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Greensboro Coliseum Commission Evicts Prestigious CIAA Basketball Tournament



MISS JOYCE LEDBETTER
...Received numerous recognitions

Joyce Ledbetter Is Beauty Of Week

By Polly Manning
Post Staff Writer

"A Beauty in Her Own Right", a description that most certainly goes with our Beauty Of The Week, Miss Joyce Ledbetter. Joyce, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Titus Ledbetter of 3113 Danbury Drive, was recently chosen 1st Runner-Up in the Miss Black Teen-age N. C. Pageant.

Miss Ledbetter, who has received numerous recognitions for her talent to sing, did just that for her talent presentation. She sang "You've Got A Friend."

Along with the title of 1st Runner-Up, Joyce has made several television appearances and was featured in a Bell Telephone Commercial.

Our talented Beauty is a senior at West Mecklenburg High School. She is a member of the French Club and Secretary of the band. In the band she plays the French Horn.

She has as her hobbies singing, modeling, listening to

music, reading, and meeting people. Her favorite singer is Elton John and her favorite things to read are astrology books, books on witchcraft, and some novels.

The Ledbetter family attends Friendship Baptist Church where Rev. Coleman Kerry is the pastor. Joyce is a member of the junior choir and the past president of "Acteens."

Miss Ledbetter is born under the sign of Aquarius. Aquarius is the water sign. Joyce describes them as loving their freedom, very independent, and she adds that you will seldom find one that is prejudiced.

Miss Ledbetter, who weighs 117 pounds and stand 5 feet 6 inches tall, has as her favorite actor Telly Savalas. "I like him because of the way he carries himself, and because he appears to be different from other bald men."

After graduating this year Joyce has plans of going to college to pursue a major in voice. She sings 1st soprano and has received superior ratings in auditions at several colleges in vocal music.

1935 Second Ward

Class To Meet

Saturday Night

Mrs. Hazel Alexander will serve as hostess for the 1935 Class of Second Ward High School on Saturday, at 7:30 P.M. Mrs. Alexander lives at 2005 Russell Avenue.

Henry Swift, class president, urges all members to be present to continue making plans for the class reunion which is to be held in July.

Mayor Lightner To Speak Here Tuesday Night

The first Black mayor of a major North Carolina city, Clarence E. Lightner, of Raleigh, will be the guest speaker at the 39th annual meeting of the McCrorey YMCA Board of Directors.

The 7 p.m. dinner meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 29, at the YMCA which is located at 3801 Beatties Ford Road.

In addition to being mayor of Raleigh, Lightner is a member of the Board of Directors of the North Carolina Voter Education Project, the Raleigh Chamber of Commerce, the Raleigh Human Relations Board, the Wake County Board of Health, the Rex Hospital and the Raleigh Little Theatre.

The gentleman who is serving his first term as mayor is a member of the following organizations: The National Funeral Directors and Morticians Association (Past President), Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, the Shriners, the Masonic and Elks Lodges, the National Business League, and the Quarterback Club.

He was educated at North Carolina Central University and the Echol College of Mortuary of Science in Philadelphia and holds an honorary Doctorate of Law Degree from Shaw University, (1972) and North Carolina Central University in 1974.

He is married to the former Marguerite Massey and has four children; Bruce, Lawrence, Deborah, and Claire.

The business that he is involved in are the Lightner Funeral Home (President), the Lightner Insurance Agency, and the Hillcrest Cemetery.

Tickets for the event will be \$5 per person and proceeds will go to the Y. For further information contact Ms. Catherine Williams at the Y.

900,000 Tar Heels Will Receive Rebate Checks

GREENSBORO-The first of approximately 900,000 Federal tax rebate checks for North Carolina taxpayers will be mailed May 9, Robert A. LeBaube, Greensboro District Director for the Internal Revenue Service said today.

Most of the checks should be mailed by the end of June.

