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## Poor People March, Rally Planned

A Poor People's March and Rally will begin March 6, 5 p.m. in Charlotte. Starting from Johnson C. Smith University those opposed to President Reagan's economic policy will march peacefully to West Charlotte High School. The marchers are also in support of extending the Voting Rights Act.

As a result of the advice given by Representative Shirley Chisholm when she spoke here on Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday, many of Charlotte's concerned have organized this march. The time is now for blacks to get back into the streets, is one comment made by Mrs. Chisholm.

Leaders in this march are Kelly Alexander Jr., Robert Davis, Louise Sellers, Mrs. White, Rev. James Palmer and Rev. James Barnette.

## Democrats To Hold Precinct Meetings

Democrats from Mecklenburg County will caucus at their precinct polling places on Thursday, March 11, at 8 p.m. Robert L. Day, Jr., Chairman of the Mecklenburg County Democratic Party, announced today. Any registered Democrat is eligible to attend. "These precinct meetings represent grass-roots democracy in action," Davis said. "Democrats all over North Carolina will be gathering to elect delegates to their county Democratic Convention and to discuss and pass resolutions on issues that concern them."

Davis stressed that the Democratic Party is seeking broad participation in its meetings at both the precinct and county level. "It is our goal to hold meetings in every precinct in the county and to continue to build on this strength at the county convention. We urge all Democrats to attend these meetings and to show their interest in good government."

## Ray Joins Trustees

Governor Jim Hunt has named Margaret W. Ray of Charlotte to the Central Piedmont Community College Board of Trustees.

Ray is a high school biology teacher with the Charlotte-Mecklenburg School System. She is also a member of the board of directors of the Charlotte YWCA and the National Council of Christians and Jews.

The Board of Trustees consists of 13 members - four appointed by the Governor, four by the local Board of Education, four by the Board of County Commissioners, plus the president of the student government association who serves as an ex officio non-voting member. Members serve terms of eight years.



The HEIR as well as the AIR can often be trained properly through the use of BRUSH.



LOVELY REGINNA CONNOR ...Works with the elderly

## Regina Connor Is Beauty Of Week

By Teresa P. Post Managing Editor  
Working with the elderly has extended the life of the world. Through her job at the Bethlehem Center, Ms. Connor converses with many senior citizens. We work with various crafts, work with the blind, we also pick them up from home and take them back. Often we take them to doctors' appointments.

She has noticed the need of care and love people of any age need. But often one cannot simply life out of love. "I hope that Social Security will not be abolished. I would like to see senior citizens continue to receive their Social Security. Other concerns of our Pisces beauty pertain to unemployment. "We need programs that provide jobs for young people," she insisted. "These are young people who otherwise don't have anything else to do but break in places all the time," Ms. Connor continued.

Ms. Connor has been helped by youth employment programs. Her present job at Bethlehem Center was provided by the Youth Employment Training Program. She has also worked under the summer CETA program and won a

certificate for good behavior and work.

March 7 marks our beauty's birthday. At 17 Ms. Connor knows what she wishes to accomplish in life and has already started her pursuit.

"I want to make something out of myself. I realize how hard it was for mother (Virginia Connor) to raise five children. I know that I can help my mother by helping myself," Ms. Connor explained.

She recently took the admissions test to Central Piedmont Community College and plans to attend. After her studies are complete at Central Piedmont she plans to enter the Navy and work as a postal clerk.

"When I come out of the Navy I want to go back to school and finish my studies in the Postal Clerk curriculum."

Ms. Connor is serious about her endeavors but she also finds time to enjoy social activities such as discos. She also enjoys swimming and skating, music from the soul, and the electrifying group Kool and The Gang.

Ms. Connor seems to have her life in perspective...one who is preparing herself for life's journey - and that's impressive for someone so young.

## Council Seeking 10 Nominations

The Charlotte City Council is seeking suggestions for nominations for 10 positions on various committees, councils, commissions, and boards. Persons with suggestions should contact any member of the city council.

