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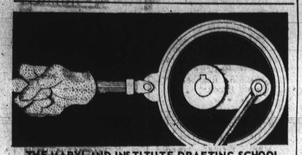

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William Roberts is black Demo governor candidate

By MAX JOHNSON

An inspiring hunk of Maryland political history is being written in this Sept. 15 primary. ompaign, for it marks the first time in this state a black man has filed for governor.

The Democratic candidate is William Edward Roberts, 43, a Baltimore insurance broker, who admittedly is waging a "shoestring do - it yourself campaign," but an earnest campaign nonetheless.

"When I filed I didn't expect to win," he told the AFRO Wednesday. "But I thought the outsiders needed a candidate. They are the young, the black citizens and the blue collar workers.

"I am optimistic now, because I'm picking up grassroots support."

Mr. Roberts started early, filing last October in Annapolis and paying the fee of $290.

To date working almost entirely with his own resources and depending on volunteers, he has spent slightly more than $200.

He is vying for the Democratic nomination against five other gubernatorial candidates, including the politically strong, pipe smoking Gov. Marvin Mandel.

"Mine is not a racial campaign," he said, "but a protest against the establishment and I'm getting more and more support from people who feel they don't have a voice in government."

He has carried his campaign to Southern Maryland, Anne Arundel and Prince George's Counties to black and white citizens alike.

"At first," Mr. Roberts stated in explaining public reaction, "people were surprised, and then they began listening with more and more interest.

"I haven't run into any hostility yet, and don't expect to do so."

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Mr. Roberts is no stranger to politics and campaigning, and has been active in Democratic circles for 22 years.

He has run unsuccessful for the Baltimore City Council in 1959, for the House of Delegates in 1962 and '66, and was a candidate for president of the City Council in 1967.

A native of Brockton, Mass., he is married and has eight children ranging in ages from 18 to 27, and six grandchildren.

He is a World War 2 veteran and has attended Morgan State College, Eastern College and the University of Baltimore. He attends t. Peter Claver Catholic Church.

Mr. Roberts has long been active in civic affairs, and has held executive posts with PTA groups at schools in his Northwest Baltimore area.

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He has a ten-point platform which includes such things as improved street lighting, more foot patrols of police in inner city areas, expansion of Maryland's Human Relations Commission, more housing, state aid to paocrhial and private schools, and a "useful job for all who are able to work."

Strangely, the "soul brothers" and "soul sisters" who are constantly preaching black power have not jumped to the Roberts campaign bandwagon.

"I sent them all Christmas cards with 'help' written in red ink," he said. "But I haven't heard from them."

Then he added philosophically, "Now I find I don't want radical support anyway."

Such is a brief summary to date of Maryland's history-making campaign of Roberts for Democratic governor in the Sept. 15 primary.

It could be an ice-breaking lead in black candidates reaching out for other elective, public offices not heretofore considered reachable.

Black history study comes into its own

By PAUL EVANS

In the middle and late years of the 1960's an interest in black history in the United States and other parts of the world grew tenfold from all of the previous years sin e black history became a serious discipline for study.

Book manufacturers published more books on black history than have ever been published in the United States and the world.

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Before speakers could expound the problems which peoples of the black race have overcome and are still fighting, factual knowledge of these peoples had to be available before any correct, documented statements could be made.

The Association for the Study of Negro Life and History has long been the only widely respected organization in the country to devote all of its efforts to the careful research of, and discussion in those areas of history which deal primarily with black people.

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The Association was foundel in Chicago on September 9,1915, by Dr. Carter G. Woodson, who was its director of research and publications until his death in 1950.

The Association has now joined with Publishers Company, Inc., a New York based company in presenting a new series of volumes which discuss in detail the cultural and historical backgrounds of black Americans.

Charles H. Wesley, editor-in-chief, of the volumes entitled, "The International Library of Negro Life and History" states in the preface:

"Though each of the ten volu es in this set can stand as an autonomous unit, and although each author has brought his own interpretation to the area with which he is dealing, together these books form a comprehensive picture of the Negro experience in America."

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He continues, "The three history volumes give a factual record of a people who were brought from Africa in chains and who today are struggling to cast off the last vestiges of these bonds.

"The anthologies covering music, art, the theatre and literature provide a detailed account of the black American's contributions to these fields.

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"Lastly, the documentary history sums up the above-mendioned material in the words of men and women who were themselves a part of black history."

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City Slicker: Say, these mosquitoes you have around here are pretty pesky. Don't you ever soo them? Farmer: Nope. Too expensive. We just let 'em go barefoot.

Family gospel singers mark anniversary

With several guest singing groups participating, the family gospel group of Mrs. Eunice Gordon and the Gordonairs celebrated their third anniversary recently with a program at the Ana-Costia Neihgborhood Museum.

Mrs. Gordon, a church missionary, plays piano, organ and sings first soprano. The other singers are her four children, Donna, 9; Eunice Juanita, 7; Joaquida Aleta, 6; and Lonnie Jr., 5. They attend the Henley School.

