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## HEW Secretary Weinberger Says:

# 80,000 Fewer Families Eligible For Aid To Dependent Children

## Uptown Businessmen To Voice Opinions On Buses

An Uptown Delivery Task Force of the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce will conduct a survey this week among uptown businessmen about bus stops, on-street parking, and delivery problems.

Chairman Jim Polk says the questionnaire was prompted by the need to know how changes in on-street parking and delivery zones will affect

businesses. The task force itself was organized when delivery companies complained about the problems of delivering materials in the central business district.

"There are plans by the city," said Polk, "to consider changes in both bus transfer points and the elimination of parking spaces along Trade and Tryon Streets. The Chamber would like to have the reactions of businessmen who will be directly affected by these changes."

All ground floor businesses in the first three blocks North and South from the square along Tryon Street and the first two blocks East and West of Trade Street will be surveyed. Questionnaires have been mailed and task force members will make personal calls on each business to pick up the completed questionnaire and to discuss the problems in more detail with each businessman.

"Hopefully," says Polk, "the answers when compiled will give the Task Force and city traffic planners some factual answers to questions yet unanswered."

## Manpower Commission Sets Goals

The National Commission for Manpower Policy in its first meeting in Washington, D.C., established early goals for recommending legislation and other actions to cope with high unemployment problems.

The 17-member Commission includes two blacks—the Rev. Leon H. Sullivan, founder of Opportunities Industrialization Centers (OIC) of America and pastor of Zion Baptist Church, Philadelphia, and Dr. John W. Porter, superintendent of public instruction for the state of Michigan, Lansing, Mich.

The commission agreed to have an interim report ready for presentation to President Ford and the Congress during their next meeting scheduled in late Jan. 1975 with recommendations for legislation and other measures needed to cope with high levels of unemployment.

Other objectives of the commission will be recommendations for revision and expansion of the Employment Act of 1946.

In accordance with legislative requirements the commission will be studying the coordination and interrelation of Department of Labor, Health, Education and Welfare and other federal manpower programs with a view toward improving the performance of these programs.

Secretary of Labor Peter J. Brennan emphasized the need to consider the total human resources issues and problems.



FAMILY NIGHT BANQUET sponsor, Mrs. Carrie Gaither, right, chats with Mother House of Prayer Pastor Elder C. Wilkerson, left, during dinner and program last Saturday night. The dinner and Fashion Show affair attracted approximately 500 persons and was co-sponsored by The McCullough United Singers. Dinner guests Eugene S. "Genial Gene" Potts and Mrs. Potts are shown in back ground. Photo by Peeler.

### Mrs. Carrie Gaither:

## Family Night Banquet

### "Biggest Program Ever"

by James Peeler  
Post Feature Writer

Mrs. Carrie Gaither, a member of the House of Prayer for All People since childhood, sponsored her first "FAMILY NIGHT BANQUET AND PROGRAMME" last Saturday night at the Mother House of Prayer, 2321 Beatties Ford Road.

She has been sponsoring some type of program each year for the past 28 years and this year she was assisted by the McCullough United Singers of Charlotte.

Approximately 500 people attended the affair, which began at 7 o'clock and lasted until 10:30 P.M., and dined on tomato juice, tossed salad, broiled Chicken with cranberry sauce, sweet potato soufflé, green beans, hot rolls with butter, apple pie and iced tea.

Occupying a place of honor at the Head Table were: Elder C. Wilkerson, Pastor of the Mother House of Prayer; Elder J. Young, Assistant Pastor, and his wife; Elder C. Shankle and wife of Huntersville, N.C.; Elder J. Wynn and wife of Charlotte's Biddleville Mission; Elder H. C. Williams and wife of Charlotte's Third

### Students Get

### Two Days Rest

Charlotte-Mecklenburg public schools will be closed Thursday, Nov. 28, and Friday, Nov. 29, Thanksgiving holidays.

All schools, the Education Center and other school system offices will be closed; all will reopen Monday, Dec. 2, on a normal schedule.

### TURTLE-TALK



If a MAN could have HALF his wishes he would DOUBLE his TROUBLES.

Ward Mission; Elder Robert Patton and daughter of Matthews, N. C.; Miss Beatrice "B" Bumgardner; Ms. L. Brinkley; Mr. and Mrs. Lueller Glover and friends of Columbia, S. C.; Mrs. Victoria Eikner and daughters, Barbara and Marie of Columbia, S. C.; Mr. and Mrs. Eugene S. "Genial Gene" Potts of Charlotte; Jaroon Wang Hong Chow of Thailand, a student at UNCC Charlotte; and Elder Malcolm Barksdale, of Baltimore, Md., who was Guest Speaker; and is a student at Johnson C. Smith University.

"It was one of the biggest and greatest programs ever," said Mrs. Gaither in an interview last Tuesday night. Mrs. Gaither has established many special programs during her years as a member of the House of Prayer and said, "If its the Lords will, I'll have another program next year."

