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17 Million Americans Using Food Stamps

New Cost Is 4 Billion Per Year

Millions of Americans who thought food stamps were something for the chronically poor are discovering that they are an invaluable help in meeting rising food budgets in a time of mounting unemployment.

More than 17 million people were using food stamps in December, according to the U. S. Department of Agriculture, compared with 13.5 million last June.

This 26 percent increase in six months reflects the growing recession and loss of jobs throughout the economy. Even greater increases are in prospect as economists predict that unemployment will reach 8 to 9 percent of the labor force by spring.

In the past about 60 percent of food stamp users were recipients of welfare benefits and two out of three recipients of stamps also received aid in other forms such as social security, medicare or public housing, however, as the number of stamp users rose rapidly from 13.5 million in June to 15.1 million in October and 17.1 million in December.

At the June, 1974, level the program was costing \$2.9 billion a year. At the new levels, the cost will be about \$4 billion a year.

As the need for food stamps grows, the Congress has been seeking ways to prevent the Ford Administration from increasing the cost of the stamps to low-income and "no-income" Americans.

More than half of the Senate and many House members have introduced legislation calling on the Department of Agriculture to recind its proposed regulations raising stamps from an average of 23 percent of recipients' income to 30 percent. Failing to persuade the Administration to forego the higher costs to the poor legislation has begun to move to delay by law the increases until December, 1975.

Public Schools

Will Be Closed

Next Week

Charlotte-Mecklenburg's public schools will be closed the week of March 3-7 for vacation.

Schools will close at the end of the day on Friday, Feb. 28, and will reopen on a normal schedule on Monday, March 10.

All teachers will be on vacation. Individual school offices will be open on a limited basis. Parents may check with a school for its office hours during the spring vacation period.

All other school system offices including the Education Center will be open as usual.



LONG WAIT ENDS- Mrs. Cooper Brown of 1413 Russell Street beams with delight as she holds one of an estimated 300 blossoms on her 10-year-old, 15-foot-tall tulip tree. "A cold snap or something has happened to it every year, for the past four years, to keep it from reaching full bloom", said a thrilled Mrs.

Cooper last Sunday. She added, "This is the first time in a long while that something hasn't killed the blossoms - but they keep coming back." She says she bought the tree when it was "less than three foot high". Photo by Peeler.

We Regret Bob Missed The Deadline

We originally planned to devote space on our pages this week highlighting Mrs. Sarah Polk's entry in the 26th annual National Pillsbury Bake-Off Contest in San Francisco, Calif.

However, due to a change in flight schedule, our reporter

Bob Johnson is not scheduled to reach Charlotte in time for the deadline for this week's edition.

We are happy to report that Bob's very popular and widely read "What's Happening" column, which appears in the Post each week, and exclusive

coverage of Bob's and Mrs. Polk's California excursion will appear on these pages next week.

Also, Bill Johnson is off to the CIAA Basketball Tournament to give you the highlights and sidelights of that very popular event.

John Bolling Named To JCSU Development Post

John Bolling, Jr., a 1965 graduate of JCSU has recently been appointed to the positions, Acting Director of Private Relations and Instructor of Marketing Research, and Business Administration at Johnson C. Smith University. Recipient of the Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Utah, European Division, in 1970, Mr. Bolling has done additional study at UCLA, Universidad De Puerto Rico and the Universities of Heidelberg and Frankfurt in West Germany.

Mr. Bolling brings to his new position a wealth of practical work experience, the most recent being that of comptroller for the Ervin Company at the Village of Raintree Country Club. Prior, he served as Business Administrator for the Interreligious Foundation for Community Organization in New York City and as National Coordinator for (RAINS) Relief for African In Need in Sahel. He holds life and health



JOHN BOLLING
JCSU graduate

insurance licenses for both New York and New Jersey and is also certified and licensed by the National Association of Security Dealers (NASD). He has taught classes in accounting, marketing and business management to entrepreneurs for the State University of New York. Mr. Bolling held successive positions as a civilian finan-

cial officer with both the Department of Defense and Air Force in Frankfurt, Germany. His travels abroad have been extensive. In addition to his European travels in Switzerland and West Germany, his work has taken him to Kenya, Uganda, Istanbul, Las Palmas de Mallorca and the Caribbean.

Asked about his plans for development at JCSU, Mr. Bolling cited several drives now underway or soon to be undertaken. His initial involvement will be related to fund raising efforts which have as their purpose the renovation of the Johnson C. Smith University Church and increasing the University's endowment portfolio.

Mr. Bolling will also direct much of his attention to the United Negro College Fund drive when it is launched on April 1. In preparation for the local drive, he attended the UNCF meeting for Directors of Development in Memphis, Tennessee earlier in February.

Educational Neglect Attack Nationwide

WASHINGTON, D. C. - The head of the National Education Association today (Wednesday) reminded President Ford that "the trouble with cheap education... is that we never stop paying for it."

President Ford was invited by NEA President James A. Harris to attend the Association's conference on Critical Issues in Education in Los Angeles in July, which will focus on the problems of educational neglect. The California meeting with more than 10,000 NEA LEADERS participating, will be a follow up to the Association's four-day National Conference on Educational Neglect, which ended yesterday at the Washington Hilton Hotel.