Featuring renditions in harmony, the group has appeared on various church, educational and community programs.

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Zap! A change is gonna come – and here 'tis. The poncho's now a dazzling dress: wear it for fun, or on campus, if you dare. The ruana is now into a fling thing, over gauche pants.

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Gadabouting in Baltimore

Dentists' wives to open pre-season with gala show

with Lula Jones Garrett

It wasn't easy, what with members darting off to all parts of the world during the summer. But the Ladies Auxiliary to the Maryland Dental Society succeeded in sandwiching little meetings between treks and completing plans for a gala season-opening party. Their black-tie affair on September 20, called "Fall Classic", will be held at the Blue Crest North (Pikesville) beginning at five in the afternoon with cocktails followed by a "He and She" Fashion extravaganza, dinner and dancing. The Classic will benefit the Lafayette Square Community Center and Dental Education Clinics at the New Provident Hospital Complex.

The show will feature fashions from the Ruth J's Boutique and Othello, Ltd., operated by Mrs. Ruth Croxton and Howard Johnson, respectively. The clothes; say Mesdames Edward McDaniesl and D. Hardin Tribble, co-chairmen, who have worked closely with Mrs. Croxton and Mr. Howard, will be truly "colourific" and "adventurous."

Committee members also include Mesdames Curtis Adams, Bruce Alleyne, Eugeen Byrd, Fabian Desbordes, Irving Hawkins, Garland Weaver, Raymond Gray and George Woodland.

Hostesses will also include Mesdames Cyril E. Ashby, auxiliary president; Martin Rodney, Bernard H. Christmas, Bernard N. Christmas, George Taylor, Robert Phillips, Sidney Burnett, Billy Davis and Charles Watts.

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On the same day (the 20th) at noon, the Bahai Community of this city, will begin their annual observance of World Peace. Dr. Stanwood Cobb will speak at the noon meeting on "Universal Education — Aid to Peace."

On Tuesday, following, through Thursday, there will be booths and displays, free literature and consultation in Mondawmin Shopping Center Mall; and on Friday, open house and a reception at the Baltimore Baha'i Center on Gwynn Oak Ave.

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Other items on the early fall social menu include the luncheon and fashion show by Modes Royale, at Enon Baptist Chrrch on Saturday, Sept. 12 at 1 p.m.

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And of course, there is the banquet for Dr. Martin D. Jenkins, former president of Morgan State College, on the 11th. This, also, is in Blue Crest, North.

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Peregrinators: Mrs. Blanche Hughes was back in Baltimore, this week, after a cruise to Nassau, a brief stop at Freeport. Her daughter, Ann Hughes McAllister, and Bernard Hughes, Jr. were in New York for the bon voyage party for her.

Also cruising to Nassau were City Councilman and Mrs. Robert Marshall and their children. They are home now, also.

Mrs. A. P. Shaw of Los Angeles, Calif., widow of the late Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church, is the house guest of Mrs. Elma Ashley of 1639 Appleton St. Mrs. Shaw, who is also visiting her children, Bernard Shaw and Miss Elaine Shaw of Glen Burnie, will spend Sunday and Monday with her sister, Mrs. W. C. Thompson in Philadelphia, and return here for another week.

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Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Gray of Seat Pleasant, Md. entertained his aunt, Mrs. Lelia Cooper of this city, at a cookout at his home, recently. Guests included Misses Gail and Harriet Gray, Miss Margaret Gassaway and Newton Curtis, and neighbors from Seat Pleasant. Mr. Gray has recently been appointed head of the maintenance department of the recreation department of Washington.

Beauty queens typical

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the pageants. All the girls work together in the pageants.

Wedding bells are not ringing Calotta's ears, at least not as yet. She believes that there are many opportunity in today's society for the young woman.

Her philosophy is that when the right guy comes along, she will know it but until then, she is not going to rush into it.

Carlotta is interested in helping other young women interested in participating in beauty pageants. If any young woman is even considering the possibility, she would enjoy talking with her and giving her advice.

As for advice, she has a few tips to offer all young ladies. If a girl wants to stay young and attractive, she should (1) keep her figure in good shape, (2) party but don't party too hard, (3) get plenty of rest, and (4) eat the proper foods.

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She is just as vivacious and attracted and talented. I am talking about 24-year-old Miss Jeanette Sykes, "Miss Black Maryland."

Jeanette is the outdoors type of girl. She is at home in a pair of slacks and a shirt. As a recreation leader at the Johnson Square Recreation Center, Biddle and Valley St., it would be kind of hard to vision Jeanette without a ball or a bat in her hand.

Jeanette is the first girl to be Miss Black Maryland. She competed with 13 other Baltimore girls in the University of Maryland Langsdale Auditorium.

Miss Sykes is not unfamiliar with the long walkways and the judges either. She was 3rd runner-up in the "Miss Baltimore, U.S.A." pageant.

She has also modeled for Mano Swartz, The Tweed Shop, Leonard Gief photographer, Acme TV Commercials, Bethlehem Steel and many others.

