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GAYNELLE ROBERTS
...Loves Beautiful Things

Gaynelle Roberts Is Our Beauty

By POLLY MANNING
Post Staff Writer

Born under the sign of Libra, our Beauty possesses all the signs of love and beauty. "Libras love beautiful things, they are easy to get along with, and most all it is the love sign of the zodiac," was the description given by our beauty this week, Ms. Gaynelle Roberts.

Gaynelle is the daughter of Mrs. Donetta Nicholson of 714 Central Ave., Camden, N.J. She resides at 509 North Caldwell. She has only been in Charlotte for seven months and feels she is mostly here by chance rather than choice. "I like Charlotte," stated Ms. Roberts. "The longer I am here the more I like it."

Our Beauty is a 1970 graduate of Camden High School. She didn't participate in any school activities because as she puts it, "I worked after school and didn't have time for those things."

Ms. Roberts is employed with Village Food Mart. She works as a cashier. "I enjoy my job," smiled Gaynelle. "I get to meet some interesting people, plus the fact I enjoy working with people."

Gaynelle enjoys dancing and reading. "I'll read just about anything that appeals to me," she stated. She also works with a group of girls at the YWCA. "About 18 girls are in the group," explained our Beauty. "I work with the Trade Street Y. We try to teach the girls to think for themselves, about personal

hygiene, and any other things that interest them. They are also responsible for some type of project. One of their projects was a Sweetheart Ball that they sponsored Saturday night. It was very successful. The name of the group is "Y Teens For Peace." We meet every Monday night and Mrs. Celeste McCullough, program director, is in charge."

Ms. Roberts considers her two children, Charles and Danielle, as the most important thing to her right now. "I also feel that it's important for me to finish my education. I plan to enter college soon. I haven't decided on a major yet, but I'm sure it will deal with some type of Human Service."

Gaynelle feels that there must be something that people can do about inflation. "There must be a way we can help, she stated. People have to feed their families and make a living. Besides, who is inflation affecting? Only the people."

For Blacks

"Economic Crunch" Is Blessing In Disguise

By James Peeler
Post Staff Writer

The current "economic crunch," which is adversely affecting Charlotte and the rest of the nation, "may be a blessing in disguise for black and other minority businessmen," says Thomas J. Staton, Director of Charlotte's PAED-LBDO Office at 916 West 5th Street in the Winston Mutual Building.

The 28-year-old graduate of Johnson C. Smith University, adds, "The economy has forced the entrepreneur to take inventory of himself as to his ability as a manager, owner, or proprietor and now, when he discovers his areas of weakness in management, he is seeking assistance."

During 1974 Staton and his staff, which call for a Director, a Secretary, a Marketing Specialist, a Financial Analyst, and a Business Deve-

Food Stamp Office Is Moving

The Mecklenburg County Food Stamp Office is moving. The office will open in the Merchandise Mart Office Building at 800 Briar Creek Road Monday, February 17. This building is located directly behind the Merchandise Mart, at the intersection of Briar Creek Road and Independence Boulevard.

Parking is available, with access from Briar Creek Road, and signs will be posted to show you where to enter the building. The Food Stamp Office will be on the second floor.

The office hours are 7 A.M. to 6 P.M. If you are coming for the first time, please come in the afternoon. You will receive an appointment card on your first visit. Persons who are already in the program are requested to come by appointment.

The County's Food Stamp Program was established in October, 1973, and since that time it has grown steadily. Approximately 10,500 families, or 34,000 individuals are receiving Food Stamps in Mecklenburg County at the present time.

The program is administered through the Mecklenburg County Department of Social Services, and the supervisor of the program is Larry Goolsby.

Beta Nu Lambda's
Little Alpha Baby
Contest Is Sunday

Beta Nu Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, in its effort to raise funds to support its scholarship program, will sponsor the finals of a Little Alpha baby contest Sunday, at 4 P.M. at the McCrory Branch Y.M.C.A., 3801 Beatties Ford Road.

The public is invited to come and share in this program.



STUDENT LEADERS

1st Seated (Left to Right) Aileen Clyburn, Thomas Beatty, Constance Anderson, Sylvester Taylor, Allen Patterson and Brenda Byers; 2nd (Squatting) Arthur Williams, Joyce Chambers, and Tyrone Massey; 3rd Standing (Left to Right) Roberta Meachum, Lorena Hawkins, Alice Johnson and Jocelyn Pyles; 4th Standing (Left to Right) Dianne Strong, Rose Ella Clemmons, Joyce Miller, Brenda Byers, and Emilee Mobley; 5th Standing (Left to Right) Barney Forney, Donald Lineberger, Gordon Cureton, Teresa Burns, and Curtis Bauknight.

Charlotte Links Honor Outstanding Prep Students

The Charlotte Chapter of The Links, Incorporated launches its 1975 Service to Youth Project by citing Black senior high school juniors and seniors who excel in scholarship or who exemplify outstanding leadership in top executive posts in student government at their respective schools.

Included in the talented group from East Mecklenburg are Aileen Clyburn and Odessa Tidwell, members of the National Honor Society; Donald Lineberger, vice president of the Student Congress, and Angela Threalt, recording secretary of the Student Congress.

Gordon Cureton of Garinger High is a Morehead Scholarship Finalist. He is a National

Honor Society member and president of the Student Council. Other Garinger scholars are Brenda Byers, Lorena Hawkins, Joyce Miller, and Jocelyn Pyles, all National Honor Society members. Harding High lists Alice Mae Johnson as a National Honor Society member. Retina Davis is an Executive Committee member, and Thomas Beatty is an outstanding student.

