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...Essence of sweetness

Debbie McRae Is Beauty Of Week

By Teresa Simmons
Post Managing Editor

The essence of sweetness marks our beauty Debbie McRae. Gleaming with that irresistible smile stands a young lady filled with the demureness of a young princess.

Ms. McRae, an eighth grader at Kennedy Junior High School, would like to put to use her talents and become either a model or singer. "I enjoy singing," Ms. McRae submitted. And her versatility in singing both alto and soprano adds to her self determination.

So much so that a future star may be in our midst. She is already taking notes from her favorite groups: the Jacksons and Shalamar. "I like both groups, but I listen carefully to Shalamar's leading lady singer, Judy Wenteley. She is the only female singer in the group."

Ambition wise, as well as in the aspects of her life our beauty has the philosophy of always doing her best. "The best you can do is all right with me, just try and do your best."

The daughter of Marshall and Lillian McRae our beauty has one sister, Trevola, and one brother Marshall Gerry IV. "My favorite person is my daddy," Ms. McRae stated. "He knows how to get everything done in the right way. He is smart and I just like my daddy."

A Gemini, Ms. McRae describes herself as "basically a quiet person, but when I get mad I am outrageous."

At Kennedy Junior High School she is a member of the Pep Club, Project Aries and Book Clubs. One of her favorite teachers is Ms. Edwards, an English teacher she describes as "outstanding."



A friend, a fellow who walks in with all the rest of the world walks out.

Ms. McRae also attends church where Rev. Alton Ford is pastor...the Nations Ford Baptist Church. One pastime of Ms. McRae is watching her favorite television programs, "Different Strokes" and "Facts of Life." She admires the acting abilities of Todd Bridges in "Strokes" and the true to life situations in the latter situation comedy.

With a little curve of the pen we have drawn a positive, personal picture of our beauty, Ms. McRae. As long as she maintains that captured sweetness that mental picture will never corrode.

Democrats To Hold Convention

More than 4,000 delegates from every county in North Carolina are expected in Raleigh for the Party's state convention on Saturday, June 12, according to Acting Chairman, Betty Speir of Bethel.

Keynote speaker of the convention will be U.S. Senator Gary Hart of Denver, who has served Colorado in the Senate since 1975. Governor James B. Hunt Jr. will introduce the Senator.

Chairman Speir will call the convention to order at 1 p.m. in Dorton Arena on the North Carolina State Fairgrounds. Among reports to be made will be those from Credentials, Rules, Platform and Resolutions. The order of business charts the course for Democratic activities during the election year.

Other events of the day include a brunch at the Party Headquarters sponsored by Democratic Women and a \$100 per couple fundraiser at the Mission Valley Inn in the evening.

AARP Chapter
The Mecklenburg Chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons, Inc. (AARP) will hold their June meeting on the 17th at the Fellowship Hall of Covenant Presbyterian Church. Social hour at 10 a.m. followed by meeting at 10:30. A program on Discovery Place will be given.

OIC Urges Job Bill Action

In his strongest plea since opening the 18th annual convention of the OICs of America in Chicago, Rev. Leon H. Sullivan, Founder and Chairman of the Board, urged delegates of the organization, "from home and abroad," to inaugurate a letter-telegram blitz urging the passage of a bi-partisan job training act.

Senate Majority Leader Howard Baker (R-Tenn.) and Senate Minority Leader Robert Byrd (D-W.Va.) were the marked targets in seeking immediate action on S2036, the 1982 Job Training Bill, that would replace CETA.

The OIC founder appointed Rev. Paul G. Miller, chairperson of the organization's West Virginia delegation, and Mrs. Sarah Moore Green of the Tennessee contingent, as co-chairpersons of the Legislative Task Force which represents 40 states.

The blitz's opening gun was fired by Rev. Sullivan on Monday with initial telegrams to Senators Baker and Byrd, urging immediate action on what he called, "this vital, life-saving bill."

According to Rev. Sullivan, founder of the nation's foremost self-help skills training program, "a meaningful 'now' training bill is an urgently needed life-line to a growing percentage of teens and young adults who are being sucked into a life of crime as violence in the street -- the bedfellow of dope addiction -- becomes a way of life. We must let these young people know that this is not the best, nor the only, way out."

With Only 5 Contestants Reporting

Post's Campaign Off To Slow Start

By Loretta Manago
Post Staff Writer

The first official reporting week of The Charlotte Post's "Churchwoman of the Year" campaign reflects a light turnout.

Although the majority of contestants haven't reported any subscription sales, there are a few eager churchwomen candidates who have. Taking advantage of the light turnout these ladies are establishing themselves in primary, leading positions.

Obviously they feel that the earlier start they get, the better their position will be when the campaign heats up.

