

Urban League Needs Volunteers

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The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Urban League needs volunteers. This non-profit organization matches disadvantaged and unemployed people with jobs in the private sector. It needs receptionist and clerical volunteers.

"You can see people's progress," according to Barbara Kloc, a CMUL job developer. "Volunteers can also find job contacts for themselves at the League, learn some pointers that will help them in their job search or in assessing their own career," she explained.

In the Private Sector Initiative Program the League entreats local businesses to hire minority applicants for positions as printing press trainee, photo lab technician, or cabinet maker.

A Woman's Program offers secure non-traditional jobs in the labor market and construction trades such as a housing rehabilitation supervisor and utility carpenter trainee.

Sensitivity, a desire to work with people, compatibility are helpful traits for volunteers to have, Ms. Kloc emphasized.

Volunteers concern themselves with application procedures and distributing referral forms.

Ms. Kloc described working for the Urban League as a team effort.

"When one person gets a job everyone's happy," she said.

Once a volunteer would be part of the team, she can acquire "a sense of having helped someone reach his goals," Ms. Kloc emphasized.

The League office at 951 S. Independence is open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; volunteers can schedule their own hours within that time slot.

Interested in volunteering? Call the Urban League at 372-7977 or the Voluntary Action Center.

NHS In Plaza

If you live in the area bounded by Central Ave., Hawthorne Ln., Parkwood, Mecklenburg Ave., Fort Street, Matheson Ave. and Briar Creek Rd., you are a resident of the Plaza-Midwood section, and therefore, can receive assistance from Neighborhood Housing Services (NHS).

NHS can help you obtain money for improvements to your home, either through local banks and savings and loans, or through a special loan fund set up for those who do not qualify for a normal bank loan.

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TURTLE-TALK



The trouble with life: you're halfway through before you realize it's one of those DO IT YOURSELF DEALS.



Lovely Celeste Johnson
 ...Howard Sophomore

Celeste Johnson

Is Beauty Of Week

By Teresa Burns
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Add our beauty's name, Celeste Johnson, to the list of Black Americans known for speaking up for their rights. Ms. Johnson is not as well known as Jesse Jackson or Nikki Giovanni, but her thoughts concerning Black Nationalism are just as relevant.

Now a sophomore at Howard University, majoring in Political Science with a minor in Marketing, Ms. Johnson's ambition is to become a corporate lawyer.

"I feel that if I apply myself I can make it in corporate law," she explained. "I'm at an advantage - I am Black and female. I plan to return to the Black community and make sure youths are aware of their rights."

Every facet of our beauty's life is engulfed with the purpose of improvement. She enjoys dancing, drawing, gymnastics and tennis. She believes that staying physically fit is equally as important as staying mentally alert.

She is treasurer of her dorm, Wheately at Howard University, a member of National Organization for Universities and Black Colleges (NOUBC), chairperson for Homecoming 1980 and is quite active in the NAACP and D.C. Voter Registration Drive.

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Collins Hails

HUD Policy Shift On Subsidized Housing

Congresswoman Cardiss Collins last week hailed an apparent policy shift by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) favoring subsidized housing for minorities in their own neighborhoods.

The Seventh District Chicago Democrat has long fought for subsidized housing in black neighborhoods such as her own mostly West Side district.

Congresswoman Collins (7th D-III.) praised the published statement Thursday of HUD Assistant Secretary Sterling Tucker that the Department planned to announce a new policy for locating federally subsidized housing next year.

"I am pleased that HUD is now prepared to recognize the right of people to have a fair share of assisted housing where the ma-

majority of them want to live," she said.

Mrs. Collins has fought for subsidized housing in minority and low income areas for the past several years. According to high level HUD officials, Congresswoman Collins provided much of the initial impetus and significant input for HUD's decision to reevaluate its rules on the location of subsidized housing.

In her fight to get more assisted housing for lower-income Chicago neighborhoods, Congresswoman Collins has met with officials of the HUD Chicago area office, then-Secretary Patricia Harris and discussed the issue with President Carter in May, 1978.

As Chairwoman of the Manpower and Housing Subcommittee of the House Committee on Government

Operations, she held hearings on the effects of the GAUTREUX decision in September of that year. Congresswoman Collins also introduced legislation to free Chicago from the strait-jacket of the GAUTREUX formula.

Although the Congresswoman ardently supports open housing, she objects to holding Chicago housing programs hostage to the unworkable dispersion formula of the GAUTREUX decision, which prevents subsidized housing from being built in black neighborhoods.

"Most people want to remain in their present neighborhoods," Congresswoman Collins stated, "and we should provide affordable housing to those entitled to it in that location."

Mrs. Collins noted with satisfaction the statement

that HUD will require serious attempts to deconcentrate lower income families and provide a wider choice of housing opportunities.

"I intend to monitor closely HUD's progress in this crucial effort to reevaluate the standards of locating subsidized housing," Congresswoman Collins concluded. "We in

Lowery Named To Committee

Governor Jim Hunt's campaign chairman for Mecklenburg County, John Belk, has named three local people to co-chair the steering committee.

Belk named Charlotte Mayor Pro-tem Betty Chafin, County Commission "Liz" Hair, and Mecklenburg businessman Bobby Lowery to the committee.

The Hunt steering committee is supporting a "get out the vote" campaign

aimed at minorities, according to Mrs. Hair.

Along with the Vote Task Force the steering committee will offer public transportation to the polls on Election Day.

It will contact residents in Districts 1, 2 and 3 door-to-door and drive those without transportation to their precincts.

Senior citizens will be transported in vans.

School And Politics Heats Up

The courts, U.S. Justice Department and local schools officials, among others, "are on the hot seat today," because of school desegregation, bilingual education and other issues which closely link politics and education, Congresswoman Cardiss Collins (D-III.) told a group of educators and other professionals Friday night.