The city council will make nominations on Monday, March 8, at the meeting to be held at Harding High School, 2001 Alleghany St. The vacancies are:

Clean City Committee - 2 positions (unexpired terms to run until June 30, 1982 and June 30, 1983)

Council on Aging - 1 position (terms expires March 30, 1985)

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Art Commission - 2 positions (one 1-year term and one 3-year term)

Advisory Energy Committee - 3 positions (two-year terms)

Housing Appeals Board - 1 position (a three-year term to expire April 4, 1985. Person must be a building contractor)

Employment and Training Council - 1 position (to expire November 4, 1983). Citizens may express a desire to serve on public boards, committees, councils and commissions by completing a Talent Bank

# Economists Predict: Unemployment To Hit Highest Level Since 1930

## Fund-Raising Tactics Opposed

Special To The Post  
Senator Russell Walker (Democrat, Randolph), chairman of the North Carolina Democratic Party, last week said don't believe people North Carolina think should spend more money raising money for political purposes than you take.

He was commenting on published reports that the National Congressional Club, which has North Carolina Senators Jesse Helms and John East as honorary chairmen, apparently spent more than \$5.3 million buying computerized mail lists and making direct-mail solicitations.

According to a report filed with the Federal Elections Commission, the Congressional Club spent \$5.8 million during 1981 - a year when there were no national or congressional elections - while taking in \$5.3 million. At the beginning of the year, the group had \$665,192 in its treasury. This dwindled to \$179,750 by the end of 1981.

"These millions do prove that Jesse Helms has a group of fat cats out there that believe in his economics and the failing policies of President Reagan and David Stockman. The Congressional Club spent about as much as the Democratic National Committee nationwide."

"But I believe in the kind of grass roots fund-raising that we are now employing on behalf of Democrats."

The Democratic chairman noted that the Congressional Club raised large sums in Texas and California. "In fact, 1,384 people who gave \$100 or more, only 262 were in North Carolina." Senator Walker added: "Of course, this is a free country. People can back the candidates or issues of their choice with their votes and money."



Charlotte artist Ruth Sloane-Dew, and community activist Carrie Graves, combine efforts and talents for this year's celebration of International Women's Day. "Peace is a Women's Issue," to be held March 7 at Spirit Square. (Photo: Eileen Hanson)

## Sunday At Spirit Square

# International Women's Day Celebration To Be Held

"Peace is a Woman's Issue" is the theme for this year's International Women's Day Celebration, to be held Sunday, March 7, at Spirit Square's Performance Place, beginning at 7 p.m.

The festival will feature an original play, a concert and the Woman of the Year award. School Board official Sarah Stevenson will M.C. the program.

"Peace is a Woman's Issue" written, compiled and directed by Charlotte native Ruth Sloane-Dew especially for International Women's Day. The play is a dynamic blend of drama, poetry, prose and music that focuses on the lives of working class women in the South and internationally.

A special concert will be presented by "Sweet Honey In The Rock," a Washington, D.C.-based group of national acclaim. The quartet of black women, which formed in 1974, sings an electrifying span of spirituals, blues, jazz and folk music.

Another highlight will be the presentation of the 1982 "Woman of the Year" award. The award honors a working class woman who has not been previously recognized for the part she has played in improving the quality of life on the job and in the community. Evelyn Arant, 1981 Woman of the Year, will present the award.

Proceeds from the celebration will benefit the

"Jobs with Peace Campaign," a local effort to educate the public about the transfer of tax dollars from jobs and human service programs into the military budget.

The celebration is sponsored by the International Women's Day Committee, a coalition of community, campus and labor organizations, including the Charlotte Equal Rights Council, Southern POWER (Project on Women's Economic Rights), the Client Council of Southern Piedmont, UNCC Cone University Center, the Central Labor Council and several affiliate local unions.

The performance is assisted in part by a grant from the N.C. Humanities Committee, a state-based program of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

The Charlotte celebration is part of an international observance of March 8 as International Women's Day. It recalls a demonstration of women textile and garment workers in New York City whom on March 8, 1857, walked off the job demanding better working conditions, more pay and an end to their 12-hour work day. Three years later they formed their own union.