Mr. LeBaube remarked, "Those taxpayers filing early returns this year will receive their checks first. The IRS will automatically compute all rebates using the information on the returns. Any adjustments made by the taxpayer will only serve to delay processing and issuance of the rebate."

He went to say that some taxpayers will receive checks for the rebate only, if they have already received a refund or if their returns are already in process. Those filing in April and having a refund and a rebate due will receive a combined check explaining how much is for the refund and how much is for the rebate.

Mr. LeBaube said that taxpayers must pay their current tax bill before a rebate check is issued. Any rebate check will be credited to the account and any remainder will be forwarded to the taxpayer.

Under the new legislation



DR. GEORGE A. LOWE, Head of Charlotte's Sickle Cell Anemia Program was guest speaker at the Chums, Inc. Board Meeting Last Saturday at the Downtowner East Motor Inn. Other platform guests included, right to left, Rev. Smith Turner, pastor of Grace A.M.E. Zion Church; Chums National President Lucille Webb; Charlotte President Zenobia Hagans.

Chums Hold Board Meeting

The National Chums, Inc. held its annual Board Meeting last Saturday in the Marco Polo Room at Charlotte's Downtowner East Motor Inn.

Dr. George A. Lowe was the Luncheon Speaker for the 12:30 affair that was attended by approximately 100 people, including the Hums, the husbands of the Chums.

While lunching on a menu of Fried Chicken, peach halves,

potatoes Au Gratin, French Sliced Green Beans Almondine, Rolls and Sherbert, the group heard Dr. Lowe speak on the history and purpose of Sickle Cell Anemia.

Rev. Smith Turner delivered the invocation prior to a welcome by Charlotte President Zenobia Hagans.

Mrs. Alice Ruth Diamond, owner of Fancy Hat Boutique, conducted a fashion show

during the luncheon.

Mrs. Helena Cunningham introduced Mrs. Stitt and her daughter who is a Sickle Cell sufferer-whose medical care is underwritten by the Charlotte Chapter of Chums, Inc.

Remarks by Mrs. Lucille Webb, National President of Chums, Inc. concluded the program, speech, and luncheon, which was followed by a business session.

Black Jobless Rate Reaches All-Time High

The jobless rate for blacks, at 13.7 percent in the first quarter 1975, was at its highest level since rates for all major demographic, industry, and occupational groups were initiated, the U. S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor

Statistics reported.

The unemployment rates for both black (Negro and other races) and white workers rose sharply over the quarter and were substantially above their year-earlier levels. On a proportional basis, the white increase was greater, so that the ratio of the black-to-white jobless rates diminished to 1.7 to 1, well below the 2-to-1 level of a year ago. This pattern of temporary narrowing of the ratio has been typical of earlier business slowdowns, particularly the 1970-71 recession.

In terms of percentage-point increases in unemployment rates, however, blacks have fared worse, as their rate has risen 1.6 percentage points since the second quarter of 1974 (from 9.1 to 13.7 percent).

compared with a 3.0 percentage-point increase for whites.

The 1.7-to-1 relationship does not prevail for all major age-sex groups. Black teenagers tend to have the highest unemployment rates relative to their white counterparts, and the black-white teenager ratio in the first quarter was 2.2 to 1. Adult women, on the other hand, had the lowest ratio, 1.1 to 1; it was 1.9 to 1 among adult men.

The number of blacks in the discouraged-worker category was also disproportionate to their percentage in the labor force—29 percent, compared with 11 percent.

The unemployment rate for black veterans 20-34 years of age was 18.0 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

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Conference Reviewing Three Site Proposals

By Bill Johnson
Post Manager-Editor

The prestigious Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association Basketball Tournament, which is highly regarded as one of the nation's foremost college sponsored events, has been evicted from the Greensboro Coliseum.

For reasons that have not been disclosed, the Greensboro Coliseum Commission refused last week to renew its contract with the CIAA, temporarily leaving the conference without a home for its popular tournament which is generally regarded as the top black sports event in the United States.

