

# editorials & comments

## Vote Tuesday For Your Self-Interest

Next Tuesday, June 5, in primary election run-off day and, we are sad to say, that if history repeats itself relatively few blacks will go to the polls and vote. This would be particularly tragic in this year for three reasons:

First, recently the U.S. Supreme Court upheld an Appeals Court opinion that the use of state House and Senate multi-member districts submerged black voters in large, predominantly white districts, thus diluting their voting strength. The actions of the Courts forced the N.C. Legislature to redraw the legislative district boundaries before the May 8 primary.

Secondly, in the Democratic primary run-off will be fielding excellent pairings of candidates for the governorship and the 9th District Congressional seat. Former Charlotte mayor, Eddie Knox, will be facing Attorney General Rufus Edmisten for the Governor's office. Both are considered to be formidable candidates with substantial black support. However, since Knox and Edmisten are believed to have basically similar political views, particularly among black voters, this has led some observers to conclude that in the final analysis, this may result in a small black voter turnout.

Similar observations have been made about the race for 9th District Congressional seat candidates Susan Green and D. G. Martin. Both are excellent candidates, each with apparently strong black voter support. Ms. Green, a well-known and respected Mecklenburg County

Commissioner, has been well thought of and received in the black community throughout her political career.

D.G. Martin, an attorney and Davidson College graduate, who for 15 years has represented individuals and businesses needing help on the Washington Scene. Therefore, Martin is familiar with much that needs to be known about the "ins" and "outs" of Washington. He is a Sunday School teacher and elder at the integrated Seigle Avenue Presbyterian Church.

Concerns that Knox-Edmisten and-or Green-Martin have similar political philosophies or that each is generally acceptable to black voters, or that neither is black is simply no reason for blacks to not vote and vote in large numbers on June 5. Furthermore, the efforts and decision of the federal courts to allow black voters to have a parity of strength should not be lost in vain by black voter apathy.

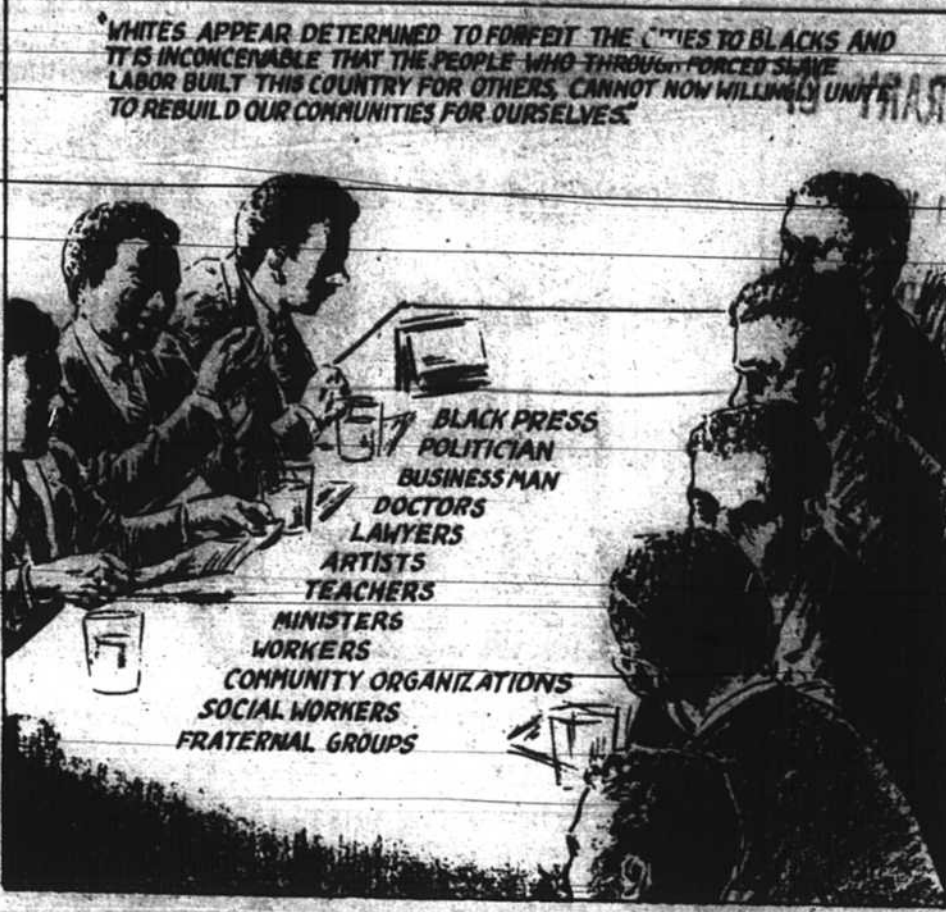
What we are saying is that without reservation, black voters need, should and must go to the polls and vote their conviction on June 5 and substantially surpass its lack-luster general 35 percent voter turnout. Any self-respecting voter, particularly blacks who have had to struggle for years just to get the right to vote in any election, should make voting a high priority or their own sense of self-respect and respect for others. It's your choice, vote and have voice in your own future or don't vote and let others plan and choose your future. The only choice is to VOTE ON JUNE 5!

