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BLACK NEWSPAPERS EFFECTIVELY REACH BY FAR, MORE BLACK CONSUMERS

Majority Unemployed Are White

By Sidney Moore Jr.
Post Staff Writer

Even though more people were employed in 1977 than at any other time in history, almost seven million people were out of work, according to a recent publication.

"Out of work": The Impact of Unemployment and What's Being Done About It," by Harry Fleishman, is the title of the paper. Its author is Director of Labor and Race Relations of the American Jewish Committee (AJC), a group that "advances the cause of improved human relations for all people."

Unemployment problems are discussed as to their "extent, history, social effects and measures being offered to combat" them, said an AJC statement. Fleischman calls for "a national debate to pinpoint the issues," since "many of the suggested solutions run counter to one another."

He said there is a relation "between high unemployment and high crime rates, as well as with inter-group hostility, mental disorders, alcoholism, suicide and various physical illnesses."

The paper indicates that the majority of unemployed people are white, even though blacks and other minorities as a group are the worse victims of unemployment.

For January, Fleischman [illegible] unemployment at seven [illegible] employment was five and one-half percent, while blacks had 12.7 percent unemployed.

Youth unemployment was pegged at 13.7 percent for whites and 36.7 percent for blacks.

Programs instituted by various national adminstrations intended to solve the problem of high unemployment were reviewed by the publication. The author covered such current programs as the Public Works Jobs Bill, Comprehensive Employment andTraining Act, Humphrey-Hawkins Bill and Youth Employment and Demonstration Projects Act, said the statement.

Proposals made by the Committee For Economic Development and the executive council of the AFL-CIO were also outlined.

The publication is the first in a series, according to AJC.

Citizens Respond To Tapping Fee Deadline

The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Utility Department reports applications for single residents water-sewage service for the first week of April rose sharply over the same period last year. Actual figures are: 106 (water for 1978 - 12 for 1977; and 107 (sewer) for 1978 - 16 for 1977.application totals have been on the increase since the first of March. This response follows recent public notification of the tapping privilege fee deadlinr and has resulted in total customer savings of nearly $212,000.

A GOSSIPER: One who can give you all the details without knowing any of the facts.

LOVELY OLIVIA SURRATT
...Promising fashion career

Olivia G. Surratt Is Beauty Of Week

By Jeri Harvey
Post Staff Writer

Lovely Olivia Germaine Surratt is the Post Beauty of the Week. The 19-year-old Pisces graduated from Myers Park High in 1977 and this fall will enter Brookes Fashion Institute in Long Beach, California to major in Fashion Merchandising and minor in Professional Modeling.

It was a suggestion by her boyfriend, Richard Maxwell, that led Olivia to decide upon a fashion career. Though she studied fashion merchandising at Myers Park, Olivia hadn't seriously considered it as a profession until Richard encouraged her... She hopes to model early in her career and later turn to merchandising.

It was while leafing through the pages of a popular fashion magazine that Olivia discovered Brookes Fashion Institute. "I decided to go there because they seemed to offer more than the schools around here," Olivia expallaned. "I'll be able to do a lot more traveling too,"she mentioned, adding, "I love to travel."

Another source of encouragement for Olivia has been her older sister, Debra Williams, with whom she has lived since her parents died. "My sister and I have a very close relationship. She's been a mother, father and friend to me as well as a sister,"Olivia revealed. She also has one older brother.

About the same time that Olivia leaves for school in California, boyfriend Richard will leave for Morehouse College in Atlanta to major in business economics. She said she doesn't expect the separation to put too great a strain on the relationship because it is a very strong one. Marriage must wait until they both graduate and get careers started, though, she's decided.

For relaxation our beauty enjoys biking, skating and listening to "good jazz." Al Jarreau is one of her favorite artists.

She loves to shop and considers herself quite a conservative dresser, choosing most of her things from Montaldo's and T Edwards.

On April 30, Olivia will be in a fashion show in Winston-Salem put on by her cousin, who owns the Bonnie Baldwin Modeling School of High Fashion. This will be the first modeling she's done since graduating from high school and she's looking forward to it eagerly.

Olivia is a [illegible] of Gethsemane Baptist Church,3870 Dr. Carver Drive. Rev. C. E. Dewberry is her pastor. 30

Big Saving Possible In Air Conditioning

One of the best ways to offset part of the increased cost of last winter's heating bills is to reduce the expense of cooling your home in the hot months just ahead.

Here is just an example of the potential for cost cutting with wise use of the air conditioner; Raising the thermostat setting from 72 degrees to 78 will save you about 36 percent in cooling costs.

North Carolina State University agricultural extension engineers suggest setting the thermostat no lower than 78 to 80 degrees for cooling.

Good insulation and tight doors and windows are just as important in keeping heat out of an air conditioned home in summer as it is in keeping out cold in a heated house in winter. Be sure all openings to the attic are well sealed.You know how terrifically hot it can get in an attic on a scorching summer day.

Removing moisture from the air is important to cooling in summer. Use exhaust fans to get excess moisture out of the bath and kitchen.