At Independence High Sylvester Taylor is president of the Student Congress, and Curtis Bauknight, Vivian Cuthbertson, and Dianne Strong are National Honor Society members.

Boyce Chambers and Arthur Williams Jr. are National Honor Society members at North Mecklenburg. Constance Black and Roberta Meachum are Student Executive members.

Among the student leaders and achievers at Olympic High are Lizzie Lunn, Robin McDowell, Josie Thompson, and Dwight Allen.

Maureen Marsh, an Honor Society member, is an Angie B. Duke Scholarship finalist at South Mecklenburg. Constance Anderson, Ricky Von Hall, and Antigo Martin are included as other scholars and leaders of the Student Body.

Top students at West Charlotte are Barney Forney, a National Achievement Semifinalist; Rose Ella Clemmons, outstanding leader; Emilee Mobley, Honor Student, and Allen Patterson, a Foreign Exchange Student Finalist.

Teresa Burns, Tyrone Massey, Belle Anita Sanders, and Reginald Withers are outstanding in scholarship and leadership at West Mecklenburg.

The Services to Youth Project is one of the facets of the National Program of Links which is designed "to identify, motivate, and guide non-white youth in America to their maximum growth potential." Annually the Charlotte Links relate to the needs and

interest of the young people in this community by planning and executing a program which will enhance the quality of youthful lives. Last year a Career Clinic was sponsored for high school students, and Links presented a half-hour television special on WTUV featuring outstanding young Blacks. In addition, Link members took one of Miss Anita Stroud's youth groups to the Mint Museum. In the past, the organization sponsored a full tuition scholarship for a college student. Planned for this spring is an Art Exhibition.

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5-Point Plan

County Commissioners Adopt Energy Program

The Mecklenburg County Board of Commissioners has adopted an Energy Conservation Program designed to reduce the use of energy in local government and in private business.

The five-point program was approved by the Commissioners this week and it is effective immediately.

The coordinator for the program will be Kenneth Hoffman, County Engineer. He has been named the County's Energy Conservation Coordinator and is responsible for directing County Government's efforts to conserve energy.

One step in the new program will be the establishment of a Community Energy Conservation Committee. Members of the committee will be appointed by the County Commissioners and they will be responsible for directing County-wide energy conservation efforts. This committee will, for example, make sug-

\$5.1 Billion Asked For 1975 Supplementals

Washington—President Ford's 1976 fiscal year budget includes \$1.7 billion in new funding authority for the Department of Labor and its programs, Secretary of Labor Peter J. Brennan announced.

The budget proposal also includes requests for \$5.1 billion in immediate 1975 supplementals to pay for aid to the unemployed in both 1975 and 1976.

"The President's budget will better equip us to meet the needs of American working men and women at a time when millions are out of work," Secretary Brennan said. "It will also help us carry out important new assignments."

Among other things, we will be better able to protect the pension rights of American workers under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974.

"In addition," Brennan added, "President Ford has given us the tools to help American workers under already existing programs by providing manpower training and placement services; better protections in job safety and health, equal employment opportunity, employment standards, and labor-management relations; and more complete and accurate labor statistics so vital to assessing changes in the economy."

The new funding authority requested for 1976 is \$8.7 billion lower than the current 1975 estimate because balances from the \$3.9 billion appropriated by Congress in the Urgent Supplemental Appropriation Act for aid to the unemployed and the \$5.1 billion supplemental now requested by the President for 1975 will be available in 1976. This money is requested in advance to assure that aid can be given the unemployed when due.

Major new Labor Department program budget requests include:

Special Workers' Compensation Benefits — \$201 million. Because of increased costs and workload regarding benefit payments under the Federal Employees' Compensation Act.

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Post Office Will Be Closed Monday

The following is the Post Office schedule for Washington's Birthday Holiday weekend of Feb. 15 to 17.

On Saturday, February 15, normal Saturday service will be provided. Collections will be made in main traffic arteries and at all air mail collections plus collections in business areas.

On Sunday, Feb. 16, collections will be made in main traffic arteries and at all air mail collection points. Holiday schedules for receipt and dispatch of mail will be observed. Usual Sunday box service and Special Delivery service will be provided on Sunday.

Monday will be observed as a National Legal Holiday. A box service window will be open at the Main Post Office from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. and at all Classified Stations from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.

A Self Service Postal unit will be in operation at the Amity Gardens Shopping Center, American Bank and Trust located at 5930 Fairview Road, Tryon Mall Shopping Center, and in the Main Post Office Lobby. Stamp vending machines are available at all postal stations.



ROWE "Jack" Motley
New Commissioner

gestions to local government and private businesses on energy-saving measures and develop statistics and other information on the amount of energy that can be saved through a staggered work hour system and car pooling. Another step in the program will be a contest for the

County's approximately 1,800 employees with cash prizes awarded for the best suggestions for energy conservation in County operations. The competition, which will be open to all full-time County employees, will be held later this month. Entries will be judged by a 10-member Employee Energy Conservation Committee.

An extensive analysis will be made of all County buildings and past energy use records will be established for electricity, oil and gas. Each of the County's buildings will be analyzed for ways to cut back lighting, reduce heat and cooling loss, and conserve energy in every way possible.

Also, a set of specifications will be developed to establish minimum requirements for new County buildings. These specifications will require energy conservation measures in building design and in heating the air conditioning systems.



Even if you're on the RIGHT TRACK, if you JUST SIT THERE, you'll be run over.