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ADORBALE ELEANOR HOEY
...Dark room technician
Eleanor Hoey

Is Beauty Of Week

By Teresa Burns
Post Staff Writer

Becoming an independent soul is one of life's many struggles. Yet, our beauty Eleanor Hoey, seems to have achieved this despite her worldly years of 23.

"I try to be independent," Ms. Hoey began, "I enjoy being independent. Do it yourself - Don't get anyone to do it for you. I don't like to feel like I owe anyone anything."

Our beauty has worked since she was 15 years of age. Her career interest in photography has blossomed and she is now being trained to become a dark room technician at Edison Searles Photography Studio. She also completed two quarters of Graphic Art at Central Piedmont Community College.

"It's interesting work," Ms. Hoey commented about photography, "You don't have to worry about the work getting slow. People are forever taking pictures."

Ms. Hoey remarked that she leads a rather simple life. Her ambitions, however, are far from the vein

Bill Culp Predicts 10,000

By Eileen Hanson
Special To The Post

Election Board Supervisor Bill Culp expects 80,000 voters to go to the polls on Tuesday, May 6 for the Democratic and Republican primaries and the School Board election.

"I anticipate a 40-45 percent turnout, slightly more than last year because this is a presidential year," said Culp. This will be the first time in N.C. that the presidential primary and local primaries are on the same day.

According to Culp, the hottest races are for Mecklenburg County Commissioners, Lieutenant Governor and Insurance Commissioner.

Culp predicts 10,000 black voters - about a third of those registered - will go to the polls. At latest count, 33,000 blacks are registered

Blacks Will Vote Tuesday

Black voters will be especially interested in the race for State Senate. The late Sen. Fred Alexander's name will appear on the ballot, along with 4 other Democratic candidates. Alexander was the only black in the State Senate at the time of his death.

To retain the possibility of a black running for that office in the November election, voters would have to elect Alexander posthumously.

In the presidential primary voters will cast their preference for the next U.S. president. This vote only binds the delegates to the national party conventions to cast their first ballot in proportion to the votes cast for each candidate in the primary.

Culp thinks the School Board race is perhaps the most important race, but it's receiving the least attention.

"With 19 candidates running for 5 seats, a runoff election is almost a certainty," said Culp. A candidate must get a majority of the votes cast to be elected. A runoff would be held June 3. The School Board is a non-partisan election.

Voting will take place Tuesday, May 6 at 111 polling places throughout the county. For information contact the Board of Elections at 374-2133. The see CULP on Page 2

Rev. Sullivan Joins President

Carter's Push For Fair Housing

May Is Older Americans' Month

RALEIGH - Sally Lee is 78 years old and lives in the same home she and her husband purchased in 1935. Her husband John died two years ago. She has three children who are all married and live in other parts of the country. About the only time she sees them is at Christmas.

She has had arthritis for quite a while, but it has worsened in the last two years. She is unable to do many of the household chores or drive a car to her doctor's office or the grocery store. She has told her children "I'm about ready to give up my home, as much as I hate to, and go into a rest home." Her only income is a \$250 a month social security check.

There are thousands of elderly people in North Carolina in about the same predicament as Sally. Their "nuclear" families have spread to the four corners and they have no one to help them in their later years when they become unable to function independently.

These people are a part of the aging phenomenon referred to as the "Graying of America". Today's average life expectancy is 69 for men and 77 for women. The average life expectancy for all Americans in 1940 was only 63 years.

Today, 11 percent of the nation's population is 65 or older. It has been estimated that by the year 2030, 18 percent of this country's population - 55 million people - will be in that age category.

One of the most obvious results of these demographic changes will be the increased costs for programs serving older people. National estimates show that by 2010, the cost of these programs are expected to triple to \$350 see MAY on Page 15



TOP LEVEL MANAGEMENT - show left Theodora Witherspoon and Alfred L. Alexander Jr., Mrs. Alexander.

Alexander Invest In Downtown Revitalization

Alexander Funeral Home, Inc., has become the first black business during 1980 to invest in the revitalization of downtown Charlotte, with a 5,000 sq. ft. expansion of its Third Ward facility and a change in its top management, to bring on line a third generation of Alexanders.