## Churchwomen, Get Involved

Last Sunday was kick-off day for the Fourth Annual "Churchwoman of the Year" contest. The growing yearly affair, with 26 contestants this year, aims to provide community involvement leadership opportunities for church-going women, recognition for their churches and prizes totaling \$6,400. These will include a three-day vacation trip sponsored by Eastern Airlines, a \$1,500 fur coat from Vintage Girl, Inc., and a \$500 food certificate from Winn-Dixie Stores. Winners will be selected based on their Charlotte Post sales subscriptions over the next six weeks. The contest will climax on July 27, 1984, with a banquet at the Marriott Hotel on I-77 and Tyvola Rd.

Understandably, The Post is interested in an opportunity to increase its sales. However, of greater interest is the opportunity for housewives and working women or mothers to gain a new experience, expand their community contacts, promote their churches and their activities and obviously to win valuable prizes.

The concept and idea behind the contest is to expand Post readership for greater awareness of community affairs and to get more black women involved in community affairs. If your church and churchwomen are not involved, they'll miss an opportunity.



## Letters To The Editor:

### We Have Identified The Real Enemy

Dear Sir,  
Recently while in conversation with two friends we were simply trying to carefully define our problems. After a great deal of dialogue each of us offered two or three problems. The problems ranged from mistrust, no support for each other, no value for human life and bad experiences with each other. In conclusion we agreed that we are our own problem.

"What the mind conceives the body achieves." We must press on brothers and sisters. "Nothing in the world can take the place of persistence." "Talent will not; Genius will not; Education will not; persistence and determination alone are omnipotent." We are all in this struggle together and unless we believe in ourselves and make a total commitment to help one another, and put everything we have into it, we will never be successful at anything we undertake individually or collectively. It's not important whether I am a realist or a

dreamer, but what is important is that it is a fact that we are our own enemy. There are some Blacks who feel that they have arrived and relaxed in the posture that indicates I have mine and you get yours the best way you can. We are our own enemy because we don't support each other, therefore, we will always struggle and suffer the consequences that we feel are ours only to endure.

Sincerely,  
Roosevelt Maske

### Let's Go Back June 5

Rewritten From The Carolinian  
Political experts expect little more than 50 percent of those who went to the polls on May 8 to return on June 5.

One portion of the electorate has been accused of becoming excited on occasion and then lapsing again into a period of apathy.

This means that even fewer North Carolinians will have much to say about selecting the Democratic candidate for the November election and the state's governor thereafter. One has to feel a sense of dismay to have observed all the energy that was exerted in recent months to produce the May 8 results which were noteworthy in their impact, and now to be aware that part of that impact will be softened because of a general slackening on the part of the

The conclusion of these accusations is that a portion of the electorate is not solid, and consequently can only produce soft support for candidates in a run-off election. It then becomes the responsibility of the black community in particular to disprove these accusations, demonstrating that the black vote is pivotal and devastatingly solid. In other words, the black vote must return to the polls on Tuesday, June 5, and demonstrate that politics are not usual this year.

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## From Capitol Hill Eradicate High Youth Unemployment

Alfreda L. Madison  
Special To The Post  
The United States is the richest country on the face of the earth today, but what will happen to its wealth in the future with its high unemployment rate?



Overall, youth unemployment is 19.9 percent. Black youth 46.7 percent. These youths' job qualifications and productivity will greatly influence America's economic, social, literate and political standing in the world. Only 19.1 percent of Black teenagers are employed compared to 48.3 percent of the white teenagers. Only five out of every 100 black teenagers have full-time jobs. In 1983 black high school graduates unemployment was 37.5, while white high school drop-outs' unemployment 23.5 percent. The majority of future new workers will be women, blacks and Hispanics. H.R. 5017, the Youth Incentive Employment Act is a remedy for eradicating the high youth unemployment that exists today. The House Subcommittee on Employment Opportunities, chaired by Representative Augustus Hawkins, held hearings on H.R. 5017. "This bill represents a carefully conceived and much needed approach to the alarmingly high rates of youth unemployment," said Hawkins.

before the Hawkins committee. He seemed greatly disturbed over the lack of concern in the Senate over the unacceptable level of unemployment among the nation's youth. Kennedy said, "Young people have borne the brunt of the Reagan recession and are continuing to experience unemployment at rates more than twice the national average." Great concern for world competition was expressed at the hearings, by comparing Japan's full youth employment and high school graduates of 97 percent, with our high unemployment and an overall high school drop-out rate of 28 percent. The drop-out rate is even higher for blacks and Hispanics.

Frank Slobig, Director of The Roosevelt Centennial Youth Project, applauded H.R. 5017 as a measure for reversing the present unemployment youth trend. He stated three goals: to develop greater awareness and understanding on the part of the public and policymakers of the plight of unemployment and ill-prepared youth, to promote policies, principles and programs that respond to the youth joblessness, and to foster closer collaboration and greater coherence among often disparate local and national organizations that support more responsive youth employment and training efforts.

