FIRM IN ANTI BIAS VIEWS

Pastor returns from racist Georgia county

By Paula J. Wagner

With increased enthusiasm about black solidarity, pastor and politician, Rev. Theodore Williams, has returned home following his participation in the Jan. 24 civil rights march through the all-white community of Cumming, GA.

A controversial figure in local political circles because of his dedication to "black nationalism," Rev. Williams said the march was necessary to dramatize "our condition as blacks in America and emphasize our right to move about and gain employment where available."

"If the French can go to Africa, the Dutch and British can go where they please, whites can come to America, why should we be restricted to an area if they are not," Rev. Williams questioned at an interview.

The three and a half mile march to the Forsyth County Courthouse in Cumming, an area with a long history of racial violence toward blacks, was staged to protest the violence of klansmen who threw rocks at marchers in a previous "brotherhood march," in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Some 15, to 20,000 people from all over the country congregated in Atlanta where marchers boarded buses for the 40 mile trip to Forsyth County, to be a part of the biggest civil rights march since the 1960's.

Amidst counter marchers numbering between 500 and 1,000 whites, some of whom were robed Klansmen carrying signs that articulated their admiration for Dr. King's assassin, James Earl Ray, civil rights marchers strolled through Cumming in red, black and green, gripping their own signs that reiterated "Black is Beautiful" and "Black By Popular Demand," Rev. Williams said.

"The march had a black nationalist tendency," said Rev. Williams, who said during his 1986 campaign for the Seventh District Congressional Seat, that if elected he would propose to send economic and military aid to support the efforts of the banned African National Congress in South Africa.

Civil rights marchers are necessary, Rev. Williams said, because they "dramatize the racist conditions affecting blacks in America." Marches through Georgia's Forsyth County should continue, he exclaimed, until all the blacks who had been driven out since the early 1900's be given back their lands or are properly compensated.

"Whites say, 'Blacks will never live in Forsyth,' " Rev. Williams said.

But marches are necessary too, for blacks to "see that racism does exist."

"There are too many blacks and black leaders who pretend things aren't as bad as they used to be," said Rev. Williams. "We need to dramatize racism everyday for blacks to see we aren't going anywhere until we come together and build our own economy."

"After being here for 400 years, we can see we will never be accepted as 'Americans,' " he continued. Blacks need to think "self determination."

According to Rev. Williams, "Civil rights movements will take blacks to the edge of the promise land, but it is black nationalism that will take blacks into the promise land.

"Blacks need to start building their own economic base. The movement is no longer to ride on the bus," he said. "The current movement is to own the bus."

In addition to building our own economy, Rev. Williams said blacks need to "get rid of Eurocentric values."

"Blacks need to stop seeing history and theology through European eyes. We need a new cultural base," Rev. Williams said.

Criticizing black leaders who don't talk about black nationalism, Rev. Williams said the community is in need of "very aggressive leadership, who is not concerned with what whites think."

The large number of people who travelled great distances to be a part of last Saturday's march is proof of growing "black love, black concern and black solidarity," Rev. Williams said.

He participated in the march because he felt it was necessary, he said, although he is not "totally non-violent."

"You meet non-violence with non-violence," Rev. Williams said. "I hold the moral right of self defense...If the lives of our women and children are being threatened, the black man has a moral right to defend and protect them."

Problems of blacks in and around Forsyth are not very different from what goes on in Frederick and on the Eastern Shore, Rev. Williams said. Whites in the immediate Baltimore area are more "subdued," Rev. Williams added. He doesn't expect to see the blatant bigot demonstrated against blacks in Forsyth or here.

In the spirit of the new surge of black nationalism Rev. Williams believes that is growing among black Americans, he is planning to launch a crusade, by way of his church, the Shiloh African Methodist Episcopal, "to rid blacks from intellectual and physical bondage."

"Once we know the truth we can no longer act like slaves," he said. Rev. Williams plans to set up tents in black communities around Baltimore, where he will teach Black History before slavery, based on what he said were historical accounts and the Bible.

Twilah Scarborough

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'Nite Life' Ball

On Sunday, Feb. 8 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. there will be a "Nite Life" Ball Contest.

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An Urban Services Program, Project Survival, provides combined scholastic and athletic programs for 1,000 needy city school kids.

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Project Survival helped him obtain his degree in marketing and now helps him in his business career. Mr. Harrod particpates in the program as a referee simply because he enjoys "giving something back to the program so that it will continue its success in developing human being."

