

Steel City All Out For Carver Commemoration



PITTSBURGH MAYOR BUYS CARVER STAMPS--Pittsburgh, Pa. Mayor Joseph M. Barr purchases a set of George Washington Carver Commemorative Stamps from Kim Smith and Linda Sue Kohler as part of a ceremony during which he signed a proclamation declaring the first week of January George Washington Carver Week. The celebration will be officially recognized at a Carver Day Luncheon January 5.

Looking on are members of the George Washington Carver Committee: Dr. Charles Hayes, Pittsburgh Public Schools; John Cicco, Pittsburgh Diocesan Schools; Dr. J. T. Brennan, Principal of A. Leo Weil School; William R. Maloni, editor of the Hill House Gazette; Mrs. Roy E. Kohler, Manager, Special Projects, Gulf Oil Corporation Public Relations Department; Dr. Alma Illery, Founder and National Chairman of Carver Week; John Jordan; Eugene Lesene, Administrative Secretary of the Committee; and Mrs. W. J. Moncrief. Dr. Illery has also received a Carver Week proclamation from Pennsylvania Gov. Raymond P. Shafer.

The celebration recognizes the greatness of George Washington Carver's achievements in the fields of agriculture and education.

Skill Training Center Partnered By OIC & Gulf Oil



GULF, OIC PARTNERSHIP--Officials of the Opportunities Industrialization Center and the Gulf Oil Corporation are shown here announcing the beginning of a partnership between OIC and Gulf in Philadelphia. OIC has become a Gulf dealer in a station which will be operated as a Skill Training Center. From left are Roy E. Kohler, Manager, Special Projects, Gulf Public Relations; the Rev. Dr. Leon H. Sullivan, founder and chairman of the board of the OIC; Thatcher Longstreth, an official of the Chamber of Commerce and City Councilman-elect in Philadelphia; E.F. Jacobs, Eastern Marketing Region Vice President, Gulf; and the Rev. Thomas J. Ritter, Executive Director of the Philadelphia OIC. Glasses the men are holding are some of thousands given away as souvenirs to patrons of the new station.

OLE "MISS" OFFICIALS' MANEUVERS STYMIED

JACKSON, Miss. - (NPI)--Mississippi officials, using court maneuvers and bonding procedures to keep Negro election winners from taking office, are being stymied by the concerted efforts of civil rights leaders and politicians.

The officials used to be able to keep black people out of office without any trouble. Now, they find they have a major battle on their hands.

One tactic used against Negro election winners was the requirement of high surety bonds for prospective office holders, combined with white bonding agents' refusal to approve their bonding applications.

The bonding impasse was smashed on two fronts.

One came from the NAACP and the other, the Lawyers Civil Rights committee, and their actions enabled the election winners to get security bonds required by state law.

One of the prospective office holders, Kermit Stanton, supervisor-elect in the Mississippi Delta's Bolivar county, must post a \$125,000 bond to be seated.

Until the two organizations stepped in, only three of the 22 black winners in the state's primary and general elections had been able to secure bonds without which they would not have been seated.

Involved in the effort to secure the required bonds were the state NAACP organization, the Washington bureau and the national office's legal department.

SIXTEEN OF the 22 successful candidates--for such offices as justice of the peace, county supervisor, state legislator, and school board member--have been active in their local NAACP units.

Another effort on behalf of the winners was made by a bipartisan group of 10 Senators and Congressmen, who asked the insurance industry to issue bonds immediately.

Rep. John Conyers Jr. (D-Mich.) led the effort on behalf of the beleaguered victors. Joining him were Sens. Robert F. Kennedy (D-N.Y.) and Joseph D. Tydings (D-Md.); Congressmen John R. Dellenback (R-Ore.), Don Edwards (D-Calif.), Augustus Hawkins (D-Calif.), Theodore R. Kupferman (R-N.Y.), Ogden Reid (R-N.Y.), Benjamin Rosenthal (D-N.Y.) and William F. Ryan (D-N.Y.).

"Racial discrimination on the part of many insurance agents in Mississippi seems to be at least a partial cause for the great delay and difficulty in obtaining these standard-type bonds," the Congressmen said in a joint statement.

"It would be totally inexcusable for any of these officials to be denied their office through the failure of national insurance companies to expeditiously and fairly provide bonds.

"The great personal sacrifice and physical and economic injury experienced by so many to assure the first election of Negroes to public office in this century must not be thwarted."

The Congressmen, in addition to issuing a statement, asked U.S. Atty.-Gen. Clark to take action on the matter.

On another front, Percy E. Sutton, Manhattan borough president, urged New Yorkers to help keep Clark from being denied his seat in the state house.

Clark, who defeated Rep. J. P. Love, House Education committee chairman, in the Nov. 7 election, ran as an independent. If seated, he will be the first black man in the state legislature since 1894.

Clark's victory, however, has been challenged by Love, who charged election irregularities--technical.

The case is being billed as another "Julian Bond" controversy. Rep. Bond was refused his Georgia seat on the grounds that he made politically controversial statements. However, the U.S. Supreme Court solved the issue by overruling the Georgia legislature and ordering Bond to be seated.

Dupont 501 Nylon Carpet

 Completely Installed with Rubber Pad

7.95 SQ. YD. No Down Payment

 Terms up to 36 Mos.

NEVADA BLIND & FLOOR

 1300 S. Main 385-3411