N.C. minister seeks '72 post as AME bishop

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Rev. George J. Leake, black minister, civil rights leader, poverty-fighter and politician, has announced he will seek election to the post of bishop in the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church.

Leake, pastor of Charlotte's Little Rock AME Zion Church and a director of a poverty agency, is now opening his campaign.

In addition to his duties as pastor, Leake is director of OIC — Charlotte bureau, a training and placement agency seeking to put hard-core unemployed persons in jobs.

The 40-year-old minister said if he wins the election for Bishop which will be held in May of 1972 in Mobile, Ala. at the next quadrennial General Conference, he would "take a page from the Holiness churches and the Salvation Army and go back to storefront churches, recruiting people from the streets."

Leake was educated at Livingstone College, Hood Theological Seminary, The University of Pennsylvania, Temple University and the University of Buffalo.

Publisher's widow seeks larger share of estate

PHILADELPHIA — Mrs. Jeanne Rhodes, widow of E. Washington Rhodes, publisher of the Philadelphia Tribune, who died last June 24, last week, sought reestablishment of her dowry rights in his $74,453 estate.

Mrs. Rhodes petitioned Orphans Court seeking nullification of a prenuptial agreement with her late husband. The issue in this case, according to her attorney, J. Austin Norris said, "is that at the time she and Mr. Rhodes signed the prenuptial agreement he did not disclose the worth of his estate."

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Mrs. Rhodes and Rhodes, a widower, signed the agreement on Feb. 18, 1965, which was shortly before their marriage in Pittsburgh.

His automobiles, household and personal effects and insurance were bequeathed to his widow, in a will, dated November 26, 1968.

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Rhodes added: "I am not making further gifts to her since she has been otherwise provided for during her life."

For probate purposes following Rhodes death, the estate was estimated at $20,000 in personal property.

However, Paul A. Simmons, her nephew, an attorney of Monongahela, Pa., a cocounsel with Norris said that Mrs. Rhodes "believes that the estate of her late husband is not being administered properly."

She is an executrix and trustee under the will.

According to Simmons, Mrs. Rhodes owns 1,129 shares of stock in The Tribune issued in the name of Mr. Rhodes, but Eustace Gay, president of the company and a trustee, contends the estate should have only 1,104 shares, valued at $55,225.

The balance of Rhodes' estate consists mostly of $20,228 in bank accounts in Western Savings, PSFS, Girard Bank and Berean Savings and Loan Association.

Ernest (Big Train) Thompson black labor organizer, 64

ORANGE, N.J. — Just two weeks following an AFRO-AMERICAN national story on the Newark reunion of the National Negro Labor Council, Ernest (Big Train) Thompson, who was present and former national organizer of the NNLC, died Jan. 27 at his home here at 397 Olcott St. He was 64 years of age.

Death came to the dynamic black labor figure as the result of a heart attack and followed nearly three years of illness. At the December reunion of the NNLC which went out of existence in 1956, Thompson was confined to a wheel chair and was accompanied by his daughter, Miss Minday Thompson, a Bryn Mawr College senior.

A native of Baltimore, Thompson moved to New Jersey at the age of 13. In 1943 he became the first black trade union official on the staff of the United Electrical Radio Machine Workers of America (UERMWA), CIO.

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From 1951 until 1956, he was executive secretery of the United Electrical Workers Fair Practices Committee and gave leadership to the union's program for equal pay for women and black workers. During the same period he served as national director of organization of the NNLC which grew to over 50,000 members and chapters in 53 cities.

The NNLC opened unprecedented racial barriers through the nation's first enmasse black pressure, cracking airlines, the railroads and major industries.

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Active locally as well as nationwide, Mr. Thompson is credited with spearheading the early change of the political picture in his hometown of Orange. He was founder of the Committee For Representative Government, whose efforts elected the first black councilman, Ben Jones.

In still another important civic activity, he was one of the primary organizers of Tri-City Union For Progress, headquartered in Newark with operations in Essex, Hudson and Union counties.