The future is bleak for young athletes who have poor academic skills. Project Survival projects stress scholastics with athletics so needy young sports enthusiasts can gain admission to college classrooms. The leading black bars around town, and even this time around the mixed bars on Baltimore Street, have requested to participate in the "Miss Nite Life" fundraiser to help make this fundraiser a big success for our city children. The Miss Nite Life Contest, plus its ball, consists of 50 barmaids around town who compete with each other to raise monies for this high riser performance in education. There will be a "Madison Contest" at the Miss Nite Life Ball. An evening of royalty for our kids. Last year the winner of the Miss Nite Life contest was Ms. Laverne (Liz) Page of Dotson's Lounge. For more details and information for tickets or for entering "The Madison Contest," simply call Vernon Wolst, director, at 396-1760 or 542-1322 or Ms. Dorothy L. Bishop, coordinator, at 396-1760.

AREA NEWS WRAPUP

Crosse may get federal position

(UPI) — The Rev. Saint George Crosse, a Republican defeated in last fall's 7th District Congressional race, is among the finalists to head the local office of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Rep. Helen Bentley, R-Md., has confirmed that the Reagan administration is considering placing Crosse in the HUD position.

The possible appointment is drawing fire from Baltimore officials who deal with federal housing programs.

Former Rep. Parren Mitchell, D-Md., said he fears a conservative, such as Crosse, would see his job as following the Reagan line rather than trying to get more housing aid for Maryland.

Crosse said the job would go to the person "who can do the best job for the Baltimore office. I believe I can do that job, and if I didn't believe that, I would never have applied for the job."

Crosse, a minister who was the Baltimore co-chairman of Reagan's 1980 campaign, was overwhelmingly defeated by Democrat Kweisi Mfume in the November Congressional race.

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(UPI) — One lucky player has won a $1.1 million jackpot in the latest Maryland Lotto game, officials said Monday.

Lottery spokesman Carlton Dotson said the winner, who has not stepped forward yet to claim the prize, used the lottery computer to pick the six winning numbers.

The ticket was purchased at Reno's in Colonial Beach, Va.

Dotson said although Reno's is on Virginia's shore of the Potomac River, across from Charles County, it is licensed to sell Maryland lottery tickets because it pays taxes to Maryland.

The spokesman said 233 people matched five of the six winning numbers for a prize of $1,149, and 10,543 people matched four of six numbers to collect $33.

The winning Lotto numbers drawn Saturday were: 10, 13, 15, 21, 35, 37.

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SUDLERSVILLE, Md. (UPI) — A Delaware man died when his car plowed head on into a tractor-trailer in Queen Anne's County, state police said Monday.

Police said Albert Thorne, 28, of Dover was killed when his car crossed the center line of state Route 300 and hit the truck at about 9 p.m. Sunday.

Investigators said the driver of the tractor-trailer, Dawson Lord of Greensboro was injured in the mishap.

No charges are pending, police said.

William, Mary to hear Hooks

WILLIAMSBURG — Benjamin Hooks, executive director of the NAACP, will give a talk on "Black Americans: Centuries of Struggle and Change" at the College of William and Mary Campus Center Little Theatre at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 13. Admission is free.

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BY JEAN FORD

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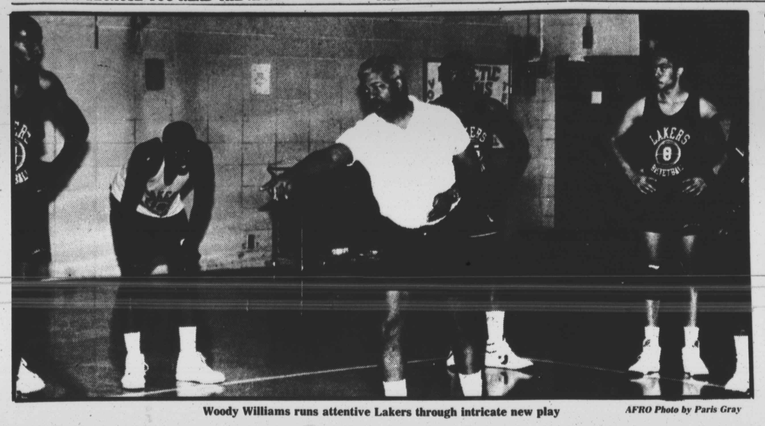

Woody Williams runs attentive Lakers through intricate new play *AFRO Photo by Paris Gray*

Coach says his 'kids' deserve credit for Lake Clifton basketball success

By Fred Lindsey

Currently, Lake Clifton High School is riding the crest of an undefeated basketball season, based on its 18-0 record. Although the Lakers have what appears to be an outstanding team, much of the success is attributed to coach Woodrow (Woody) Williams.

Williams, at the helm for 16 years, is a quiet tactician, who diverts the personal acclaim to the "performance of the kids."

"It is the kids who ultimately carry out the plan of success," says Williams. "Fortunately, we have an excellent group of players."