Several young people who had participated in these youth programs were presented. A 17 year-old Hispanic, who was born in Mexico, since enrolling in the Multi-Cultural Career Intern Program, has become bi-lingual, is involved in after-school computer science training programs and his goal is to become an engineer.

The risk is not justified because of opposition to Mr. Berry in the form of Dr. Huey M. Rowe-Anderson. Mr. Rowe-Anderson is a professor of chemistry at Johnson C. Smith University. He is the founder and owner of Rowe-Anderson Realty, a real estate agency that has been in existence for over 13 years. The man has a very analytical mind that is ideal for injecting new ideas into the legislative process. Moreover, he has adapted his analytical approaches to the financial community and has been very successful doing so. I feel he is the type of person to deal with the problems we will be facing in the 80s and 90s. A lot of people fought for the new Re-districting Plan

# Political Forum

## Knox's Well Qualified

Dear Editor:  
As a former candidate for Governor in the May 8 Democratic Primary, I want to share with everyone why I am convinced that Eddie Knox is a better candidate for Governor than Rufus Edmisten.



As I promised to do on election night, I met with both remaining candidates to discuss with them the major policy issues confronting this state. In addition, I observed them closely during the four televised debates. I am now firmly convinced that Eddie Knox stands head and shoulders over the Attorney General.

Eddie Knox is running a concrete, issue-oriented campaign which is a credit to our electoral process. Among the many issues which I find we agree upon are opening the state's major commissions and Council of State meetings to the public, creating a workable system to increase funding for education, and protecting our environment through establishment of tough toxic wastes management programs and the vitally important Right to Know laws which will disclose to all North Carolina citizens when they are coming in contact with hazardous materials in their work sites and neighborhoods. Even when we disagreed on an issue during the first primary, I always found Eddie Knox willing to clearly explain his stands. This is in sharp contrast with his opponent's campaign which seems to be based on the use of his public office and staff as a political platform. Eddie Knox is clearly the man with the proven leadership to be entrusted with the important office of Governor. I sincerely urge all North Carolina citizens to join with me on June 5 and vote for Eddie Knox. Sincerely,  
Tom Gilmore

## Rowe-Anderson For District Number 33

Recently, the State Legislature put into law the new re-districting plan for North Carolina. The new plan was developed to give blacks and Republicans an opportunity to participate more readily in State government. The district that will have the most impact on black voters is District No. 33. This District is made up of precinct Numbers 2, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 18, 22, 25, 27, 29, 31, 39, 41, 42, 44, 46, 52, 54, 55, 56, 60, 77, 78, 82 and LCZ.

because they felt that the black community needed to be better represented in the State Legislature. That battle is won. But the war goes on because it is up to us to see to it that we get the best possible representation available. Let us not abuse this privilege, but rather let us use it to better ourselves and our District. Remember, the person we send to Raleigh is a reflection of what we think about our new-found power. This is not the time to take a risk for historical sake. It is the time to seek benefits for future sake. I'll see you at the polls! June 5th.

The new District Plan was finalized too late to have any candidates vying for the position in the May 8 primary. Consequently, the June 5 race will determine the Democratic candidate for Senate. Wait a minute! There is no republican running for this District seat. Therefore, the winner on June 5 will be our State senator.

## Thankful For Knox

Dear Editor:  
Eddie Knox has been treated unfairly by the National Rifle Association (NRA). His position on guns has been misrepresented. Eddie is not anti-gun. He does not want to interfere in any way with sportsmen, gun collectors or target shooters. His only effort in this area has been to try and save lives. As a life member of the NRA, the Long Creek Rifle and Pistol Club, Catawba Wildlife Club, a member of the N.C. Rifle and Pistol Club, a gun collector and gun enthusiast, I can speak with authority and conviction on the subject of firearms. You can believe me, Eddie Knox does not want your guns nor does he want to control anyone's guns. What he does want to do is to protect the lives of innocent people and law enforcement officers while performing their duties. Sincerely,  
C.W. Kidd, Jr.  
Sheriff, Mecklenburg

Of course, the two candidates seeking the historical position are Phil Berry and Huey M. Rowe-Anderson. Historically, Mr. Berry has served the black community well, and I supported him in the past. However, today Mr. Berry has yet to satisfactorily respond to allegations printed about him in The Charlotte Observer. The Observer article, at best, showed Mr. Berry to be a poor judge of character and an even poorer handler of finances. The validity of the allegations is not the point here. The fact that the citizenry in general has a low opinion of politics and politicians, makes putting Mr. Berry back in office a risk-taking proposition.

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## Knox Is Better Qualified

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Dear Editor:  
I, personally, do not favor our present primary system of voting because far too often it results in the removal of some of our better qualified minorities. However, each situation presents a potential benefit. In this instance, an opportunity is presented to place into the office of governor the better representative for our collective interests. Eddie Knox stands head and shoulders above the other candidate. Join me. Cast your vote for Eddie Knox on June 5.  
Daley Spears Stroud