The new addition, when completed during the summer, will contain a chapel, wake rooms, and merchandise display area. Financing for the project is being handled by City National Bank; design by Clary Architects, Inc., and actual construction by Butler and Sidbury, Inc. The construction phase of the project carries a \$225,000 price tag.

Additionally the company has undergone a reorganization that brings on line younger management. Under the reorganization, Z. Alexander Jr., former Secretary-Treasurer, becomes corporate secretary, while Kelly M. Alexander Sr., former President, becomes Chairman of the Board; Alfred L. Alexander, a graduate of North Carolina Central University and Gupton Jones School of Mortuary Science in Atlanta, Ga., has been elected President; Kelly M. Alexander Jr., a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, elected Vice President; Mrs. Theodora Alexander Witherspoon, elected Treasurer; Louis F. Alexander of Rutherford, N.J. becomes Vice Chairman of the Board; Mrs. Mauvine Alexander, the widow of State Senator Fred D. Alexander, was elected to the Board.

In other personnel changes, Alfred L. Alexander appointed Mr. Robert A. Walls, a veteran of over fourteen years with the company to the position of Operations Supervisor.

Alexander Funeral Home, Inc., is an outgrowth of a turn of the century partnership between Sid Coles and Z. Alexander, Sr. The first funeral home was located in Howells Arcade. Later, when the partnership was formalized in 1925 as W. L. Coles, Inc., the business was re-located to Brevard St., between Grace AME Zion Church and the MIC building. In 1954 Z. Alexander Sr. died, four years later in 1958, the present business was incorporated by his sons Z. Alexander Jr., Fred D. Alexander, Louis Alexander and Kelly M. Alexander Sr.

During the 50's and early 60's the business operated from a wood frame building at 323 S. Brevard St., just a half block from the center of the old black neighborhood of Brooklyn. Urban redevelopment of Brooklyn forced a relocation to the present site in Third Ward. Still serving the community after seventy-five years, Alexander Funeral Home, Inc., is perhaps the oldest black owned and managed business in Charlotte.

Fair Housing Is Most Important Legislation

Special To The Post

Calling President Carter's Push for Fair Housing the most important civil rights legislation in a decade, Rev. Leon Sullivan recently wired OIC Clergy Support Leaders across the nation in 150 communities and 47 states to get the support of their Congressmen and Senators.

Meeting with President Carter at the White House last week, the Black Philadelphia Clergyman who heads OIC of American, made a passionate plea for all-out mobilization in support of Clarence Mitchell, Jr., Chairman of the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, who is spearheading the campaign.

"It is time that the die-hard racist elements in the Real Estate industry learn that America is a democracy and the land of the free, where we can enforce the laws that enable our citizens to live in housing anywhere that they have the money to pay ...

I have wondered whether we would ever get a President and a Congress who would go all out to change the unfair housing practices or whether we would ever have the courage to take on the Real Estate establishment eyeball to eyeball."

In response to Mr. Louis Martin's inquiry about Sullivan's commitment, the so-called "lion of Zion" practically roared:

"You can count on me and the Ministers and Churches who support OIC across rural and Urban America."

The Bills currently making their way through Congress are H.R. 5200 and S. 506, The Fair Housing Amendments of 1980 to the Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968. Introduced by Congressman Don Edwards in the House, and Senator Birch Bayh in the Senate, the Bills have bi-partisan support from Congressman Tom Railsback and Senator Charles McMathias, Republicans.

The push now is to reach 143 targeted Congressmen who are uncertain votes according to Mr. Mitchell and Marvin Caplan whose Leadership Conference has been coordinating a lobbying strategy.

Rev. Jesse Jackson, President of PUSH who endorsed Rev. Sullivan's

Political Roast Planned For Radisson Plaza

A Political Roast and disco dance will be held at the Radisson Plaza's Carousel Room Saturday, May 3 at 8 p.m. Sponsored by Friends for Better Government, the semi-formal affair will feature local candidates vying for various offices.

Phil Berry, Charlotte-Mecklenburg School Board member running for reelection will be roasted by Rev. George Battle of Gethsemane AME Zion Church, and Bill Cunningham, president of Charlotte District League.