A highlight of the evening was a Fashion Show featuring participants: Willette Blakney, Amelia Brown, William Byers, Yvonne Evans, Cynthia Ford, Delores Frazier, Sammy Davis, Jr., Elizabeth Grier, Gussie Grier, Andre Guy, Veronica Holsey, Gloria Hoover, Gerald Hoover, Jackie Leach, Barbara Ross, Patrick Ross, Sarah Sims, Verlee Wallace, and Ellen Wigfall.

Fashion Show commentators were Margie Caldwell and Edna Davis. Vernard Ford served as Master of Ceremonies and Marilyn Huff served as Mistress of Ceremonies for the program whose theme was: "HIDE ME IN THY BOSOM."

Also participating in the program were: Elder Fred Alexander, announcer; Linda Sheridan, who welcomed the gathering; Joanna Guy, Vice President of the McCullough United Singers, who related the history of the McCullough United Singers; Joyce Shipp, who sang a solo accompanied by Elder H. Rice; The Vandiver Sisters, who rendered selections; Cynthia Glasgow, who sang a solo accompanied by R. Patton, Jr. and Elder C. Nelson; Pearlina Harris, who sang a solo and was accompanied by Ivan Davis; Doretha Allen, who related the history of Mrs. Carrie Gaither's contributions to the church as written by Essie Bell Williams; Professor William G. Lino who rendered a piano selection; Delores Truesdale who made a recitation dedicated to Mrs. Carrie Gaither, and Deacon Jake Nelson, who made remarks. The McCullough United

Singers, co-sponsors of the program, are composed of: Altos, Susie Holsey, Lillie House, Jeannette Hudson, Elizabeth Wigfall, Mary Williams, Ernie Mae Wilson, Hazel Young, Phyllis Alexander, Lillian Bowser, Pamela Brannon, Patience Childs, Louise Conway, Betty Ford, Barbara Hampton, Jacqueline Harvell, Juanita Hoover, Marilyn Huff, Elizabeth Miller, Julia Mitchell, Gloria Perry, Linda Sheridan, Grace Jean Simms, Ann Smith, Alfreda Watson, Angela Watson, Denise Alexander, Dorothy Alexander, Sharon Alexander, Shirley Billings, Edna Davis, Potassio Davis, Juanita Glasgow, Clara Goodman, Joanna Guy, Deborah Ray, Veronica Reynolds, Demitrus White, Tangela White Lorie Williams, and Alicia Young. Altos Dilsie Alexander, Pearl Antley, Margie Caldwell, Jennie Currence, Jesse Digsby, Mattie Ferguson, Rose Ford, Carrie Gaither, Alfreda Hampton, Willette Harvell, Kaydell Hallway, Sarah Jeter, Rose Kennedy, Doris Lee, Hazel Miller, Marcell Miller, Jean Peay, Willie Mae Pride, Perline Ross, Sarah Sims, Francis Thomas, and Dorothy White. Male Voices: Prentice Alexander, William Byers, George Digsby, Jeffrey Ford, Vernard Ford, William Ford, and Guy, Elder Curtis Harvell, Kenneth House, Mitchell Kilgo, Cedric Mangum, Richard Mangum, Elder Calvin Miller, Leroy Pride, and Elder Dennis Williams.

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## Willie Walker Named To "Who's Who Among Black Americans"

A typical day in the life of a man who is Charlotte's representative in the 1975 publication, "Who's Who Among Black Americans" begins at 8:30 a.m. and ends at midnight.

"A typical day begins at 8:30 at the office," said Willie L. Walker. "I open the mail and work on paperwork that consists of following up clients and alphabetizing policies. I also usually take an early morning snack."

The rest of the day is spent in canvassing and luncheons with prospective clients. Walker said that from noon until midnight, he is talking

with prospective for the insurance brokerage of Taylor, Walker, and Associates which represents 12 insurance firms. The prominent insurance broker is the public address announcer at all Johnson C. Smith University and Central Intercollegiate Athletic Tournament basketball games and is a former radio personality with WGIV radio station.

He was selected by Education Communications, Inc. for the honor of being included in their first publication.

"I consider this a great honor," said 40-year-old Walker, a 1955 graduate of

Johnson C. Smith University with a B.A. in education.

Walker is used to receiving honors, having received service awards from N. C. A & T University and the Charlotte Neighborhood Agent Program.

The Omega Psi Phi Fraternity member holds a master's degree in education from North Carolina A & T University.

He is a native Charlottean, who lives with his wife Mildred and two daughters Yvette, 22 and Claudia Denise, 7 and one son Willie the 2nd at 6514 Hidden Forest Drive.



MRS. PEGGY JONES PENDERGRASS  
...Duke Power Employee

## Soul Food Dinner Sale Is Saturday

A "Soul Food Dinner Sale" will be sponsored by the Greater Reeve's Temple A. M. E. Zion Church on Saturday.

