Percy E. Sutton is named 1987 Spingarn recipient

Percy E. Sutton, an Air Force Veteran, civil rights activist, former elected official and one of the nation's most highly respected businessmen, has been selected as the 1987 recipient of the NAACP's Spingarn Medal, the highest award bestowed by the association, Dr. Benjamin L. Hooks, executive director of the NAACP, has announced.

The presentation will take place at New York City's famed Apollo Theatre on the evening of Thursday, July 9 as one of the major activities of the NAACP's 1987 Annual Convention. The convention, which is expected to attract over 15,000 persons, opens in New York City on Sunday, July 5, and concludes Thursday evening with the Freedom Fund Dinner/Dance at the New York Hilton Hotel, following the Apollo Theatre program.

"We believe that it is particularly appropriate that Mr. Sutton will receive the Spingarn Medal on the stage of the Apollo, which for so many years played such an important role in the life of Black America. He has been instrumental in preserving the Apollo as a national landmark and in restoring it to its former glory, thus continuing his lifelong dedication to serving the black community," Dr. Hooks said.

Instituted in 1914 by the late J.S. Spingarn, then — NAACP chairman, the Spingarn Medal is presented for "the highest or noblest achievement by an American Negro during the preceding year or years."

Its purpose is twofold — first to call the attention of the American people to the existence of distinguished merit and achievement among Americans of African descent, and secondly, to serve as a reward for such achievement and as a stimulus to the ambition of youth of African descent.

The final selection of the medalist is made by a Committee of Award selected by the association's Board of Directors.

Previous recipients of the Spingarn Medal include Jackie Robinson, Roy Wilkins, Dr. Ralph Bunche, Alex Haley, Rosa Park Mayor, Coleman A. Young Lena Horne, Mayor Tom Bradley and Bill Cosby. Last year's recipient was Dr. Hooks.

Mr. Sutton's career has been the story of one success after another. A native of San Antonio, he was educated in the public schools there and later attended Prairie View College, TX; Hampton Institute, VA; and Tuskegee Institute, AL. He holds the LL.B. Degree from Brooklyn Law School and the Doctor of Laws degrees from Morgan State University, New York College for Podiatric Medicine, and Adelphi University.

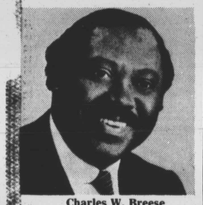
He served in World War II and the Korean Conflict as an Air Force Captain and is a member of the Tuskegee Airmen. A Freedom Rider in the 1960's, Mr. Sutton was an organizer and activist in the civil rights struggle and participated in many demonstrations and negotiations.

He served two terms in the New York Legislature and later held the elected post as President of the Borough of Manhattan in New York City for almost 12 years.

A Life Member of the NAACP and a former president of the New York State Conference of NAACP Branches, Mr. Sutton was also a founder and organizer of the National Council for Black Elected Officials, out of which grew the present Joint Center for Political Studies.

Currently, Mr. Sutton serves as Chairman of the Board and Treasurer of Inner City Broadcasting Corp.; Managing General Partner, Apollo Theatre Investor Group; President, Data Black National Public Opinion Polls; Chairman, Board of Inner City Management and Consultants; Chairman, Queens Inner Unity Cable TV Productions.

He is also chairman and president, Apollo Entertainment Television; and chairman and president, Percy Sutton Intercontinental, Inc.



Charles W. Breese
National NAACP
Director of ACT-SO

New ACT-SO director named by Ben Hooks

Charles W. Breeese has been named Director of the NAACP ACT-So Program, a national program of the civil rights organization which promotes high academic achievement among black high school students, according to a recent announcement by NAACP Executive Director Benjamin L. Hooks.

ACT - SO — which stands for Afro - Academic, Cultural, Technological and Scientific Olympics — annually involves more than 25,000 students representing 450 cities throughout the country who compete on a city, state, regional and national level in the performing and visual arts, humanities and sciences.