While it may be unusual for Baltimoreans to see Lake Clifton at the top of the basketball heap because of the success of Dunbar High in recent years, Williams says that there have been other great teams at Lake Clifton, and he points to the 1975/76 season, with Kevin and Ervin Graham, and a national number three ranking.

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Cordial, modest and reserved about his achievements this year, Williams gives a lot of credit to his former competitor, Bob Wade.

"The national success of Dunbar High and Bob Wade has attributed to the high school recognition of Baltimore City as a reservoir of talent. It served as a barometer for other coaches to set standards. I hope that I can raise the kids at Lake Clifton to the level of Dunbar."

It is not surprising that there is mutual respect and admiration for a contemporary, but the relationship between Williams and Wade "goes way back." They not only share the same philosophies regarding sports, basketball and student-athletes, but they both come from the athletic family of Morgan State University, "when the school had a winning tradition," according to Williams.

"We realize that some blacks don't have the "wherewithall" to get an education without sports. Athletics, for some, is a way out of poverty, indigence and devastation."

"We use sports as a steppingstone to something else, always emphasizing the importance of education," says Williams.

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Presently, the overall scholastic average for the Lake Clifton basketball team is 75.7 (C+), with five members having an 83.0 (B), and there is increasing pressure for them to make greater improvements.

With his own scholastic measurement, Williams has instituted policies that include required study hall, coach's class (tutorial sessions) and the solicitation of a dedicated Lake Clifton faculty, who are most receptive, to aid and assist team members.

While today's pressure on young athletes continues to escalate for them to be more than just athletes, Williams understands their particular position. Originally from Glassboro, N.J., the coach used his athletic skills to become a physical education major at Morgan.

Cut from varsity football and basketball participation, he joined the swimming team and led the university to a CIAA championship as a freshman and was a top swimmer throughout his collegiate career.

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With the completion of his student teaching, college graduation in 1964 and a graduate assistantship, Williams moved to Philadelphia for a few months before returning to Baltimore to teach and coach junior varsity football, track and swimming at Edmondson High School, in 1965/66.

He won championships in all three sports that season and gradually Williams moved to varsity sports before transferring to Lake Clifton in 1970/71. In addition to his coaching responsibilities, Williams is now the head of the Physical Education Department and Director of Athletics.

For nearly twenty years, Williams has taught and coached junior and varsity sports. The inclination would be to ask, what's next?

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"Naturally, I want to go as far as I can, concludes Williams. "Success comes with hard work. Hard work brings about rewards. If that is the necessary criteria to making it, then, I have no problems with it. Of course, a little luck won't hurt."

Since most of us predicate success with money, it seems strange when that opinion is not shared.

"Money is not a factor. It never has been. I'm doing something that I love and that is working in sports with kids. Aside from the basics of life, money is not an 'overriding influence in my life," explains Williams.

Coppin wins, loses primes for weekend

Coppin State, coming off a doubleheader split with Maryland, Eastern Shore Wednesday night, turns a tention now to what could be a crucial weekend in Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference.

The Eagles defeated the Hawks, 100-78, in the second game of the twin bill at Community College of Baltimore. They had watched their women colleagues bow, 108-69, to the UMES gals earlier.

It was encouraging for first-year coach Ron Mitchell since the Eagles on Saturday had disposed of their other local MEAC rivals at Morgan, 69-67.

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Coppin now faces two tougher conference foes within the next three nights.

They entertain Bethune-Cookman (men and women) Friday night, then visit Howard University (men and women) Saturday night in Washington.

Howard is in first place in the MEAC standings.

And Howard and Bethune are 1-2 in the women's standings.

Lacrosse clinic set Saturday at St. Paul's

The St. Paul's School Alumni Association will sponsor a free lacrosse clinic for boys, parents, and coaches on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 12 at the school's Kinsolving Gym. It is open to all.

Players should wear sneakers and bring a snack. For further information, contact Mitch Whiteley at 825-4400.

St. Paul's School is located on Falls Road 1½ miles north of the intersection of I-83 and the Baltimore Beltway Exit 23.

AFRO SPORTS

Bears hope to stop slide at home game

The old adage in sports about "home field advantage" will be put to the test Saturday night when Morgan State basketball returns to what is hoped will be the "friendly confines" of Hill Field House.

The Bears and Lady Bears will host the Wildcats and their feminine colleagues from Bethune-Cookman College in two Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference games.

Win or lose, though, it figures to be a satisfying homecoming.

After an auspicious 3-0 start, the Golden Bears have fallen on desperate times.

They suffered their 15th loss in 21 games at Jacksonville State Tuesday night, 102-66.

This was in the aftermath of a 66-65 setback at Bethune-Cookman on Monday.

Jacksonville, gradually gaining stature as a major college contender, shot 59 percent from the floor in subduing the visitors.

The Floridians were winning their 11th contest in 13 outings.

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