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PAMELA STINSON

..Enjoys quiet moment in Marshall Park

Photo By Jim Black

1975 North Graduate

Captivating Pam Stinson

Is "Beauty Of The Week"

By POLLY MANNING
Post Staff Writer

"I enjoy helping people and nursing is one way to do it," stated Pamela Stinson, the Post Beauty of the Week.

Pam has plans of attending A&T State University in the fall to major in Nursing. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Stinson of 9442 Feldbank Drive.

Our Beauty lists as her hobbies swimming, bowling, and playing pool. "I've taken swimming lessons at the McCroery Branch YMCA under the direction of Mr. Harris for one summer and part of the fall," she explained.

Miss Stinson is a 1975 graduate of North Mecklenburg High School. While attending North she was a member of the Junior Achievement Club, DECAA Club, French I Club, and the Red Cross.

"In the French I Club everyone raised money and gave it to the Student Council to use for various emergencies," stated Pam.

The Stinson family attends University Park Baptist Church where Rev. James E. Palmer is the pastor. Pam is a member of her Church's Young Adult Choir.

Miss Stinson was recently presented in the Debutante Ball sponsored by Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. She was sixth runner-up to "Miss Debutante."

She is the only daughter in a family of four. "This doesn't present a problem," smiled Pam. "My brothers don't really hassle me."

Pam is born under the sign of Aquarius. She is very proud of her sign. Aquarius being the first sign of the zodiac makes her feel as if she has a head start on everyone. She also feels that all Aquarians are happy or at least they should be. "We have so much to be happy about," she beamed.

She is 18 years old, weighs 145 pounds and stand 5-foot-6

inches tall. When asked what would be the biggest adjustment she would have to make when leaving for school, she stated, "I have to get away from being a mother's baby. I'm going to have to learn to make it on my own without the help of my parents or friends."

She has plans of getting married next year to Melvin Morrison. They have been engaged for six months.

"When asked if she agreed with the North Carolina Death Penalty Law Miss Stinson stated, "I don't feel as if the death law is necessary. Long-term imprisonment would be sufficient punishment."

Pam considers her parents as the most important people in her life. "I care for them a great deal," stated Pam. She feels that people should live one day at a time, this way they will not be rushing things."

Nation's Welfare Rolls

Held Steady In March

The growth rate in the Nation's welfare rolls held steady for the second month in a row in March at 0.8 percent, HEW Secretary Caspar W. Weinberger reported last week.

Recipients of aid to families with dependent children (AFDC)—the biggest U. S. cash assistance welfare program—numbered a record 11,346,994 in March, 94,947 persons or 0.8 percent higher than in February.

However, the March growth rate—the same as in February—was well under the January increase of 1.4 percent.

John A. Svahn, Acting Administrator of HEW's Social and Rehabilitation Service, expressed confidence that the growth rate in the rolls would taper off, citing present signs of improving economic conditions.

Noting that the rolls began rising last August, Mr. Svahn said "clearly, the increase over recent months would have been greater if the Federal-State error-reduction program had not been pursued vigorously at the same time."

This "quality-control" program is aimed at reducing the number of ineligible on the rolls and minimizing payment errors. The program is one of a number of major initiatives begun by SRS to improve AFDC.

Recipients under the unemployed father segment of AFDC totalled 532,327 in March, up 23,391 or 4.6 percent over February, and up 16.6 percent over March a year ago. Twenty-five States provided such aid in both periods. Some had declines in the Unemployed Father category in March 1975—Hawaii, 7.5 percent, Michigan, 1.7 Minnesota, 0.7, New York, 1.7, Oregon, 2.5, Rhode Island, 4.1, Washington, 3.7, and West Virginia, 3.3.

Total Federal State public

assistance expenditures, including Medicaid, were \$2,033,746,000 in March. Of that amount, AFDC money payments totalled \$749,810,000, an increase of 1.6 percent over February and 16.1 percent over March a year ago. During that same period, 48 States increased their average welfare payments because of increased living costs.

Total payments to vendors for medical assistance came to \$1,180,908,000 in March. In February, they were \$1,119,984,000. In March 1974 they were \$924,999,000. The March-to-March increase was 27.7 percent, due in part to the fact that medical costs have risen in proportion to the rest of the economy.

To Staff Manager

North Carolina Mutual Promotes Mr. Ramseur

Charles Ramseur of 3201 Dawnshire Drive has been promoted to the position of staff manager of North Carolina Mutual Insurance Co.

Ramseur came to North Carolina Mutual Insurance Company in February of 1965. He qualified for the President's Club Convention that year, leading his company in industrial sales, winning the top honors in the Cloudburst Program.

The next year he won the President's Club convention and in 1974, he was named "Agent of the Year" for the Charlotte District. Ramseur has won the South Carolina Underwriters' Convention four times plus a number of other district trophies.

"The ability to work with and motivate other agents

Council Eliminates Transfer Fee

Effective Tuesday, July 1, riders on buses operated by Charlotte City Coach Lines will no longer be required to pay a 10-cent transfer fee. City Council has appropriated \$125,000 to eliminate the charge for fiscal year 1975-76.

Even though the fee has been eliminated, bus passengers will still have to obtain a transfer slip from the driver. The number of slips will determine the amount of reimbursement to the bus company and transfer data will assist City transportation officials in future route studies.

The elimination of the transfer fee is one of many adjustments being planned by the City's Transportation Planning Coordinator since City Council signed a lease-management agreement with the local bus company. Under the plan the City can make adjustments to existing routes, schedules and fees to improve the overall level of service.

