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NCAE Will Meet In Greensboro

Lieutenant Governor James B. Hunt will be the featured speaker during the 1975 State Convention of the 48,000-member North Carolina Association of Educators.

Dr. A. C. Dawson, Jr., NCAE executive secretary, today announced that Hunt will address the more than 3,000 NCAE delegates from across North Carolina during the 8 p.m. session Friday, April 11.

NCAE President John H. Lucas will call the two-day convention to order at 8 p.m. Thursday, April 10. Friday's session will be devoted to business and the third session on Friday evening will close the convention.

Others appearing at the Friday evening session will include State Superintendent of Public Instruction Craig Phillips and National Education Association President James Harris of Iowa.

The North Carolina School Bell Awards, the Terry Sanford Award and a new Human Relations Award will be presented at the convention, and the Educational Hall of Fame will get a new member.

Phillip J. Weaver, the late superintendent of Greensboro Public Schools, will be named to the Educational Hall of Fame. The nomination will be made by Dr. B. Paul Hammack, superintendent of Union County Schools and president of the North Carolina Chapter of the Horace Mann League.

Dr. Weaver, who died in 1969 at the age of 56, was cited to the Hall of Fame for "creative leadership as superintendent in Greensboro" and a lifetime dedicated to advancing public education.

Representative North Carolina news media will be honored with the thirteenth annual School Bell Awards for excellence in reporting public school news. The award recipients were named from a record number of entries.

The ninth annual Terry Sanford Award will be presented to the educator who in his daily work demonstrates outstanding creativity and innovation in teaching or administration of public schools.

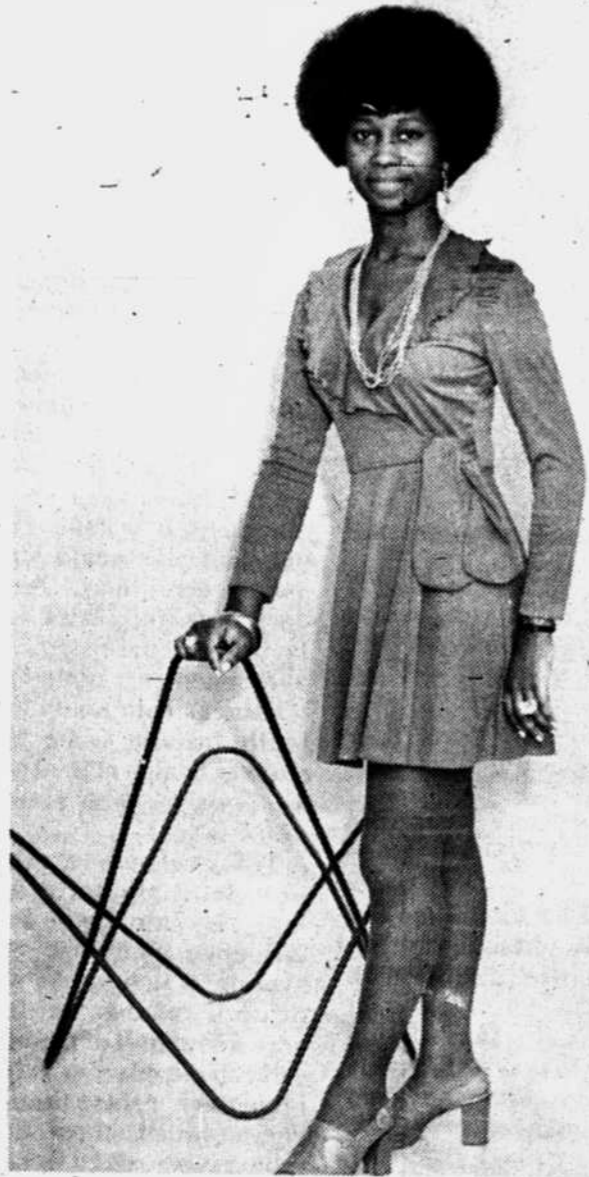
Following awards presentations, a review of black history will be presented by Voices, Incorporated—a New York black musical group. The group presents Bantu chants, field work songs, street cries, spirituals, rhythm and blues, and jazz.

CMS Schools To Close For Easter Holidays

The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools will be closed on Friday, March 28, and Monday, March 31 for Easter holidays.

All schools and school offices, including the Education Center, will be closed those two days but will reopen on normal schedules Tuesday, April 1.

The next holiday for students will be Monday, April 7, for a teachers' workday.



MISS PHYLLIS ABRAHAM
....Enjoys Her Work

Phyllis Abraham Is Beauty Of Week

What's it like to be a secretary for an executive? Just ask our Beauty, Miss Phyllis Abraham.

Phyllis is the secretary for Counseling and Testing at Johnson C. Smith University. "My job is very interesting and challenging," stated Miss Abraham. I would also consider it exciting and most of all I enjoy it.