A non-profit organization, Tri-City established "Amity Village" in the ghetto area of Newark, a neighborhood of rehabilitated homes, cooperatively owned and managed.

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Just a few days before his death, he had completed the last chapter of his book, "Homeboy" detailing the 12 years of struggle for power of the once powerless. Co-authored by his daughter, Mindy, the book will soon be published by Bridgebuilder Press of Orange.

While services were private for the family on Friday with the remains being cremated, memorial services were held on Saturday at the Union Baptist Church of Orange, with the Rev. J. Vance McIver, pastor, presiding and offering the invocation and benediction.

Speakers joining in the eulogies included his daughter, Minday, Dr. Ulysses B. Blakely, an official of the Presbytery of Newark; State Senator Coleman Young of Detroit, Mich., former president of the National Negro Labor Council; Dr. John Alexander, the first candidate for the Orange city government; and Mrs. Rebecca Andrade, former Head-Start executive director.

The services also included one of his last requests, the recording of "Danny Boy" by Paul Robeson. Music was offered also by Tryggvi Bjornson, organist of the Unitarian Church of Orange.

Besides his daughter, Mindy, he is survived by his wife, Margaret Brown Thompson; three other children, Beverly, Ernest and Josh; two sisters, Mrs. Lorraine Jones of Philadelphia, Pa. and Mrs. Sarah Fischer of Chestertown, Md.; and one brother, Robert Thompson of Philadelphia.

Co-founder of A.A. dies of pneumonia

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (UPI) — William G. Wilson, co-founder of Alcoholics Anonymous who was known to hundreds of thousands of cured alcoholics only as "Bill W.," died last week of pneumonia at the Miami Heart Institute at the age of 75.

Wilson was a resident of Bedford Hills, N.Y., where private services will be held at the home at a date to be announced later. Burial will be at his native East Dorset, Vt.

It was a boyhood friend from East Dorset, "Edwin T.," who inspired Wilson to develop the Alcoholics Anonymous program which currently has 475,000 members in the United States and Canada alone. Altogether 15,000 A.A. groups have helped problem drinkers in more than 90 countries.

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Wilson was a Wall Street broker badly battered by the depression when he became an alcoholic. He wound up in a private hospital in New York where he was visited by Edwin T. who had achieved sobriety by following a spiritual program advocated by the British Oxford movement.

Edwin T. had been brought to the spiritual route for help by one Roland H., who had been urged by Dr. Carl Jung, one of the three founders of modern psychiatry, to seek aid outside the medical field for alcoholism.

Wilson liked to point out that the A.A. idea really began in Jung's office in

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Wilson quit drinking after what he described as a "transforming experience" and he found he was able to help a surgeon in Akron, Ohio, conquer the habit during a business visit there.

The surgeon, Dr. Robert Zurich.

Smith, became the co-founder of A.A. The title was taken from the name printed on Wilson's first book, "Twelve Suggestions or Recovery," published privately by Alcoholics Anonyous.

More than 800,000 copies of the book have been sold and portions of it have been published in a dozen languages.

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Wilson was the author of four other books and their royalties were his only income until he retired from management of A.A. services in 1962 and returned to Wall Street.

He always declined to accept a salary from the organization.

A.A. was developed along the lines of minimal organization, self-support, nonprofessional service and anonymity.

Its general service board maintains a world service center in New York and is responsible for publishing A.A. literature and management of funds contributed by groups and members. A.A. has never accepted contributions from outside members.

DR. WILLIAM H. GARDNER JR.

Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs, Temple Univ.

Temple appoints director for new opportunity center

PHILADELPHIA — Dr. William E. Gardner Jr., has been named assistant vice president for academic affairs and director of Temple University's new student resources center, announced Dr. Marvin Wachman, vice president for academic affairs.

"We are very pleased that Dr. Gardner was able to assume this important position," Dr. Wachman said.

"His background and interests qualify him in a unique manner to administer a program which we anticipate will not only provide additional supportive services for students in need of them, but will provide appropriate coordination and consolidation of special academic programs and projects."