Eddie Battle Named Top Special Agents

Special Agent Eddie B. Battle, who is a representative of the E. L. "Jim" Horton and Associates Agency of the Prudential Insurance Company is attending the President's Club Conference in

Bermuda. The conference at the Southampton Princess Hotel begins June 22 and ends the 26 is an annual meeting honoring the company's top-ranking Special Agents, Division Managers and Managers.

Battle will be honored as a member of the President's Club, President's Honor Guard and the Hall of Honor which is composed of Prudential's leading Ordinary Agency Underwriters in the South-Central territory.



Charles Ramseur
...Top awards winner

with ideas, and to inspire them to get out and get the job done," said Ramseur, are the personal qualifications that I

Political Studies Show

Urban Black Mayors Face Many Difficult Problems



Police Officers confer shortly after two gunmen robbed Elder's Super Market on Beatties Ford Road Saturday night. The store was

crowded during the bold holdup, but no one was injured.

Photo By Jim Black

Two Charged In Elder's Supermarket Robbery

According to police report, Jimmy Leon Garlin Jr., 21 of 1029 McArthur Avenue, Apartment Number Two and Lester Lee Artis of 543 Kentbrook Drive have been charged in connection with Saturday's robbery at Elder's Supermarket, 2115 Beatties Ford Road.

Reportedly about \$6,500 were taken from the supermarket in the bold holdup which occurred between 4:30 p.m. and 4:45 p.m. The Secur-

ity Guards who normally patrol the store were not there at the time of the robbery.

Approximately 40 customers and employees were in the store when the two robbers walked in "and shouted obscenities and told people to lie down on the floor," said employee Howard Norman.

An alert employee in the back of the store heard the commotion on the P.A. System and alerted police in the

area. Luckily for Elder's Supermarket officials, the police were a block away at One-Hour Martinizing. "We were very fortunate. We make several night deposit and daily deposits and do not keep much cash on hand," said William D. Elder, owner of the store.

"That was the first robbery in the two year history of the store said Elder, who has been in the grocery store business for 40 years.

In April

1.8 Million Household

Heads Were Unemployed

Washington -- About 1.8 million more household heads were unemployed in April 1975 than in October 1973 (when the unemployment rate dropped to a post-1970 low), the U. S.

Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics reported.

The jobless rate among household heads reached 6.0 percent in April 1975, double the average rate for the 1963-74 period (2.8 percent) and half again as high as the previous peak (4.0 percent) recorded during the first half of 1963. The overall unemployment rate in April 1975 was 8.9 percent.

Household heads accounted for 39 percent, or 3.2 million, of the unemployed in April 1975, up from 34 percent, or 1.4 million, in October 1973.

Men heading families of two or more persons accounted for about three-quarters of the household heads in the labor force and women who head families for about one-tenth; the remainder were persons living alone or with others who are not related to them.

The unemployment rate for male family heads increased 2½ times since October 1973 to 5.3 percent in April. It was still much lower than the 9.3-percent rate for women who head families, a group that faces high unemployment (7.1 percent in October 1973) in good times as well as bad.

The financial effect of unemployment on the family can be cushioned by the presence of other earners. According to the latest information avail-

able on this subject, in March 1974 about 30 percent of the families with an unemployed family head had another family member, usually the wife, as a full-time earner. Because of the sharp increase in unemployment over the past year, this situation may now be quite different.

Total employment increased for the second month in a row, rising by 320,000 to 84.4 million, seasonally adjusted. Since March, employment has expanded by 550,000, after registering 6 consecutive monthly declines that totaled 2.6 million. Adult males accounted for more than two-thirds of the April-May job gain.

After showing little movement from last October to February, the civilian labor force rose for the third consecutive month, increasing by 680,000 to 92.9 million in May. All of this increase came among adult males and teenagers.

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The civilian labor force participation rate—the proportion of the civilian population either working or looking for work—surged to a high of 61.6 percent in May.

130 Blacks Head Major Cities

According to the Joint Center for Political Studies, there are today 130 black mayors, in 1973 there were 82; in 1970 there were 40. As the chances grow for a black politician to make it to the top in municipal government, so do the problems he will face as an urban mayor. Reader's Digest, in its July issue, examines both facets of this significant political story.

Written by former United States Information Agency Director Carl T. Rowan and David M. Mazie, the article points out that black mayors do not operate exclusively in southern and border states. Ohio, Michigan and New Jersey have nine each; Illinois has eight; California, five.

While the white flight to the suburbs has to be counted as a factor in the emergence of black mayors in cities, the authors also credit a new white trust in black politicians. "In almost every case, blacks have won against white opposition," the article says.

On the plus side for this new breed of urban politician are the tremendous morale factors his election engenders for the city's black population and a new sense of confidence in municipal government. The minus side, however, is weighty. "He must walk a tightrope between the demands of the blacks, who have been shortchanged for centuries, and the concerns of the wary whites, who still are not certain how to react to a black mayor—and who still wield economic, if not political, power," the article comments.

In addition, the black mayor faces the same difficult problems his white colleagues are struggling with—inadequate education systems, deteriorating housing and tax base, and a tight job market. "Some crucial urban problems are beyond immediate solution, no matter what the skin color of the person in the mayor's chair," The Digest observes.

Human Development

Center To Hold

Open House Sunday

The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Council of PTA's will co-sponsor with the PTA of the Center for Human Development an OPEN HOUSE at the Center for Human Development 3500 Ellington Street, Sunday June 29 from 3 til 5 p.m.

The public is invited to visit the center at this time to see how the Center provides for the needs of the developmentally handicapped and disabled. The PTA at the Center involves parents in a special education setting working with staff in the solution of their problems.

PTA invites the public to come out Sunday, June 29 to observe first hand how the needs of mental retardates and multiple handicapped children are being met in Mecklenburg County.

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