On sunny days, close light-colored draperies, blinds and shades to block out the sun. Dark colors absorb heat, so consider using a light colored lining if you're using dark draperies.

Shading is an obvious way to reduce heat buildup in the house. Trees located properly will help. You may have windows or glass doors where some type of awing would help shade out solar heat.

Keep the air intake filters in your cooling system free for efficient operation of the air conditioners.

And the obvious alternative: don't turn the cooling system on until necessary. Opening the house to take advantage of any cooling breezes will save you money.

...ens, Low ...ups Are Fed-Up

Group Cites Legislative Action

By Sidney Moore Jr.
Post Staff Writer

Possible cuts in Medicaid benefits has caused a local group to speak-out.

"Senior citizens and other low-income groups are fed-up with the actions our state legislature has taken on the Medicaid program," said a statement from Senior Citizens for Better Health Care. Spokesman Theodore Allen said the group is four years old and has about 125 members. It has a non-profit organization charter and it addresses numerous issues of concern to the elderly.

He cited lower bus rates for the elderly and better ambulance service as two issues the organization has wokred on, in addition to Medicaid.

The statement from the group cited legislative action taken last June, which resulted in the dropping of dental care from the medicaid program and froze payments for other kinds of care. A commission was established to contain the cost of medicaid.

The group held a news conference on Wednesday at 3 p.m. to kick-off their effort to keep lawmakers from cutting services futher. Addison Apartments was the site of the conference.

Activities are planned between now and May 31, when the General Assembly reconvenes, said the statement.

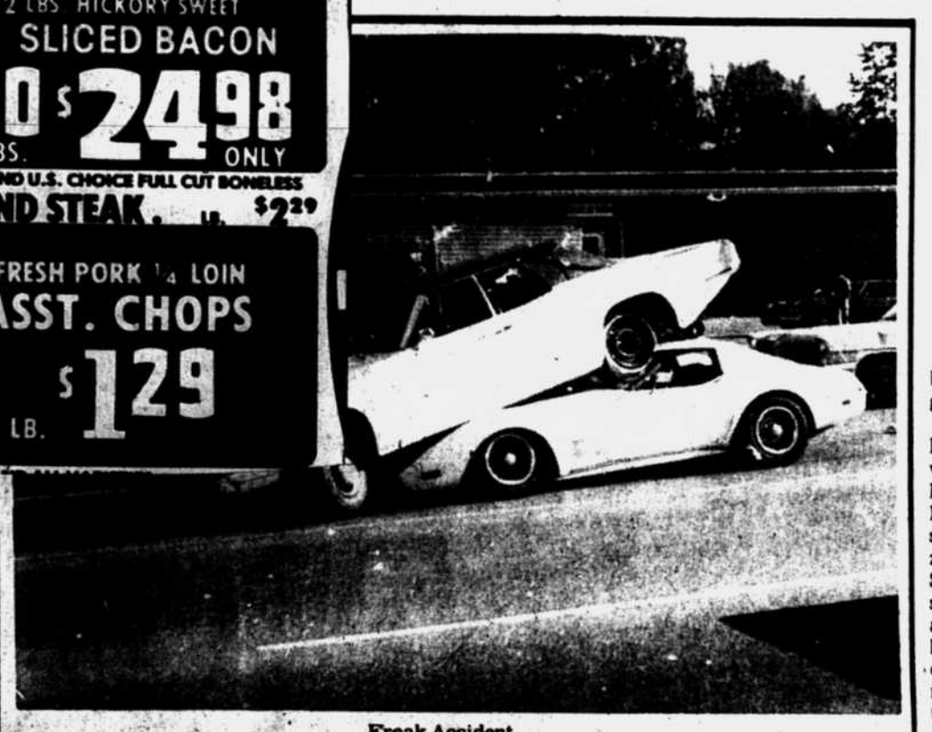
"It is time for the people affected by these decisions to stand up and speak out on the gross injustices that are occurring. This is an election year and we intend to make this an issue before the legislators from each area," said the statement.

Craig Lawing is co-chairman of the medicaid "Cost-Containment Study Commission."

The State Senator said Tuesday that there is a better than even chance that the dental care provision will again be included as a medicaid service. He said no further cuts are anticipated for the coming fiscal year, but legal problems may cause a loss of $50 million in federal funds for Medicaid in 1979.

Lawing announced that the U.S. Supreme Court has refused to hear a North Carolina case concerning a "certificate of need" for Medicaid funds. He said this action may require the state to pass two constitutional amendments making it legal for the state to receive such funds.

In the meantimne, Lawing says there is a reasonable chance that benefits will be better rather than worse.



Freak Accident

Lewis Jackson, of 1735 Berryhill Rd. walked away with only a cut hand after his late model Stingray ran underneath a Thunderbird driven by John Schnelzer of Rock Hill. The accident occured on West Boulevard around 4:45 Thursday afternoon. According to Schnelzer, he had stopped to make a left turn into a super market lot and "the next thing I knew my rear end was up in the air." He said he and his wife were in Charlotte on business and groaned that "I wish I had left before this happened." Neither he nor Mrs. Schnelzer appeared to have suffered any injury though they were obviously shaken. Jackson said he didn't know what happened and added, "The first thing I knew I was under the other car." I can't explain it." Jackson operates Save More Grocery at 1200 Beatties Ford Road Police officer Thomas J. Worth refused to say if anyone would be charged in the accident until his investigation is complete.