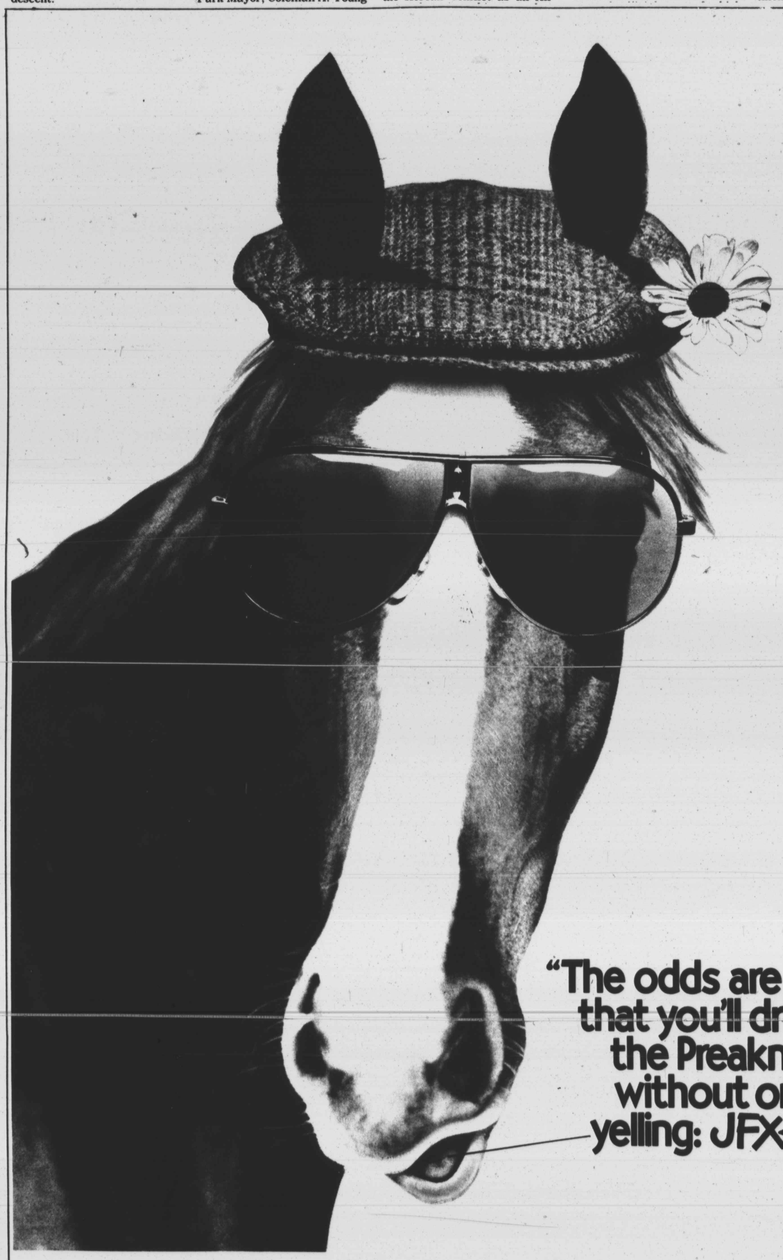
Competitions begin at the local level where students in grades nine through 12, through their local NAACP branches, compete in 22 categories such as music composition, playwriting, dance, oratory, energy, physics, electronics, drawing, photography and filmmaking.

Winners from the local competitions then compete with winners from other cities to proceed to the national ACT-SO finals, held at the NAACP's Annual Convention.

Under the theme "Black is Brilliant," black youths from every part of the country will be honored before live audiences. At this year's NAACP 78th Annual Convention, to be held from July 5 through 9 in New York City. prizes totalling more than $50,000 will be awarded to 66 students to help further their education. In keeping with the Olympic tradition of the program, that winners also will be awarded gold ($1,000), silver ($750), and bronze ($500) medals.

Dr. Hooks, in announcing Mr. Breese's appointment, said "We are confident that Mr. Breese will greatly enhance the and quality of the ACT - SO Program. His leadership and business skills will allow us to strengthen the program and obtain the contributions we need to make the program a continued success."

Mr. Breese brings to the NAACP 25 years of experience in public relations, fundraising and program development. He has a long relationship with the NAACP, having previously served as President of the NAACP St. Paul Branch in Minnesota.



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That's good news for everybody planning to attend the Preakness this Saturday. All of us working on the Jones Falls Expressway project are up against some stiff deadlines, but we'd be fools (possibly dead fools) to let the JFX mess up a great Maryland tradition. So we've been working hard to make sure all the vital Northern Parkway ramps will be wide open for Preakness traffic...

both coming and going.