The dinner sale will begin at 11 a.m. at the 219 Watson St. church located in Davidson, N.C. A variety of food will be available including chitterlings, pig feet, fresh fish, hot dogs, home made cakes and pies, hot and cold drinks, cole slaw and potato salad.

The public is invited by the church to dine in the Lingle Hut Log Cabin adjacent to the church. A portable 12 inch portable television set will be raffled off in the afternoon.

Rev. G. W. Thompson is the minister at the church and Gordon Reid is the trustee chairman.

## Peggy Pendergrass Is Beauty Of Week

By POLLY NIVENS  
Post Staff Writer

A devoted mother and a career woman is the best way to describe our Beauty for this week, she is Mrs. Peggy Jones Pendergrass, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Jones. She, along with her two daughters, resides at 1818 C. McAllister Drive. Peggy has four brothers and one sister and she is very proud of all of them.

Our beauty is a 1966 graduate of West Charlotte High School. While attending West Charlotte she was a member of the dance group, Red Cross, Girl's Glee Club, the Student Council and, for three years, she was a letter girl in the West Charlotte Marching Band.

Peggy's hobbies are singing, dancing, bowling, and bicycle

riding. "With two kids and a job I really don't find the time to enjoy all of my hobbies as much as I would like to, but whenever I do find the time I really have a ball," exclaimed our Beauty.

Mrs. Pendergrass is employed with Duke Power Company. She works in the Customer Service Department and handles commercial service accounts. She says her job is interesting but keeps her on her toes.

Our Beauty is a member of Friendship Baptist Church where Rev. Coleman Kerry is the minister. At Friendship she sings in the choir. "Enjoy singing," stated Peggy. "Everyone seems to think we have a wonderful choir. I just hope we keep up the image."

Peggy's favorite singer is Aretha Franklin. She is very impressed with Miss Franklin's style of combining gospel with soul music and coming up with a very good sound. She also enjoys Rufus and Ashford and Simpson.

Mrs. Pendergrass stated sadly, "Although it is tragic I would like for the readers to know that I was a twin. My twin sister Patty died in a car accident about two years ago. We were very close as I suspect most twins are. We sure had a lot of fun fooling our boyfriends."

Our Beauty feels that kids today are rapidly making progress. "I feel they are in the process of making a better tomorrow. The Bible statement to the reference that children will become weaker and wiser seems to be a reality. I find this evident in my two daughters, Jackie, 7 and Katherin, 4. They seem to know so much more than I did when I was their age."



WILLIE A. WALKER  
...Insurance Executive

## Payments Increases 3 Per Cent

There were 80,000 fewer recipients of aid to families with dependent children (AFDC)—the Nation's largest cash assistance welfare program—in August this year than in August 1973 according to preliminary figures issued by HEW Secretary Casper W. Weinberger today.

Secretary Weinberger said the August AFDC total of 10,776,000 compared to 10,856,000 August 1973.

The Secretary also released complete figures on AFDC for July 1974 which showed a reduction of 195,000 recipients from the July 1973 total of 10,816,000. He pointed out that although the preliminary August 1974 figures were slightly higher (35,000) than the July total, July 1974 represented the 11th monthly drop since the rolls peaked at 11,156,000 in March 1974.

Nineteen States reported AFDC payment increases of over five percent for last July. They were Alaska, California, Connecticut, Delaware, Hawaii, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Maryland, Nebraska, New Jersey, New Mexico, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Utah, and Virginia.

Mr. Dwight said that most of the increased payments were due to States changing their payment standards, increasing the percentage of standards paid, and making cost-of-living adjustments.

He said he was gratified by the reducing rolls were due in part to the on-going nationwide effort to reduce indebtedness and payment errors, permitting savings that could make additional resources available to eligible recipients.

The SRS Administrator said that a further breakdown of the August 1974 figures would be released when available.

### Catalytic Downs

### Earle Village

### Behind Ledford

Mickey Ledford's exciting 21-20 decision over Earle Village in the second of two playoff flag football games Saturday afternoon.

Ledford's boot, which came in the second of two overtime periods, offset a brilliant performance by Nate Harris of Earle Village. Harris completed 18 of 30 passes while throwing touchdown aerials to Erento Burton, Ben Simpson and Dalton Jones. Burton made two TD catches.

However, Ledford also played an outstanding game, hitting 12 of 25 pitches for three touchdowns.

In the opening contest, Paul Lounge riddled Catalytic, 12-0, behind great passing by quarterback Rick Judson. Judson connected with an incredible 20 of 25 throws. Bill Wren and John Foster each made six catches. Foster led the rout with 11 points on two touchdowns and as many extra points.

Paul's Lounge will represent the Charlotte Park And Recreation Department's Adult Football League at the National Playoffs in St. Louis, Mo. this weekend.