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An assistant professor of counselor education and counseling psychology in Temple's Colleges of Education and Liberal Arts, his primary duties now will be to formulate and administer the Student Resources Center.

The Center is designed to provide support services in the realm of counseling and tutoring to various groups of students in an effort to help them fulfill their adjustment to the University community, and to meet their academic objectives.

"As different populations of students enter Temple, programs must be designed to help them function at levels that will assure their success — both socially and scholastically," said Dr. Gardner.

"Veterans, black students, Puerto Rican students, physically disabled students, and older women returning to school all have very special needs which must be recognized and met if their academic careers and lives are to be fulfilling," added the 32-year-old director.

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Prior to coming to Temple last September, Dr. Gardner earned his Doctor of Philosophy degree in counseling psychology at Michigan State University, and his Master of Arts degree from New York University.

While studying at Michigan State, he set up a minorities counseling center which served over 500 black, Chicano, Puerto Rican, and Indian students in its first year. This initial success later resulted in formal administrative ties with the Michigan State University Counseling Center.

"The major difficulty for minority students is in making an adjustment to a university environment that is quite different from their own respective communities," explained Dr. Gardner.

"Although bright and capable students, they often require help in developing a greater variety of coping skills, while at the same time not replacing the belief and value systems of their own culture.

"At Temple we are in the midst of a Black and Puerto Rican community — an orientation which offers some ideal opportunities to respond to the needs of urban education."

COLLEGES

HAMPTON, Va. — Six Hampton Institute students will exhibit black and white creative photography works in the second floor gallery of the College's Museum thru Feb. 12, from 1-5 p.m. The 45 works to be exhibited are of portraits, still life, and abstracts, according to Mrs. Julia Vodicka, college museum director.

One of the students exhibiting, Andre Butts, is currently showing some of his work in art show at the 20th Century Gallery in Colonial Williamsburg. He is the only student to be asked to participate in the Gallery show.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. souri — The internationally popular singing group, The

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5th Dimension, recently donated $5.000 to the Lincoln University Fund, according to Dr. Walter C. Daniel, president. The donation is earmarked specifically for 5th Dimension Scholarships and recipients will be screened by the vocal group which staged a benefit concert here last fall. Ron Townson, a male member of the group, attended Lincoln University where he majored in music.

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ATLANTA, GA. — Morehouse College has received a $10,000 grant from E. I. du Pont de Nmours 1 Company, Inc., of Wilmington, Del., according to an announcement by Morehouse president Hugh M. Gloster. The grant was made for the purpose of strengthening instruction in the sciences. Without indicating specific programs, President Gloster indicated that the grant would be shared by the departments of biology, chemistry, and physics to satisfy needs and to engage in activites that would not otherwise be possible.

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ORANGEBURG, S. C. — South Carolina State College has received a $77,420 grant from the National Science Foundation to support a summer institute in biology, chemistry, mathematics and physics for secondary school teachers June 10 Aug. 7. The grant will be under the direction of Dr. Lewie C. Roache, chairman of the Department of Natural Sciences at the college.

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SILMINGTON, Del. — A 1 T State University has been awarded a grant of $45,000 for its School of Engineering from the E. I. duPont de Nemours 1 Company. Announcement of the duPont Engineering grant was made recently by C. B McCoy, president of the company. Dr. Lewis C. Dowdy, president of A / T, said the funds will be used primarily for teaching and research.

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JACKSON, Miss. — The Jackson State College Department of Biology has received a $2,000 grant for research participation for college teachers from the National Science Foundation for the academic year, 1970-71. The grant received will be used to further research conductel on the fingernail clam in the Mississipi area. The objective of the proposed project is to continueinvestigating the behavior of newborn fingernail clams with an ultimate gola of discovering why clams bury themselves deep in the substrata.