"Justice And The Poor" Is Theme Of NCCLA Conference

"Justice and the Poor" will be the theme of a Conference on Friday, April 21, sponsored by the North Carolina Central Legal Assistance Program. The Conference will be held at the St. Joseph's AME Church in Durham.

The Conference will have three aims: to examine legal problems confronting the poor, to educate the community about the law and legal system and, to discuss strategies for helping the poor to obtain justice. It will include a luncheon at 12:00 noon followed by workshops in consumer law, courts and government, criminal justice, family law, housing law, and public assistance.

Charles Daye, Professor of Law at the University of North Carolina Law School and President of the North Carolina Association of Black Lawyers will be the luncheon speaker. The workshop panels will include: James Kerr, Director of the Durham Housing Authority; Dan Hudgins, Director of the Durham County Department of Social Services; James Carr, Clerk of Court-Durham County; Ben Ruffin, Assistant to the Governor; and other lawyers, agency officials, and commuinty workers.

This Conference will bring together a wide variety of legal and community resources to renew efforts to make our system of justice more responsive to the problems and needs of the poor people. This is the first Conference of this type in this area.

Advance registrations are $3.00 and include the luncheon and choice of two workshops. Registrations received after Tuesday, Aprial 18, 1978 will require a $5.00 fee.

The North Central Legal Assistance Program is a non-profit corporation funded by the Legal Services Corporation in Washington, D. C. It provides free legal assistance in a wide range of civil matters to persons who cannot afford to hire a private lawyer. In addition, it provides community legal education programs designed to make poor people aware of their legal rights and responsibilities. The program, formerly known as the Legal Aid Society of Durham County, provides service to more than 50,000 eligible persons in Durham, Vance, and Granville Counties.

For more information about the Conference, call Darryl Smith, Conference Coordinator, at 688-6396

Red Cross Schools Need Students

The Greater Carolinas Chapter of the American Red Cross invites interested persons to attend is aquatic, first aid, small craft schools to be held at Camp Rockmount near Asheville, N.C.

The school starts on June 1, and ends on June 11.

"These Red Cross schools help meet the need for qualified swimming and lifesaving first aid, CPR and caoneing instructors," said Ms. Becky VanWie, volunteer chairwoman of the Water Safety Committee.

A comprehensive curriculm of lectures, seminars, course instruction and practice sessions at Rockmount will teach the tecniques of water safety, small crafts and first aid.

For application forms, call the Red Cross Chapter at 376-1661 or write to 2425 Park Road, Charlotte, NC 28203.

Filing Deadline For Delegate Status Approaches

The deadline for filing as a candidate for delegate or alternate status for the 1978 National Democratic Party Conference is rapidly approaching.

In order for a registered Democrat to become a delegate to the 1978 National Democratic Party Conference, he or she must declare his candidacy for the delegate position in writing by informing the State Democratic Headquarters, P. O. Box 12165, Raleigh, N. C. 27605, not later than April 24, 1978. Such information should contain the full name of the candidates, address, telephone number(s) and the name of the candidates county.

According to the Delegate Selection Plan adopted by the State Democratic Party, twenty-two (22) delegates and twenty-two (22) alternates for the National Party Conference will be elected at the Congressional District Conventions, with two (2) delegates and two (2) alternates being chosen at each district convention.

All Congressional District Conventions will be held on May 20, 1978 at 1:00 p.m.

At WBTV Convocation

Jackson To Speak Here

The Rev. Jesse Jackson, nationally-known columnist, lecturer and Ordained Baptist Minister, will be the speaker for the WBTV High School Convocation, to be held Thursday, April 20th at 10:30 AM at Ovens Auditorium In Charlotte.

The Rev. Jackson was born in Greenville, S. C. and now lives in Chicago with his wife and five children. He attended the University of Illinois, and received a BS Degree in Sociology from A & T College in Greensboro, N. C.

In 1967 he was appointed National Director of SCLC's Operation Bread Basket by the late Dr. Martin Luther King. He remained in that position until 1977 when he joined operation PUSH (People United to Save Humanity).

Jesse Jackson
...Famed Black Leader

He is now involved in the PUSH program for excellence in education.

The Reverend Jackson writes a column for the Los Angeles Times Syndicate, and appears in about three dozen newspapers across the country. A frequent lecturer at high schools and colleges, he has received honorary doctorate degrees from seventeen colleges and universities.

In 1977, he received the Golden Key Award, presented annually by the American Assocation of School Administrators to a citizen who has contributed significantly to the national welfare.

Free Voter Pamphlets Available

"Facts for Voters," a pamphlet published by the Charlotte-Mecklenburg League of Women Voters, has been revised and is available free to the public at area libraries, the Board of Elections office and political party and candidates' headquarters.

Anyone desiring single copies may also send a stamped self-addressed envelope to the League office, 212 Providence Rd., Charlotte, N. C.