 12. This is



UPGRADING — Carolina Biblical Gardens recently installed a name marker on its entrance columns. Pictured is J. Leven Card, director of sales and marketing. Card stated that in the near future they plan to develop an additional 10 of the 50 acres that will include a Memorial Rose Garden, a living tribute. (Photo by James Giles)

Shaw U's Religious Emphasis Week To Feature Rev. Mendez

Shaw University's coming Religious Emphasis Week activities feature the Rev. John Mendez, pastor of the Emmanuel Baptist Church in Winston-Salem. This annual observance is scheduled Feb. 9-16. The Rev. Mendez began the week of special services during the 11 a.m. Sunday morning worship service in the Shaw University Chapel.

The New York City native, Rev. Mendez, received the bachelor of arts degree from Shaw University and the master of divinity degree from Southeastern Theological Seminary in Wake Forest.

In celebration of this annual event, the theme, "From Chaos to Community Through Christ," will be led by the Rev. Mendez in a series of sermons and discussion groups. Concerts featuring Goldsboro's Tribe of Judah Choir and the Shaw University Choir are scheduled to occur during the week-long event.

The guest speaker has established himself as an expert on the week's theme, having served as a member of the Christian Leadership Conference Peace Committee to Vietnam; conducted workshops on substance abuse in Greenville, Ala.; and served as the coordinator for the All African Conference of Churches.

Rev. Mendez has traveled extensively. He is a favorite on the lecture circuit. Such involvements include the Paul Robeson Festival, Black History Month lectures at Delaware State College, and Wake Forest University Martin Luther King, Jr.

her second term.

The Martin County Democratic Women's Club set its winter meeting for Jan. 30 at 7 p.m. at the Governmental Center.

Visiting from New Jersey last weekend was Master J. Gerard Allen, who had some time out of school.

Ms. Rachel Lyons was visited last week by her daughter, Annie Cully of Rahway, N.J., and William Louis Faggins of Brooklyn, N.Y., Ms. Lyons' eldest grandson.

Was glad to learn that Joe Rodgers and his brother, James, had a safe trip to Baltimore, Md. when they attended the funeral services of an in-law during the middle of January.

Also spoke with Roscoe Harris, who went to New York on Jan. 17 to attend a funeral. He was accompanied by Ernest A. Brooks. Mr. Harris was still having a lot of discomfort from a back injury and sure did need a friend at that time to drive. So thank God for a friend.

James Sears was busy last weekend trying to assess the entire Black Caucus board members' opinion on the latest redistricting plan submitted by the state legislators.

Get-well wishes are extended to Ms. Karen F. White who suffered some injuries on Dec. 29, 1991 in an automobile accident.

Happy birthday greetings to Ms. Sonya Allen, William D. Speller, Booker T. Lloyd and Harry C. Lanier.

Happy wedding anniversary to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph James, Jr.

In memoriam: George H. Rodgers.

Out of the intensive care unit is Ms. Nancie R. Rodgers of Beaufort County.

Cleveland Mayor Eyes Black Crime

CLEVELAND, Ohio (AP)—Mayor Michael R. White said in his State of the City speech recently that his administration this year will try to find ways to stop urban violence, particularly black-against-black crime.

White announced formation of a task force to study the issue and report back to him on June 1.

He appointed WKYC-TV newsmen Leon Bibb and businessman Arnold Pinckney, the former director of the 1984 presidential campaign of the Rev. Jesse Jackson, as chairmen of the task force.

About half of Cleveland's population is black.

"I know that there are some who would say that such a public discussion of the horror of black-on-black crime and gang violence is not warranted or fit for a mayor to publicly discuss," White said.

"We must come to grips with these phenomena or no one will be safe. Not you and not I," he told some 300 people at the City Club's weekly forum.

White spoke about drive-by shootings, reports of guns in schools and marauding gangs as indications that the city is troubled.

He vowed his administration would continue to fight drug traffickers.

"We must become a community united against those who would threaten our neighborhoods," he said. "We've got to show each pusher and every criminal that anyone who thinks he can succeed through crime is going to get run over by our collective resolve, a resolve which will make the Scud missile look pale by comparison."

He said that last year, the city shut down 80 houses, a hotel and a grocery store where drugs, particularly crack cocaine, were being sold. He vowed to close 150 drug houses this year.

He also said the city would continue to be fiscally conservative.

The White administration recently submitted a \$329.3 million general fund budget to the City Council. The document provides no wage increases for city workers, although the city must negotiate new contracts this year with 22 labor unions.

OBITUARY



Waldo T. Prescod, son of the late William and Neatha Prescod, was born in New York City on February 19, 1912, and departed this life on February 2, 1992.

He grew up in New York and graduated from DeWitt Clinton High School where he received the St. Gaudens Medal for outstanding achievement in the area of Art.

He received an associate degree from the School of Business Administration at the University of Bridgeport, Conn. He was employed by the Raytheon Company Sorenson Operation in Norwalk, Conn., as a publications supervisor, technical writer and service engineer.

In 1975 he married the former Willie Mae Josey Powell and after retirement they moved from Norwalk, Conn., to Raleigh, N.C. in 1981. He joined Saint Ambrose Episcopal Church and was very active as a choir member and lay reader until his health failed.

Waldo enjoyed participating in the Senior Games and won several gold, silver and bronze medals in state-wide competition. He was a very talented artist and received blue ribbons at the North Carolina State Fair for his paintings and ceramic pieces. He also enjoyed a good round of golf and bowling with the Tuesday Owls Bowling League.

Throughout his illness, he never complained and when asked how he was feeling would always respond, "I'm fine."

He leaves to cherish his memory his devoted wife, Mrs. Willie Mae Josey Prescod; two sisters, Mrs. Pearl P. Bagley, Norwalk, Conn., Mrs. Beryl P. Gill, Mount Vernon, New York; one stepdaughter, Mrs. Ruby P. Greene, Raleigh, N.C.; two stepsons, Alton W. Powell, Jr., Clinton, Maryland, Barry C. Powell, Diamond Bar, California; ten step-grandchildren; and one step-great-granddaughter.

The family pays tribute to his courageous struggle, his zest for life, and his quiet, generous spirit.