



Woodville-Tompkins High School Hall of Fame Association holds Fifth Induction Ceremony

The Wolverine Senate Committee of the Woodville-Tompkins High School Hall of Fame Association, Inc. held its fifth induction ceremony on Friday, September 5th at 7:00pm in the Eden Room of the Temple of Glory Community Church.

A standing-room-only crowd watched as Edward J. Jinks, Edwin Bailey, Robert A. Brown, James W. German, Jr., Ida Mae Grant, Ulysses Jackson, Ruth P. James, Lamar S. Owens, and James J. Smart were inducted into the hall of fame. In addition, Charlie L. Bryan was honored with a citation from the association.

As Woodville-Tompkins' first hurdler, Edward Jinks won state championships during his junior and senior year in the low and high hurdles. As a result, Jinks was awarded a full scholarship to Florida A&M University in 1958. Later, Jinks returned to Tompkins as a teacher as well as the boys' basketball, track and field and defensive line coach. Under his leader-



L-r front row: Ulysses Jackson, James German, Jr., Ruth P. James, Lamar Owens, Ida Mae Grant. Back Row (l-r): James "Sugar" Smart, Robert Bryan (accepting for Charlie "Sad" Bryan), Edwin Bailey, Robert "Chip" Brown, Coach Edward Jinks

ship, the Tompkins High track team won many awards at the State level. In addition, the basketball team won the 1979-1980 Class AAAA State Championship as well as the 1978 News Press Christmas Tournament and City Championship.

A stellar athlete at

Tompkins High School, Edwin Bailey was selected for the Joe Namath High School All-American team in 1976. He played offensive and defensive tackle and was captain of the football team his senior year. He enrolled at South Carolina State College where he was a four

year starter on the football team. Bailey helped the Bulldogs earn three MEAC championships. In addition, he earned All-MEAC first team accolades for three consecutive years (1978-1980). As a NFL fifth round draft choice, Bailey enjoyed an 11 year career with the Seattle Seahawks. Bailey has also been inducted into the Greater Savannah Hall of Fame, South Carolina State Athletic Hall of Fame and the MEAC Hall of Fame. He has also been honored as a member of the South Carolina State Centennial Football team.

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evolve as it transformed to cleaner systems that were friendlier to the technical environment, particularly on the coal burning side. Not only did he witness the evolution of processes, he also saw the transition of African-Americans moving up the corporate ladder and being promoted to management and positions of authority.

While working at Georgia Power, Maxwell also took on part-time construction projects. After retirement, he started his own business, MCN Construction Management, Inc. where he specializes in commercial and industrial construction. MCN has 5 full-time employees, including his son Michael, who serves as project manager, and will be graduating from Savannah State University's engineering department this winter. MCN also utilizes subcontractors on many of their projects.

"I enjoy being in business for myself because it allows me to make decisions that have an impact on the livelihood and growth of the business," stated Maxwell. "Though there are some aspects of the business I cannot control, like the economy, I have more control than I would, had I been working for someone else. I have the ability to create jobs and help individuals who may not

have gotten a chance otherwise. The MCN family has created a product that can take care of all of us if we approach it with the right mindset."

MCN's projects include working with the City of Savannah and the M/WBE program on the Ellis Square project. They also work regularly with Savannah State University and Georgia Power. The Georgia Power relationship has spanned for 22 years so far, and they are looking forward to more opportunities.

Georgia Power sponsored Maxwell to participate in the Small Business Administration's Fast Track Program. "The information I received from that series of workshops was very rewarding. It was one of the best trainings I have ever attended, and I highly recommend minority business owners take the course. It made me look at my business in a different way."

The future for MCN looks bright. They plan to continue growing with Georgia Power by adding new business, increasing their work load and their work force despite this economically challenging environment. Maxwell says "I am really looking forward to having employees with unique and varied skill sets under the MCN family."

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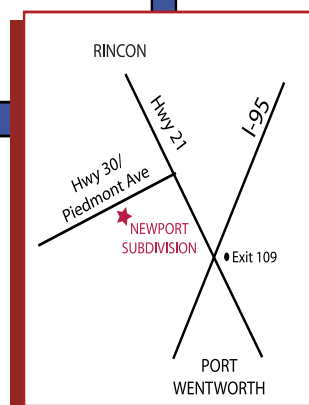
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