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ALBANY, Ga. — Two Albany (Ga.) State College instructors have been invited to serve as panelists in a discussion of black drama at the University of Georgia on Feb. 20, 1971. D. Anthony Doster, an instructor of speech and theatre, and Mrs. Frances R. Story, an assistant professor of history, will participate on a panel along with Mrs. Juanita B Oubre of Winston-Salem Satte University, Donald Green of Jamaica, West Indies and Joseph Adkins of Fort Valley State College to discuss the subject of Black drama. The discussions are being sponsored by the Georgia Theatre Conference.

Black company to take control sub-plant

LOS ANGELES, Calif. — Transfer of ownership of a McDonnell Douglas Corporation sub-assembly plant in Los Angeles to a minority-owned company, AVI Manufacturing, has been consummated, it was recently announced by officials of the two companies.

Donald W. Douglas Jr., vice president-administration of the McDonnell Douglas Corporation, and Ernest E. Barrington, president and plant manager of AVI Manufacturing, signed final papers completing the transaction.

Barrington was deputy manager of the plant until October, 1969, when he was named president of Alliance Ventures. Inc., which controls the new company.

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The plant, established more than two years ago to train hard-core unemployed, produces components for the DC-8, DC-9 and DC-10 commercial jet transports.

McDonnell Douglas will buy products from the new company, initially supporting the employment of 80 workers.

The guaranteed purchases will be continued through 1975, but the level will gradually decline to the support of 20 employes.

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McDonnell Douglas interest in the new company will ultimately be reduced from the present 49 percent to 20 per cent.

Employes also are expected to share in ownership of the new company which will diversify into commercial products and special government contracts available to minority-owned businesses.

For the next two years, McDonnell Douglas will supply advisory services at no cost.

The leased facility containing 41,180 square feet was established in September, 1968.

Dixie ministers may leave United Church of Christ

NEW YORK, Jan. 21: — Rev. Leon White, of Raleigh, N.C., director of the North Carolina-Virginia field office of the Commission for Racial Justice, of the United Church of Christ, reported to the commission that black ministers in that area may pull out of the United Church of Christ if its Southern Conference does not change what he termed its "racist posture."

"We have become disillusioned with the Southern Conference because it is not ready to meet or deal realistically with what we as black ministers see as relevant," Mr. White said.

"We are organizing black people, instituting educational, welfare and housing programs for which the Southern Conference does not see a need and never did." he added.

He did not give a time for the pullout, but stressed the growing dissatisfaction among black United Church of Christ ministers in the Southern Conference. As part of the commission's program Mr. White led a march of blacks from Warrenton, N.C., to Henderson, N.C., to protest racism in the educational system in Henderson.

The Southern Conference has not responded positively to any of the demands of the North Carolina and Virginia Ministers for Racial and Social Justice, Mr. White said.

Mr. White added, "the Black-White struggle in the Southern Conference during 1971 will eventually involve the entire United Church of Christ and take on nationwide significance."

The two-million-member United Church of Christ is a union of the Evangelical and Reformed and Congregational Christian churches.

Newspaper publisher dies at residence

Julius Carter, 56, publisher of the Forward Times, died in his home in Houston, Texas after a lengthy illness.

Carter, a much-decorated infantry soldier in World War II, was an advocate of black individuality and a frequent critic of Houston's city administration, police, clergy and many other black leaders.

When he founded the Forward Times in 1960, he told the black community: "If you're looking for someone to speak for the colored people, leave me out of it. A colored person speaks for himself."

A native Houstonian, he was a graduate of Jack Yates High School, Houston College for Negroes, and Texas Southern University.

He began his newspaper career in 1938 with the Houston Informer and worked as engraver, reporter and photographer before entering the Army in 1942. In 1960, he founded the weekly Forward Times, which now has a circulation of 36,000.

He was also a founder of the Riverside National Bank, and at his death was vice-chairman of the banking firm.

Carter is survived by his wife, Mrs. Lenora Carter; a son, Marthan Carter; two daughters, Constance and Karen Carter; his mother, Mrs. Sarah Carter, and one aunt, all of Houston.

Jesse Houston dead at 28

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Jesse Houston, son of Mrs. Sarah Houston of Columbia, died Jan. 16 in New York City. He was 28 years old.