Phyllis is the daughter of Mrs. Janie Jones. Our Beauty resides at 3816 Texas Court and is a 1971 graduate of West Charlotte High School. While she attended West Charlotte, Phyllis was a member of the Debate Club, Tennis Club, Red Cross, and the Student Government Committee.

After graduating Miss Abraham attended Health Careers for the Piedmont Carolina School of Nursing, Guthrie College, Guthrie, Oklahoma, and Johnson C. Smith University.

Our Beauty attends Gospel Temple Church where the Rev. Joe Sherman Jr. is the pastor. She doesn't participate in any church activities.

For past-time pleasures Phyllis enjoys traveling, sightseeing, bowling, reading, drag racing, entertaining, and

playing cards. "I do some cooking but not well enough to consider it a hobby," smiled Miss Abraham.

With a full time job one would wonder how she has time to enjoy all of her hobbies. Phyllis admits it isn't easy but she manages.

Some of her favorite places to visit are Atlanta, Philadelphia, and Springfield.

The 5 feet-8 inch, 125 pound Miss Abraham, who boasts proud measurements of 34-28-36, is born under the sign of Cancer. "I would describe Cancers as being very passionate, highly understanding, a woman every man can enjoy, and get ready for this, dy-no-mite, exclaimed Phyllis, getting a plug in from "Good Times."

Phyllis has future plans of going back to school and receiving her B. A. degree in Political Science. She says she chose this field in order that she may assist in the unifying of the black nation.

"It really perturbs me to see that Black people are still so far from being unified. You would think by now we would be getting closer to one another."

County Offices To Close For Easter Monday

Mecklenburg County Government offices will be closed Monday, March 31, or the Easter Monday holiday.

Offices affected include the Health Department, Social Services Department and Tax Offices. The Food Stamp Office will be open, but with limited staff to handle appointments that have already been made. Social Services Day Care Centers will be closed for the Easter holidays both Good Friday, March 28, and Easter Monday, March 31.

The Main Branch of the Public Library will be closed Easter Sunday, March 30, but it will be open the rest of Easter weekend on the regular schedule, as will all branches of the Library. None of the branches will close on Easter Monday.

Mecklenburg County Social Services Department Schedules Public Hearings

Mecklenburg County citizens will have an opportunity Friday, March 28, to help decide what social services should be provided by their Social Services Department.

A public hearing will be held on that date from 10 A.M. to 3 P.M. in the County Commissioners Meeting Room, fourth floor, County Office Building, 720 East Fourth Street.

James F. Richardson, Chairman of the Mecklenburg County Board of Social Services, says that every citizen and organization that is interested in services to the disabled, elderly, children and families should attend this meeting.

New federal legislation enacted by Congress and signed by President Ford on January 4, permits states far more freedom in determining the kinds of services that are provided to citizens.

Joann Little To Highlight Women Attorneys Meet

Nation's Welfare Rolls Remain Fairly Stable

The Nation's welfare rolls remained relatively stable during November 1974, continuing a nearly two-year trend of stability or actual decline in the Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) program.

November's total of 10,883,000 AFDC recipients on the rolls was only three tenths of one percent higher than the October total of 10,851,000 and only six tenths of one percent higher than November 1973.

Black Jobless Rate Unchanged

Washington -- The unemployment rate for blacks remained virtually unchanged in February at 13.5 percent, the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics reported. In January, the unemployment rate for blacks was 13.4 percent.

Nationally, the overall rate of unemployment was unchanged in February, following a sharp uptrend in recent months, but employment declined for the fifth straight month.

The unemployment rate remained at the January level of 8.2 percent, after climbing at the most rapid pace of the entire post-World War II period between August and January.

Total employment (as measured by the monthly survey of households) declined by nearly 540,000 in February to 84.0 million. Since September 1974, employment has dropped by 2.4 million, the largest 5-month cutback recorded in the postwar period. The civilian labor force decreased by 580,000 over the month.

Both the number of unemployed persons and the unemployment rate held steady in February, after increasing sharply in January. Since August 1974, when joblessness began its rapid upsurge, the number of unemployed persons has increased by 2.6 million to 7.5 million, and the jobless rate has risen 2.8 percentage points to 8.2 percent.

Despite the February stability in total unemployment, there was a further rise (nearly 200,000) in the number of persons who lost their last jobs.

The unemployed father segment of the AFDC program registered a slight increase—8,500, or 2.2 percent—over October's total of 380,072.

AFDC expenditures for November were up \$8.1 million from \$687.9 million in October.

James S. Dwight Jr., Administrator of HEW's Social and Rehabilitation Service (SRS), said that the November AFDC total of 10,883,000 is 273,000 below that of March 1973, when the rolls peaked at 11,156,000. He noted there had been 11 month-to-month drops in recipients on the rolls since March 1973—the first downward trend in at least 20 years.