Bertha Maxwell will be roasted also. As a candidate for the North Carolina State House she will be roasted by Harvey Gantt, President of Gantt, Huberman and Associates, and Kelly Alexander, NAACP activist.

Judge T. Michael Todd, running to retain his judgeship in the District Court will be burned by Wayne Alexander, U.S. Assistant Attorney, and Rowe Motley, appointee and candidate for the N.C. State Senate.

Raleigh Bynum, candidate for Mecklenburg County Commission, will be roasted by Ron Leeper, City Councilman and Bob Walton, candidate for Charlotte County Commission.

Donation is \$10 and funds will assist the candidates' campaigns.

Hank Aaron, Gospel Choirs Will Highlight "Get Out The Vote" Rally

by Eileen Hanson
Special To The Post

Homerun king Hank Aaron and 10 Gospel choirs will highlight a "Get Out The Vote" rally and Gospel singing Sunday, May 4 at Park Center at 3 p.m. Admission is free.

Harvey Gantt, former city councilman, and Ron Leeper, District 3 councilman, will share the speaker's platform with Aaron, retired baseball hero of the Atlanta Braves.

Candidates for the May 6 primary will be on hand to meet voters, but in keeping with the non-partisan theme of the program, they will not give speeches. However, voters will be encouraged to vote for the late Fred Alexander in the N. C. Senate race.

"We want people to vote for Alexander because it is the only way we can maintain a black representative in the Senate," said Lonnie



Hank Aaron
...Ex-major leaguer

Graves of the Vote Task Force.

If Alexander wins posthumously, the Democratic Party senatorial committee will appoint someone to fill that place on the November election ballot. Last week Gov. Jim Hunt confirmed the appointment of Rowe Motley to fill Alexander's unexpired term until November.

Rally organizers include the James Barnett Evangelistic Crusade and the Vote Task Force. They hope the appearance of Hank Aaron will spark interest in the primary in the black community, especially among young voters.

"Just as Hank Aaron set a homerun record in baseball, let's set a voting record in Charlotte-Mecklenburg on May 6," said Rev. Barnett.

"Last September we lost the opportunity to elect a black mayor because we did not vote our full strength. This must never happen again," according to Barnett, referring to Harvey Gantt who lost his bid for mayor of Charlotte by a thousand votes in the September, 1979 city primary.

According to Vote Task Force vice chairman Graves, "We now have 33,000 registered blacks, up from 28,000 a year ago."

This represents slightly more than half of the eligible black voters in the county.

Among the Gospel groups appearing will be St. Paul Hymn Choir, Rev. Don De Grate Delegation, Oak Grove Mass Choir and choirs from Gethsemane, Ebenezer and Greater Galilee Baptist Churches.

Members of the John McCombs, Jr. Defense Committee will also solicit petitions asking Gov. Hunt to help the 24-year old Charlottean secure a new trial. McCombs is serving 65 years in Central Prison because he shot and killed a man who broke into his college apartment 4 years ago. The intruder was an unidentified policeman.

McCombs' supporters say the new U.S. Supreme Court decision requiring police to have search warrants before entering a private home will strengthen McCombs' case if he can secure a new trial.

New Resolutions Could Effect N.C. Motorists

Carolina Motor Club's board of directors recently adopted five resolutions on laws which could drastically affect North and South Carolina motorists.

The board voted to support legislation allowing each state to determine if it wants an emissions inspection and maintenance program.

As part of the Clean Air Act of 1970, states are now mandated by the Environmental Protection Agency to have a program by 1981.

Legislation to increase allowable truck size and weight met with opposition from the board. Members pointed out that rising truck-related accidents and accelerating highway deterioration are linked to vehicle size, according to the Carolina Motor Club newsletter.

To minimize confusion and frustration caused by odd-even gas rationing plans, the board called for uniform and simple state emergency rationing programs.

Directors voted for reinstatement of the federal fuel tax deduction which was abolished in 1978. Prior to 1978 motorists could deduct "legitimate and reasonable costs of state taxes on fuel from their federal income tax" the newsletter said.

To some women BATHING SUITS are more FITTING than PROPER.