"It was with long, serious thoughts and deep regrets that we (CIAA Officials) had to make the decision to leave Greensboro and the very cordial relationship we have enjoyed for more than a decade," Dr. Jack S. Brayboy, vice president for administrative affairs at Johnson C. Smith University and a long-time member of the CIAA Tournament Committee, said late Monday afternoon.

According to Dr. Brayboy, the Greensboro Coliseum Commission refused to confirm the weekend of February 26-28, 1976 until they could reach an agreement with the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference.

They also refused to give us a contract for the preceding weekend until they could obtain approval of the MEAC," Brayboy explained.

The conference is presently reviewing tournament site proposals from Hampton, Virginia Coliseum, Norfolk, Virginia Scope, and the Richmond Virginia Coliseum.

MERGER JUNKED

Dr. Brayboy stated that the proposed post season basketball tournament with the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference, tentatively planned for the Greensboro Coliseum next February, has also been canceled.

"Basically," he continued, "it was a lack of trust. The CIAA has tried to do things in good faith. The MEAC has not."

"Our first consideration to the merger was how financially it would be profitable for us," Dr. Brayboy pointed out.

"The second crucial consideration is that only four teams from our league could compete. The presidents of our institutions felt that this arrangement wasn't fair simply because we have 13 member schools and they have only seven. Then, too, it must be remembered that the basketball tournament is the most attractive and most sellable feature of the CIAA athletic events."

Statistics show that more than 30,000 fans attend the three-day tournament in Greensboro last February and that 13,152 were on hand for the Championship Finals on Saturday night. The highly magnetic sports attraction has attracted more than a quarter million fans to the Greensboro Coliseum since 1962 and the influx has brought more than three million dollars annually to the Piedmont Triad economy.

The tournament is the second largest three-day collegiate basketball showcase in the United States, topped only by the Atlantic Coast Conference. The conference has paid an average of \$28,000 annually to the Greensboro Coliseum Commission for rentals, and the Greensboro Coliseum Commission has profited many thousands more from concessions and parking facilities.

The Post was unable to contact the manager of the Greensboro Coliseum Commission Tuesday morning. Reports reliable sources say that political pressure was applied to replace the CIAA established tournament with the young MEAC tournament since North Carolina A&T is a local school.

Dr. Brayboy had no comment on the question.

Dr. Brayboy concluded that "It is a great disappointment. I had hoped that we would have worked out some kind of equitable arrangement with the MEAC."

It's just a regrettable situation.

Smith To
Host Prep
Students

The Office of Admissions at Johnson C. Smith University invites all high school students to participate in its High School Day activities which will take place on the campus on Saturday, April 26.

Special activities have been planned for students who are interested in attending J. C. Smith or in learning more about the institution. Assistance will be given to those students who need help in completing financial aid applications.

Mrs. Stephen Enters Mother Of Year Contest

A local Charlottean has been nominated by the NAACP's Charlotte District to be its candidate for NAACP "Mother Of The Year" honors.

Mrs. Willie L. Stephen, owner and operator of the Trinity Beauty Salon, 9137 Trinity Road has been nominated by Mrs. Mamie Turner for the coveted honor.

Mrs. Stephen is the mother of five children; three sons and two daughters, 24 grandchildren, and four great grandchildren.

She graduated from the American Academy Beauty College and received her operators license in 1955. She is a member of Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, where Rev. L.



Mrs. Willie Stephen
...NAACP Contestant?

working with dried flowers, and works with Tri-Beatty Home Extension Club, and is unit manager for Vanda Cosmetics.

The winning Mother will be crowned May 25 prior to the 1975 NAACP Freedom Day Celebration in Raleigh. If she wins in Raleigh, she will advance as North Carolina's "Mother of the Year" to the NAACP National Convention in Washington, D. C. from June 29 to July 5.

The Mother of the Year Contest is an NAACP Freedom Fund Project.

Mrs. Stephen said she would appreciate the support of local churches and business organizations in the Charlotte area in her quest for this coveted title.

TURTLE-TALK



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