Again, on March 8, 1908, thousands of women from New York's garment district walked off their jobs, demanding better working conditions, an end to child labor, and the right to vote. Their gallant struggle for equality led to the recognition of March 8 as International Women's Day. It is observed throughout the world, on all continents, in rallies, demonstrations, festivals and marches, honoring working women and their contribution to the struggle for

## Joblessness Approaching 9.5 Percent

Special To The Post  
Commenting on an economic forecast made by a group of economists, State Democratic Party Chairman Russell Walker of Randolph County today said: "When you hear someone say that unemployment to the degree that the nation suffered in the 1930's is coming, you might think you were listening to an old-time Democratic politician who was still running against President Herbert Hoover."

"But that's not something a politician put together. It is one of several discouraging findings from a panel of economists meeting at the Graduate School of Management of the University of California at Los Angeles. It's ironic that they should be in the home state of President Reagan. They predicted that joblessness in the nation will hit the highest level since the 1930's, probably passing the 10 percent mark. They added that a federal budget deficit exceeding \$100 billion will cause a 2.3 percent drop in U.S. economic growth.

"With national unemployment approaching 9.5 percent now, some of us believe the actual figure is above 10 percent, some people have simply stopped seeking jobs, and the Department of Labor doesn't have them in its computers."

The UCLA economists did come up with one bright spot. Senator Walker said. They forecast inflation of approximately 6.5 percent well below the rate of 10 percent years. "But lower inflation is not much of a relief to somebody out of work or working only a short week."

Chairman Walker concluded that "the Administration has a lot to answer for in all these questions. They can't take credit for any small improvement, and then blame all the bad news on 20 years in the wrong direction."

## Hunt Proclaims Older Workers Week

A proclamation declaring March 9-15 as National Employ the Older Worker Week will be signed by Governor Jim Hunt following his 10 a.m. press conference last week.

Attending the ceremony will be Ernest Messer, Assistant Secretary for the Division of Aging of the North Carolina Department of Human Resources as well as Glenn Jernigan, Chairman of the Employment Security Commission.

Secretary Messer's Division administers a Title V program working to meet the needs of elderly low-income persons by supplying part-time community work. To date over 370 people have been employed through this.

# Temple Chapel Baptist Church's Pre-Spring Crusade Begins Sunday

If you are a Christian who believes that prayers will be answered by God is one aspect of your life you have no doubt about. The prayers that will be raised at the pre-spring Crusade at Temple Chapel Baptist Church Sunday, March 7, through March 13 can be the stepping stone you have been looking for if prayer is not fertile in your life.

Sunday services will be led by Theodore Armstrong of Springfield Memorial Baptist Church, Stanley. On Saturday, March 13, Rev. Griffin, pastor of Galilee Baptist Church, will officiate.

During the week Dr. Nelson H. Smith, national evangelist and pastor of New Pilgrim Baptist Church, Birmingham, Ala., will be the guest speaker. Born August 23, 1930 in



Dr. Nelson H. Smith, National evangelist, will be the guest speaker at the Temple Chapel Baptist Church's Pre-Spring Crusade. Dr. Smith is the third of five children of Rev. and Mrs. N. H. Smith Sr. Therefore, at an early age he was introduced to the mercy and grace of God. He received his AB degree from Selma Uni-

versity, Selma, Ala., and three honorary Doctor of Divinity degrees from three universities in 1969, 1971 and 1976.

He is listed in "Who's Who in Black America," "Who's Who in Religion" and "Who's Who in America." His many works have involved him with the community. His past presidency of the Progressive National Baptist Convention (1974-76) for instance allowed him to make many contributions in the area of spreading God's word.

For the past 26 years he has pastored the New Pilgrim Baptist Church located at 708 Goldwire Place, S.W., in Birmingham Ala.

The growth of the church under his leadership has been tremendous, including a licensed day care center, Community Brotherhood Breakfast, an ef-

fective Benevolent program to aid the needy; a Christian Men's Service Club Scholarship Program; the Church on Wheels and many other ideas turned into reality to reach the needs of people. Dr. Smith is married to the former Lessie M. Edwards. He is the father of four children and has one grandson and two granddaughters.

The public is cordially invited to hear this dynamic man speak at Temple Chapel Baptist Church, located at 900 September Lane. The family with the most members present will be awarded a grocery certificate.

Music will be performed by the Gospel Harmonettes; Happy Land Chorus; Temple Gospel Chorus; Gene E. Gilmore Choir. See Temple Chapel I