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Debbie McRae ... Essence of sweetness

Ms. McRae also attends

church where Rev. Alton

Ford is pastor...the Nations

One pastime of Ms.

McRae's is watching her

favorite television pro-

"Different

grams, "Different Strokes" and "Facts of

Life." She admires the

acting abilities of Todd

Bridges in "Strokes" and

the true to life situations in

With a little curve of the

tive, personal picture of

our beauty, Ms. McRae. As

long as she maintains that

captured sweetness that

mental picture will never

Democrats

Convention

More than 4,000 dele-

gates from every county in

North Carolina are expect-

ed in Raleigh for the Party's ate convention on

Saturday, June 12, accord-

ing to Acting Chairman,

Keynote speaker of the

convertion will be U.S.

Senator Gary Hart of Den-

ver, who has served Colo-

rado in the Senate since

1975. Governor James B.

Hunt Jr. will introduce the

Chairman Speir will call

the convention to order at 1

p.m. in Dorton Arena on

the North Carolina State

reports to be made will be

those from Credentials,

Rules, Platform and Reso-

lutions. The order of busi-

ness charts the course for

Democratic activities.

Other events of the day

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Party Headquarters spon-

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Women and a \$100 per

couple fundraiser at the

Mission Valley Inn in the

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Ford Baptist Church.

Debbie McRae Is **Beauty Of Week**

By Teresa Simmons Post Managing Editor The essence of sweetness marks our beauty Debbie McRae. Gleaming with that irresistable 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 Wentley. 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



he world viks out.

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

Black Beauticians Found

Observer Article "Misleading"

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 ot

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

Senate Majority Leader Howard Baker (R-Tenn.) and Senate Minority Leader Robert Byrd (D-WVa.) 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 Gilmer, chairperson of the organization's West Virginia delegation, and Mrs. Sarah Mooré Green of the Tennessee contingent, as cochairpersons 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-

According to Rev. Sullivan, founder of the nation's foremost self-help skills training program, meaningful 'now' training bill is an urgently needed life line to a growing per-

centage 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."



Organization meet with Juneteenth organizers in Morgan Park to plan the

Members of the Cherry Community Burgess. Lucy Ellis, Abenaa Harrie, Lavonde Whitten (Seated) Jameka Whitten, Mary Jones, Jamille Craw-Black Independence Day celebration on June 19. (Rear) Alice Jefferson, Willie 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 vicechair 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 comes to doing black hair." freedom," said Arant. she insisted. 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 Leola Marsh Says

Black Hair-Stylists

Are Well Trained

By Mac Thrower

Post Staff Writer 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-todate and not as welltrained 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 hairstylists have "a lot to offer black women." Generally speaking, black beauticians are superior to whites when it

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

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 hairstylists not being as upto-date as whites "used to be true. But it's definitely not as true today. There are quite a few advanced black hairstylists-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 train-

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-

tain our customers. They may try something new but they come back. I'm doing hair for some of my customer's grandchildren

James Mangum, owner of Mangum's in Charlotte. brushed off critical statements in the article about black beauticians not attending seminars and hairstyling courses. "I went to school, with some of the best white hairdressers." he retorted, "and I keep up with styles through Roffler and other national and international seminars Also, Mangum continued. 'most-black hairdressers do the same.

Another black beauty operator, Romain Worth, who owns Romain's Beautyrama and Sunshine Beauty Salon, said that the Observer article contained inaccurate generalizations. Mrs. Worth added, 'People who are in this business shouldn't be knocking each other.

In response to Ms. Rouse's description of a purported trend among black women to have their hair done at white-run beauty salons, a rather informal survey was con-See BLACK On Page 10

To Washington D.C. Voting Rights Conference Sponsoring Trip

By Mac Thrower Post Staff Writer

The Charlotte Area Voting Rights Conference is sponsoring a bus trip to Washington, D.C. in order for interested Charlotteans to participate in what coordinator Warren Arthur calls 'the historic last leg" of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference Voting Rights Pilgrimage.

Continuing its mission of calling for "voting rights. jobs and peace." the SCLC Pilgrimage will march and rally in Washington on Wednesday, June 23. Charlotte marchers will leave by bus at noon. Tuesday, June 22, and return Wednesday, the 23rd.

Arthur advises those who are interested in making the trip that the cost will be \$100 per person (including bus fare and a one night stay at the Internationale Hotel in Washington) double or single occupancy. A \$50 deposit is required for the trip, and it is due by Monday, June 14. The remaining \$50 will be due on the day of the trip.

Prominent black leaders such as the Rev. Jesse Jackson and Rep. Parren Mitchell are expected to speak at the rally in Washington. Stevie Wonder, Sammy Davis Jr. and Jayne Kennedy will be among the internationally known entertainers who will perform during the June 23 activities.

For more information, call Dr. Jewett Walker at 333-3779; or mail your deposit to: Dr. Jewett Walker, Charlotte Area Voting Rights Conference, P. O. Box 31722, Charlotte, N.C. 28231.

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 establish-

ing 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-



Bonita Peay ..GGBC Contestant lee Baptist Church: 10

This week one churchwoman candidate will be featured: Ms. Jessie **McCombs**

JESSE McCOMBS "I see a need for us

(black churches) to promote The Charlotte Post. A vital organ among black people, The Post givesus news we otherwise would not | get," explains McCombs who states her reason for participating as a Charlotte Post Churchwoman of the Year can-

A member of Memorial

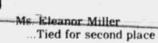


.. MUPC Contestant

United Presbyterian Church, Mrs. McCombs sings on the Chancel Choir, works with the Youth Choir, is a member of the Women's Organization, the Evangelism Committee and is also an Elder.

Outside of the church's domain Mr. McCombs works for Dr. Joseph L., Butler and is a salesperson for Beatties Ford Memorial Gardens.

Extending herself beyond her work and her involvement in the church Ms. McCombs is affiliated with the Charlotte Broadcast Coalition, the John E.



McCombs Legal Defense Committee and Alpha Pi Chi Sorority. The grandmother of two

boys, John and Michael McCombs, Ms. McCombs enjoys singing, cooking, macrame, gardening and horticulture As a candidate in The

Post's churchwoman campaign, Ms. McCombs revealed one of her major tactics, "to make contact with many friends I've met in my line of work and in church." With determination like hers, count on Ms. McCombs on being a top contender for the grand