Of course soon after Preakness Day it'll be business as usual, as we continue restoring those Northern Parkway ramps. But rest assured that on Saturday, May 16, any traffic jams you encounter will be generated by thousands of other Preakness fans...not us. You can make book on it!

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Our World

Project Survival holds annual awards banquet

Photos by P.A. Greene

HONOREES at the Project Survival Scholarship Awards Banquet held Thursday, May 7 at Martin's West pictured with Dr. Lenwood M. Ivey, Executive Director, Urban Services Agency (sponsoring organization) are (from L): Samuel T. Daniels, Executive Director, Baltimore Council for Equal Business Opportunity and Suzan Harrison, Director, Group Sales, Baltimore Arena.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDEES which the Project Survival Awards Banquet is really held to benefit are (standing): Shanya Evans of Walbrook High School; Anthony Hightower of Loyola High School, and accepting for Cassandra Cornish is her aunt Ms. Audrey Minrow, (L).

BISHOP ROBINSON, (L) newly appointed Secretary of Public Safety and Corrections, and Osborne Payne find much to rap about during the festivities.

The annual Project Survival Awards Banquet was held last Thursday, May 7 at Martin's West.

The Call to Order and Introduction of Honorees was done by emcee Earl C. Banks, followed by the welcome by Dr. Lenwood M. Ivey, Executive Director, Urban Services Agency, and the invocation by the Rev. Marion C. Bascom, Sr., Douglass Memorial Community Church.

Project Survival Scholarship Award Winners were introduced, as well as honorees for the occasion.

Honorees were Samuel T. Daniels, Executive Director, Baltimore Council for Equal Business Opportunity (CEBO) and Grand Master, Prince Hall Masons of Maryland, and Suzan Harrison, Director, Group Sales, Baltimore Arena.

Honorable Clarence "Du" Burns, mayor of Baltimore, presented the honorees with proclamations and the city's silver plates.

Following dinner, there was recognition of greetings and citations by the Honorable Nathaniel J. McFadden, Chairman Urban Services Agency Commission from Mayor Clarence "Du" Burns, and the Honorable Decatur W. Trotter, Chairman of the Maryland Legislative Black Caucus.

Presentations of money, which is for the benefit of the Project's Scholarship fund were forthcoming from Myra Grand Chapter, O.E.S. (PHA) ($10,000), presented by M.W.G.M. Elaine K. Campbell and G.W.P. Fred L. Bennett;

Prince Hall Grand Lodge ($20,000) presented by R.W. James T. Dorsey;

Baltimore "Mini-Market" by Osborne A. Payne, Pres., Deputy Grand Master;

"The Infinite Experience" by Lionel Jiggetts, Leader, R.W. Ronald Scott, Grand Treasurer, R.W. Shelton Redden, Special District Deputy Grand Master;

Anheuser-Busch by Fred Brown, Area Manager; Winner Distributing Company, by James Gardner, President; Allegheny Pepsi-Cola Bottling Company, by Art Hayes, Corporate Vending Manager;

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PRIVATE JOKE? — Laughing it up at the gala with Daniels is Dr. Uthman Ray.

Pattie Hodges

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DR. REESBY MARKS 90TH YEAR AT REUNION

May 1987 marked the sixtieth anniversary of the Class of 1927's graduation from Howard University. Class reunion activities were celebrated on May 8.

On Thursday, May 7, at 12 o'clock noon, the classes of 1927 and 1937 had a special reunion luncheon in The Howard Inn, 2225 Georgia Ave., N.W.

As in previous years, the Department of Alumni Affairs sponsored the All Classes Reunion Luncheon on Friday, May 8. It is an annual event of major importance, which brings together alumni and friends from across the country.

A most important part of this year's reunion was the financial support to the Endowment Fund. Reunion classes were asked to contribute their dollars to this fund now in its second year.

The federal government will match the contribution dollar for dollar, if they raise $2 million by June 30. They plan to make a substantial leadership contribution, and invited others to do the same.

Last year's reunion classes donated $164,101. The alumni planned to surpass this year's goal of $250,000.