Mr. Houston was a graduate of C. A. Johnson High School, Class of 1962. He was baptized at and a member of Sweet Home Baptist Church in Columbia.

In addition to his mother, Mr. Houston is survived by his two daughters, Darlene and Sarah Houston; two sons, Andre and Scotty Houston one sister, Julia Houston; two brothers, Thomas and Leroy Houston; a grandmother, Marie Houston and many other relaitves and friends.

Mrs. A. Foster

SPARTANSBURG, S.C. — Azzie Lee Long Foster, daughter of the late Harrellson and Priscilla Long, died here recently.

Mrs. Foster was born March 22, 1911, in Clinton, S.C. She spent most of her life in Spartanburg, where she was a member of the New Prospect AME Zion Church.

She is survived by her husband, Henry Foster, and two daughters Alice Jones and Helen Ruth Foster; two sons, Henry Jr., and Russell Lee Foster; one sister, Lucille Dawkins; two brothers, Spencer and Harrelson Long Jr.; five grandchildren; one niese, Leona Pilgrim, and other relatives and friends.

Services held for Mrs. Estelle Cook

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Funeral services for Mrs. Estelle Cook, daughter of the late Wesley and Annie Jones and widow of the late Earl Cook, were he'd recently at Bethlehem Baptist Church here.

The Rev. G. J. Odom, pastor, was in charge.

Mrs. Cook was born in Eastover on Dec. 10, 1914. She died Jan. 17 in Columbia Hospital after a brief illness. She was a member of Bethlehem Baptist Church for many years and a member of the Young Matrons' League.

Among her survivors are one daughter, Mrs. Sandra M. Amaker of Columbia; and seven sons, S/Sgt. Walter V. Cook, of Andrews AFB, Md., Sgt. Ronald W. Cook, Frankfurt, Germany, SP/5 Reginall W. Cook, Fort Eustius, Va., Robert L. Patterson, Lenor Cook and Alvin Cook, all of Columbia.

She is also survived by five grandchildren, one brother, two aunts, three daughter-in-laws and one son-in-law.

Participants in the service included Deacon Jack Cooper, Abram Kennedy, the Rev. Mr. dom and A. Manigault Hurley.

Pallbearers were members of the Brotherhood Union, and flower bearers were members of the Matrons' League.

Committal and benediction services were held at graveside at the Mount Zion Baptist Church Cemetery in Eastover, S.C. The Manigault-Hurley Funeral Home was in charge of the services.

Mrs. V. Byrd, mother of 5

SPARTANBURG, S.C. — Mrs. Virginia Wilson Byrd, daughter of the late Willie Ben Wilson and Maude Wilson, died recently at the Spartanburg General Hospital, after a brief illness.

Born in Spartanburg, Mrs. Byrd was converted and joined the Mount Moriah Baptist Church under the leadership of Dr. J. Leon Pridgen.

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She was married to Blair along with their five children: Beverly and Evelyn Ann Byrd, Robert Earl Wilson, Theodora, and Blair Byrd Jr. and six grandchildren.

Mrs. Byrd is also survived by her mother, Mrs. Wilson, one sister, Ruth Beatty of Spartanburg; two brothers, Willie B. Jr., and William H. Wilson, both of Spartanburg, and many other relatives and friends.

Students given recognition by school official

COLUMBIA, S.C. (UPI) — South Carolina students were praised by State Superintendent Of Education Cyril Busbee for the way they have put aside "petty differences" in this year of mass desegregation.

Speaking to the Leadership Training Institute of the South Carolina Federation Of Women's Clubs, Busbee said the students have demonstrated they can deal with a challenging experience in a creative way.

"Our young people are our great, incontrovertible asset, I am proud of them," he said. "They are going to take with them into adulthood more idealism, romanticism and nonconformism than any generation before them."

Busbee asked the women to assist local school officials in establishing and maintaining lines of communication with all sectors of the community. He said they must also help to identify and dispel rumors.

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