In a letter to the President, which Harris shared with conferees yesterday, the NEA leader said:

"We grant that it is especially appropriate today for our nation to emphasize local economies. But the trouble with cheap education is that we never stop paying for it. The NEA leader called upon the Ford Administration to commit resources to eradicate the injustice and ravages of educational neglect."

Harris pointed to the injustice welfare rolls, unemployment costs, police forces, for juvenile crime, for vandalism, for keeping young people in jail. He noted that these costs to the public stem in no small part from the fact that nearly one-fourth of all students drop out of school—some 11 million of them—and hundreds of thousands are suspended.

He explained to the President that nearly 1,000 men and women from across the nation spent the holiday weekend studying 16 faces of educational neglect. Among these areas were youth in detention, American Indian education, bilingual education, textbooks and curriculum, migrant education, safety in the schools, the education of women, and problems in the wake of school desegregation.

"Education must be committed to the concepts of the unique worth of the person and the universality of this experience," Harris told the Presi-

dent. "Education must be concerned with the creative development of individuals in multi-ethnic society. The educational enterprise must recognize and incorporate the humanity of all people."

Harris assured the President that the 1.6 million members of the NEA and its network of more than 9,000 local and state affiliates will continue to move forward aggressively on its educational neglect project. He added:

"We are dedicating ourselves to the vigorous search for solutions, and will pursue them in our classrooms, in our legislatures and in the Congress of the United States."

The NEA will pay work about "be emphasized." He noted that the weekend meeting of teachers and representatives of business, industry, governmental agencies, and non-profit organizations has resulted in a dedication to continuing action "that will eventually erase the scourge of educational neglect from our land."

The teaching profession, Harris said in the letter, seeks the help of communities and of individuals, of agencies and of governments. It asks a hand of all who care.

UNCC Receives \$12,480 Grant

The University of North Carolina at Charlotte has received a grant of \$12,480 to give high ability 11th graders in the Charlotte area a chance to study urban geography and planning.

The grant is under direction of Dr. Alfred W. Stuart, chairman of the department of Geography and Earth Science at UNCC. The grant is from the National Science Foundation.

The NSF program will allow from throughout the United States 3,000 top high school students to participate in scientific research and study programs.

Contractors Conference Planned For Saturday

The MEDCO of Charlotte is sponsoring a Minority Contractors and Developers conference to be held Saturday in the City Hall's Council Chambers at 600 E. Trade St. from 9 a.m. to noon.

Ms. Sadie Smith, spokesman for MEDCO, said anyone who wants to come is invited. Among the topics to be discussed will be practical ways for minority contractors and developers to bid for projects, figure bids, to get local and federal government contracts, things to do before bid-

ding, how to repair HUD acquired properties, how to become consultants and how to obtain benefits under the 1974 Housing and Commerce Development Act and Section 8 of the Lease Housing and Housing Allowances.

Ms. Smith said the conference is being held in coordination with the Department of Housing and Urban Development's Regional Office in Greensboro. She said that the Regional Director of Equal Opportunity HUD, James L. Lassiter, will lead the conference.



MISS CAROL LESTER
...1971 W. Charlotte graduate

Miss Carol Lester

Is Beauty Of Week

By Polly Manning
Post Staff Writer

Every man unconsciously dreams of one day falling in love with a Pisces woman. It's the very special charm that surrounds her that really hooks them. Pisces women love clothes, they are very devoted to their families, they are very sentimental, affectionate, and romantic. No two people that come in contact with Pisces will get the same impression of them.

This week the staff at the Post is fortunate to have as its Beauty one of those mystifying young ladies, Miss Carol Lester.

Carol, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Lester of 2922 Southwest Blvd. is a 1971 graduate of West Charlotte High School. She is 21 years old and says, "I feel I have lived my 21 years to the fullest."

While attending West Charlotte our Beauty was a member of the marching band and the chorus. Miss Lester attended Durham Business College after graduating from high school. While attending Durham Business College, Carol was a member of the Journalism Club.

In 1971 Miss Lester was presented as a Debutante. She

was sponsored by Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. Our Beauty was second-runner up to Miss Debutante 1971-72.

Our Beauty has as her hobbies sewing, traveling, and reading. She enjoys reading mostly magazines. Carol would like to travel to Milwaukee and visit her relatives. "This trip will be given to me by my parents, smiled Miss Lester. I will be going during my summer vacation."

Carol and her family attend University Park Baptist Church where Rev. James E. Palmer is the minister. Carol doesn't participate in any church activities, although she used to usher.

Miss Lester is employed with the Exxon Company. She has been with the company two years and says the thing she likes most about her job is the money.

"I am a clerical assistant. I like the work and the people who I work with."

Miss Lester tries not to let anything upset her. "I feel that nothing is that important. Would you believe the most important thing to me right now is money? It is. I feel that with money there's no need to go around worrying, you have the source to conquer the problem."

Miss Lester says she strongly disagrees with the saying "Money Is The Root Of All Evil." "I would say "Money Is The Start Of Something Good."

JCSU Receives

\$2,000 Grants

Johnson C. Smith University has been named as one of the recipients of a Shell Assist in the amount of \$2,000. This sum represents four \$500 grants presented to Smith by Shell Companies Foundation of Houston, Texas to assist in general support, faculty development, professional development of individual faculty members and student aid.

TURTLE-TALK



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