The Seventh District U.S. Representative spoke at the Holiday Inn, Chicago City Centre, at the invitation of the Center for New Schools. Her talk followed a reception in her honor.

Mrs. Collins said the Justice Department's determined efforts in recent years to desegregate the nation's public schools have brought intense pressure from teacher unions, parent-teacher associations and civil rights and minority groups.

"Increasingly, Hispanic groups are getting into the action," insisting strongly on bilingual education... Clearly, politics and government are inextricably tied to education issues and will be for some time to come," according to Mrs. Collins.

The congresswoman cheered the recent settlement of the long-standing desegregation battle between the Chicago Board of Education and the Justice Department.

In late September, the board proposed, and Justice agreed, that the board would implement a desegregation plan by fall of 1981. The plan must be approved by the board by March, 1981 and public hearings will be held to allow for parental and community participation.

"Chicago educators, administrators and parents now have the perfect opportunity to give input to government officials to assist them to do a better job of educating our children," Congresswoman Collins said.



Rev. George E. Battle, member of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg School Board and pastor of the Greater Gethsemane AME Zion Church, chats with businessman Ernest Alford at Precinct 42.

In Memphis, Tenn.

73rd Holy Convocation

Will Convene November 4

The Seventy-third International Holy Convocation of the Church of God in Christ will convene in the World Headquarters of the Church, Memphis, Tenn., November 4-14, with His Grace, The Most Reverend J. O. Patterson, Presiding Bishop and the General Board, presiding jointly and severally.

The Church of God in Christ is the largest Pentecostal denomination in the world with a membership of better than 3.5 million members and expects better than 43,000 delegates from around the world to attend the Holy Convocation and General Assembly in November.

The Church of God in Christ will hold its quadrennial elections on Wednesday, November 12. At that time, the present administration, led by Presiding Bishop J. O. Patterson for the past 12 years, will be candidates for re-

election along with some eleven other bishops from around the United States who seek election to the General Board of Twelve.

The General Assembly is the lawmaking body of the denomination and it is expected that the General Assembly will deal with some constitutional changes along with the electoral system of the Church.

Prior to the elections, the Charles Harrison Mason Foundation of the Church will sponsor a \$100. per plate dinner hosted by the Presiding Bishop. This fund raising effort is designed to aid and assist worthy students who wish to attend college who would not otherwise have been able to. To date, the Foundation has sponsored oratorical contests, talent programs, seminars in excellence, and many other programs to encourage

young people to excel. Better than seventy persons have been sponsored by the Foundation and have completed their education with honors and have entered the several professional fields of our nation.

The Church is expected to continue in its conservative stand on moral issues and in theological position. The Church of God in Christ is Pentecostal-Holiness in theology and practice. The Church is predominantly black and has better than 15,000 churches and missions throughout the world.

At present, the Church is engaged in a mammoth fund raising project for the erection of a religious convention center which shall be known as "Saints Center." This center will house the entire operation of the denomination in the matter of gospel promulgation. Literature, bibles and radio tapes will be published in every tongue and dialect and distributed throughout the world for Saints Center.

Saints Center will cost better than \$25 million. The Church is presently involved in Phase I of the entire project, which encompasses the total revival and renovation of the present Downtown Headquarters Building in Memphis,

Tenn. This building, formerly known as the Chisca Plaza Hotel, was given to the Church by the influential Todd and Snowden family of Memphis in 1971. Since that time, the building has housed the Mason College of Bible, the Church of God in Christ Book Store and all of the Apostolic and Departmental Offices of the denomination. Saints Center will cover eight square blocks and will include a Fine Arts Center, Wax Museum, National Temple, C. H. Mason University (an undergraduate school) and Gospel Network.

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Record Turn-Out Expected

By Eileen Hanson
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The November 4 General Election will attract an all-time record voter turnout, according to Election Superintendent Bill Culp.

"I expect 140,000 voters in Mecklenburg County to go to the polls, or about 70 percent of those registered," Culp told The Charlotte Post.

Among black voters Culp predicts a 65 percent turnout, or 23,000 voters, which would surpass the 18,000 (59 percent) that voted in the 1976 Presidential election.

The polls will be open Tuesday, November 4, from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. at 111 voting places (listed elsewhere in The Charlotte Post).

For voting information call the Board of Elections at 374-2133. For rides to the polls contact the Vote Task Force at 333-0394.

"There is a growing interest in the campaign in recent week," said Culp, pointing to the Presidential debates, the hostages in Iran and anxiety about various candidates as factors that will attract voters to the polls.

"The downward trend of voter participation may be reversed in this election," he said. There are more than 33,000 registered black voters in Mecklenburg County, out of a total of 196,000 registered voters.

Because of the expected large turnout, Culp emphasized the following procedures to assist voters:

1) Study the sample ballot ahead of time (available at all libraries, First Union and Mechanics and Farmers Banks, and the Election Office). Voters may mark the sample ballot and take it into the voting machine with them.

2) The Presidential and Vice Presidential candidates are located at the top of the ballot in a separate area. Pull down one pointer for the candidates of your choice.

3) To vote a straight party ticket (which DOES NOT include the Presidential race), pull the lever at the extreme left which includes every candidate in that row. If you wish not to vote for certain candidates in the row, you may lift those pointers UP.

4) To split your ticket among two or more parties, pull down the pointers only over the candidates of your choice.

5) Review your ballot and make any changes. You are not required to vote for each office and you may vote for fewer than the number of candidates allowed in offices that allow more than one vote. Be sure the pointers over the names you want to vote for are all pulled DOWN.

6) To record your ballot and open the curtain, pull the large red lever to the left.

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