He attributed this downward trend, in part, to the quality control program underway nationally to reduce errors in eligibility and payments in the Federal-State AFDC program. He said that by making more money available for those truly eligible, the quality control program also was partly responsible for the increase in average payments to AFDC families revealed in final figures for October 1974. The average family payment increased \$15, to \$211.60, over October 1973. He also commented that "regardless of whether later figures show declines or increases, our quality control program will continue because it is not possible to justify errors of the magnitude that existed before this program started."

Dwight said unemployment compensation programs have acted as cushions for many workers who have been laid off, and so the need for public assistance does not occur until unemployment compensation is exhausted.

Dwight said that more detailed figures for November 1974 would be released when available.



MAP OF THE PROPOSED BIKEWAY SYSTEM
...For more than 60,000 bikes

Davidson Says

Bond Issue Means Jobs For Blacks

By James Cuthbertson
Post Staff Writer

More jobs will be available for people in Charlotte, especially for black and poor people, predicted Charlotte's Move Ahead Committee chairman Don Davidson.

Every effort will be made to have new jobs by the end of the year and many more in 1976," said Davidson, who added that the first jobs would be in site preparation.

The Move Ahead Committee is pushing for the passage of five bond issues on April 8th. The passage will provide for 59.5 million to be used for improvements to the city.

Fifty-Five million provides for the bulk of the package and that will be used for the construction of a new airport terminal, twice the size of the present terminal, a new roadway system within the terminal complex, a water distribution and waste disposal system for the complex and the paving of new taxiways and safety lighting.

By providing for 55 million

in city bond funds, \$40 million in federal funds will be generated, said Davidson.

But the bond items of primary interest to Black people in Charlotte are the bus system, the sidewalk, bikeways, and special tax levy bonds.

"The thing that is important about this election is that it affords the people of the community - black, white, male, female, rich, poor - the chance to utilize the Dimensions approach.

Through Dimensions, the Comprehensive Development Plan and other programs, a cross-section of Charlotteans were asked for suggestions to improve our city.

The Public transportation system bonds call for \$2.5 million to be spent on improving the city's transportation system.

It is estimated that the bus system carries 28,000 passengers daily and 80 percent of these are black residents of the city of Charlotte.

The total cost of purchasing and improving the bus system is \$12.5 million of which the federal government will pay \$10 million or 80 per cent of the cost.

The \$2.5 million is the city's local share.

Improvements to the main-

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Garden Plot Program Begins Second Year

Spring is here and The Charlotte City Government is starting its second Community Garden Plot Program. The program allows citizens to obtain permits to grow gardens on unused, municipal land located throughout the City.

The Garden Plot Program is administered by the City's Real Estate Division, located on the fourth floor of the Cameron-Brown Building, 301 South McDowell Street, telephone 374-2245. Citizens who want to sign up for garden space should visit the Real Estate Division where parcels of land are shown on a map. After selecting a possible location, the individual will be

N. C. Case To Highlight

Women's Meet

Washington, D. C. - Discussions of the current court case of Joann Little of Washington, N. C., and the Boston case of convicted Dr. Edelin will come under discussion when the National Association of Black Women Attorneys convene here for its 2nd annual conference, April 1-6.

Indicating that the conference theme will be "The Black Woman Attorney - Identity and Involvement - Update 1975," NABWA founder Wilhelmina Jackson Rolark, the association's present president, has announced that black women in the pursuit of law activities throughout the United States have been invited to attend the conference, being held at the Statler-Hilton Hotel.

"There are fewer than 600 black women attorneys in the United States," Attorney Rolark noted in her announcement. "It is, therefore, the determination of NABWA to identify with young black women who are preparing to enter the field of law." The association has invited conference participation of students of law and para-professionals.

A feature of the Friday-through-Sunday sessions will include a banquet address by D. C. Superior Court Judge Margaret A. Haywood on Saturday evening, April 5. A variety of workshop sessions are scheduled among which will be Little and Edelin cases, Communications Law from the Black Perspective, and Women and Discrimination in Housing.

Other sessions will include attention to Present the Continuing Problems in Black Admissions to the Bar, Discrimination in Employment, the Black Female Offender - Juvenile Delinquency - Child Abuse - Child Neglect and Consumer Product Safety Laws and You.

In addition to Judge Haywood, other distinguished speakers and workshop participants will include Brenda Hamer, Special Assistant to the General Counsel, Presidential Clemency Board; Consumer Product Safety Commissioner Constance Newman; Elaine Jones of the NAACP Legal Defense Fund, and Julia Cooper, Deputy General Counsel of the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

statement containing data regarding need for the service, the service provider (sponsoring group or an agency), number of people to be served and approximate cost should be available at the meeting.

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asked to make an on-site inspection of the land to see if it is suitable for gardening purposes. A permit to use the land will then be issued.

By signing a permit the citizen agrees to the following:

-A time limit for use of the plot to run for the local growing season (Spring to October)
-To use the plot for family gardening only and not to sell any of the produce grown
-The permit may be revoked at any time if the land is needed for other City purposes
-The City cannot be held liable for the success of the garden or any claims arising from the gardening venture.