The churchwoman, their respective churches and points are as follows:
Viola Buyers, Pleasant Hill Baptist Church: 55 points; Anne Herron, Metropolitan United Presbyterian Church, 40 points; Eleanor Miller, Greater Providence Baptist Church, 40 points; Gail Miller, Gethsemane Baptist Church, 40 points; Jessie McCombs, Memorial United Presbyterian Church: 30 points; and Bonita Peay, Greater Gali-



Members of the Cherry Community Organization meet with Juneteenth organizers in Morgan Park to plan the Black Independence Day celebration on June 19. (Rear) Alice Jefferson, Willie Burgess, Lucy Ellis, Abenaa Harrie, Lavonde Whitten. (Seated) Jameka Whitten, Mary Jones, Jamille Crawley, Evelyn Arant, and James Ross, C.C.O. Director. (Photo: Eilene Hanson)

Juneteenth Celebration Will Be Held Here Saturday

Special To The Post
"Celebrate Freedom and Peace" will be the theme of Charlotte's Juneteenth Celebration, Saturday, June 19, a black independence day marking the end of slavery.

A full day of activities is planned by the Charlotte Equal Rights Council and Sisters in Support Club, featuring a parade, games and contests, speakers and poets, music, a fashion show, films and refreshments.

"Juneteenth is an almost forgotten day in Negro history, sometimes called Negro Nation Day. This day represents the end of slavery and the continuing struggle for freedom," said Evelyn Arant, ERC vice-chair and Juneteenth coordinator.

June 19th is a day rich in black history. On June 19, 1862, the U.S. Congress first outlawed slavery in the U.S. Territories. On

June 19, 1865, Union troops landed in Galveston, Texas and for the first time enforced the end of slavery following the Civil War.

Again on June 19, 1964, the Congress passed the Civil Rights Act, after 736 hours of debate.

For a century the Juneteenth celebration has been a big holiday among blacks in Texas and is now proclaimed a state holiday, observed with picnics, rallies and parades.

"Juneteenth is our alternative to July 4th," said Carrie Graves, member of the Equal Rights Council which started the Juneteenth celebration in Charlotte five years ago.

"The Declaration of Independence didn't include slaves, women or free men -- white or black -- without property. Why should we celebrate July 4th when it didn't include us? Juneteenth is our independence

day," she explained. Charlotte's Juneteenth begins with a "Parade for Freedom and Peace," starting at 9:30 a.m. from Marshall Park (2nd Street parking lot).

"Participants are encouraged to come in costumes representing their favorite fighter for black freedom," said Arant. There will be prizes for the best costumes.

The parade will include floats, decorated cars, wagons and bikes, also contingents from local clubs, the Fairview Homes Drill Team and Dalton Village Baton Group.

The WBTV Fun-Bus will carry non-walkers in the parade, which will continue up 3rd Street and through the Cherry community, to Morgan Park at Baxter and Torrence Streets.

Juneteenth speakers will kick-off the outdoor celebration at the park at 11:30 a.m.

Leola Marsh Says

Black Hair-Stylists Are Well Trained

By Mac Thrower
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A lot of black beauticians saw red when a recent Charlotte Observer article suggested that they were losing black customers to white hairdressers.

The article, published in the May 30 issue of The Observer, included comments that portrayed black beauticians as less up-to-date and not as well-trained as their white colleagues.

The black beauticians interviewed by The Post found the article by Observer fashion writer Rita Rouse to be misleading and one-sided; even worse, some felt it was a potentially damaging blow directed at a significant segment of black professionals and businesspeople.

Leola Marsh of the D'Essence Beauty Salon called the article "down right insulting to the black professional." Mrs. Marsh said the article failed to show that black hair stylists have "a lot to offer black women." Generally speaking, black beauticians are superior to whites when it comes to doing black hair," she insisted.

Mrs. Marsh maintained that black beauty salons offer "products that are designed especially for black hair. Our products are better for blacks...I am a distributor and a hair designer and I know," she declared.

Noting that the Observer article referred to the damage done to the hair of some black women by white hairdressers who weren't familiar with the texture of black hair, Mrs. Marsh said that she has had a number of customers who "got their hair damaged at a white salon -- then ran back to us to get it fixed."

Benjie Carpenter, who works at the Northwood Hair Care Center and who has taught classes in advanced hairstyling "all over the East Coast," admitted that he feels that remarks about black hair stylists not being as up-to-date as whites "used to be true. But it's definitely not as true today. There are quite a few advanced black hair stylists--some are technicians for major companies that set trends and styles."

Carpenter acknowledged that black beauticians were probably not in the past as well-trained as white beauticians in areas such as "precision cutting and styling." Times have changed, though, Carpenter indicated, "black hairdressers have to keep up in terms of advanced training."

A beautician at Hamilton Beauty Salon, Elizabeth Ingram, explained that a comment in Ms. Rouse's article that suggested black beauticians rely too much on "press and curl" business is not a valid criticism. "We'll never get completely away from press and curl," Mrs. Ingram related, "some women can't take perms." Mrs. Ingram also reported proudly that "we main-

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