Just as surprised as Carlotta, Jeanette said, "I had no idea of winning. I mainly entered for modeling exposure.

In her spare time, Jeanette enjoys dancing, bowling and needle craft.

She is a graduate of St. Frances Academy and attended Morgan State College for 1½ years.

As for integrated pageants, Miss Sykes feels that blacks have a long way to go.

For girls interested in a modeling career, Jeanette thinks that once a girl gets in she should do exactly what she wants to do with her career.

No wedding bells are planned at least not until in the next 10 years. She is looking for a man with a strong personality and with a good head on his shoulders.

Jeanette also agrees with Carlotta that most of the girls in the pageants are outgoing and friendly people. She thought it was a wonderful experience.

Maybe Jeanette wants a man with a strong personality because she sees herself a strong person, well-mannered and a little aggressive.

Jeanette hopes to return to work when everything is over and get more modeling contracts.

As a result of winning the pageant, Jeanette has a modeling contract with the Diana Kane Modeling Agency.

After talking with two sucr "beautiful people", it is apparent that being a beauty queen will not change their charming personalities but rather enhance them.

MISS JEANNETTE SYKES

MISS CARLOTTA MOORE

REGISTRATION

Registration for the spring term will be conducted at Edmondson Adult center located at Edmondson and Athol Avenues. A wide range of courses on the high school level will be offered. The individual progress plan is used which enables each student to progress as rapidly as his abilities premit. There is no registration fee for these courses to residents of Baltimore city.

MISS DIANA L. BOLDEN-daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Warren J. Bolden, was married to Edward Dutton in St. Peter Claver Roman Catholic Church, Baltimore recently.

—New school

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Rev. James E. Coates, also the chairman of the 5-member board selection committee proposed the name of Scott with a brief introduction.

He said that in spite of segregation and discrimination practiced in the schools of the nation in various subtle forms, the black educators have been denied the opportunity to lead in the field of education.

"Many young dynamic, black educators have been denied this opportunity. Hope, this (selection of Scott) will provide leadership to the emerging Blacks in the District and to its educational system," Coates said.

Board members Charles Casell, Bardyl Tirana, and Mrs. Mattie G. Taylor, who had been ranting critics of the board's selection procedures for the superintendent, poured in praise for the patience impartiality and "superior and commendable leadership" of Coates.

Earlier in the day the selection committee had split 3 to 2 in favor of Scott over Wheeler.

Mrs. Allen, although she personally favored Wheeler, did not try to scuttle the majority decision and made it possible for a unanimous vote by the 11 board members through her self-restraint.

The new superintendent is expected to take charge of his $38,500 job for a three-year tenure before the end of this month.

He will heal the school system with 150,000 students, 94 per cent of them black with 7,800 teachers.

Scott, one of the youngest superintendents of big school systems in the country is considered a tough administrator.

But as usual, the Metropolitan rumor mill has started circulating controversial stories about him.

Some say that he favors black studies. Others claim that he does not like the idea of community control of the schools.

As Mrs. Allen remarked at the Monday night meeting, the community ought to "give unstinting support to the new superintendent to help make this young man's task a possible one."

Scott became an assistant regional superintendent in 1967 in one of Detroit's eight administrative regions.

He has introduced a successful reading and math program in six of Detroits poorest schools in the black belt burned down during the 1967 riots.

He was born in Detroit, lived in the poorest black communities after finishing his high school studies in Detroit, he graduated from Wayne State University there. Later he took a doctorate in education from the University of Michigan.

Beginning his career as a social studies teacher in a Detroit elementary school, he soon became a vice principal, and then an officer in the Detroit school system's school-community relations department.

He is married and has two children. He lives with his family at 19474 Monica, Detroit.

One of his major publications "The Black School Administrator and the Black Community," is considered a profound study on integrated education.

Mrs. Vallie Lilly is new OES head

The Deborah Grand Chapter Order of Eastern Star of the Adoptive Rite of the State of Maryland held its 30th annual session recently and elected Mrs. Vallie Lilly grand matron replacing retiring Grand Matron Sister Lessie Saunders.

Highlights of the memorial service was a roll call of the deceased. Parren J. Mitchell was guest speaker.

At conclusion of the session, the following officers were elected:

Grand patron — W. Levi Staten associate grand patron — W. James H. saunders; associate grand matron — W. Berma Jones; grand treasurer — PGM Eloise Williamson; grand recording secretary — PGM Maggie Ryles; Grand finance secretary — PGM Tommie Kilgore; grand conductress — W. Ethel Peltcher; grand associate conductress W. Mary Murray; grand chairman of trustee — W. Beatrice Sheffey; grand USA flag bearer — W. Leroy Brooks;

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Trustees are W. Lillian Green W. Ruby Mason. W. Lily Thomas and W. Robert Bentley.

Installation of officers was by the MW Elzie M. Williams, grand master of the MW Zerubbabel Grand Lodge AF and AM and past grand patron of the Deborah Grand Chapter.

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