Dr. Delmonico McKinley Reesby, a native Virginian, graduated from the Howard University School of Medicine in the Class of 1927. His first job in Baltimore was that of school physician for Baltimore City Public Schools.

His practice, as a physician and surgeon, spanned a period of fifty or more years of dedicated service in the Baltimore area, before his retirement in the late 1970's

Dr. Reesby has received numerous plaques and citations for outstanding services in his private practice and from The Baltimore Public School Medical Inspection and Screening Services to the Children.

Dr. Delmonico McKinley Reesby, who recently celebrated his 90th Birthday, attended all of the 1927 Medical Class Reunion Activities in Washington, D.C. on May 7 and May 8. He was the only survivor who did or could attend.

He recently married Mrs. Cleaver Reynolds Poag, after the untimely death of the late Mrs.

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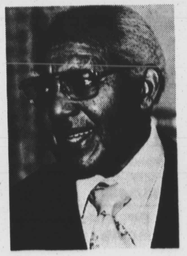

Dr. Delmonico McKinley Reesby

Town and Country Social Club hosts gala

TOWN AND COUNTRY SOCIAL CLUB MEMBERS celebrating their spring dance at the Forum Friday, May 3 are (first row, L to R): Norma W. Bracy, secretary; Ethel Hall, president; Edith Bruce, vice president; Hilda Carter, Louise Parker, treasurer; (second row, L to R): Queenie Lane, Bernardine Johnson, Harriet Griffin, Julia Wicks and Ernestine Bridgeforth.

Town and Country Social Club held its Spring Dance on Sunday, May 3 at the Forum.

The room was beautifully decorated with the club colors of yellow and green. The tables were set with yellow cloths and green napkins. Each table had a centerpiece of yellow and green balloons. The club banner of yellow and green was prominently displayed. The members of Town and Country were identified by wrist corsages of yellow and green.

The guests enjoyed cocktails and hors d'oeuvres from 6 o'clock until 6:45; dinner was served at 7 o'clock. The treat of the evening was the ice cream bar at which guests concocted, for dessert, their own sundaes from a wide selection of ice cream flavors and toppings.

Dancing was continuous during the entire evening to the melodious tunes of the Dennis Fisher Band, with songs by Jennifer Jones. A wonderful evening was experienced by all.

Guests attending the gala affair were: Joseph and Norma Bracy, Lorenzo and Norma Felder, George and Amelia Brooks, Ray and Pearline Johnson, Willie and Gloria Jones, Bedford Bentley and Barbara Dungee; Edith, Bruce and George Brown, O'Neill and Deborah McDaniels, Marsha McDaniels, Howard Marshall and Shirley Evans, Ellen Dutton, David Echols and Michael Jackson; James and Ernestine Bridgeforth, Cassandra Bridgeforth, Peark Greene, Nathaniel and Bessie Roberts, Joseph and Dorothy Mello, Albert and Barbara Hawkins, Norman and Ruth Ross;

Also Charles and Hilda Carter, Mildred Hodge, Stanley Jackson, Ruth Woods, Edward Fitzgerald, Judith Martin, James Smith, Abner Lee, Pauline Paysour, David and "Jo" Sloan, Charles and Eunice Carter, Leonard and Elizabeth Walker; CharLes and Harriet Griffin, Ulysses and Phyllis Banks, John and Liz Wike, Oscar and Joyce Melvin, Robert and Joyce Bowles, Ron and Nancy Connor; Henry and Ethel Hall, Al and Viola Randall, Isoline Crowner and John McDonald, Maurine Butterfield, Bettye Adams and Quincy Mickey; Bernardine Johnson and Alphonzo Patterson, Carl and Marie Balark, James and Gladys Parker, Randolph and Clara Tucker, Phyllis Shamwell, Tim Meal, Edward and Lillian Slate; Hubert and Queenie Lane, Ernest and Julia Gambrill, George and Zelma Douglas, Al and Carrie Jackson, Robert and Evelyn Smith; Robert and Louise Parker, George and Romaine Ball, Arthur and Reva Lewie, Alfred and Frances Smith, Harold and Fannie Goodwin, Gwendolyn Hillen and Wayne Dorsey; Dallin and Julia Wicks, George Wicks and Rosetts Stith, Harold and Phyllis Barnum and Theodore and Margaret Hythe.