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Urban League Says

Critical Economic Situation Facing Minority Americans



Photo by Jim Black

LOVELY ANN STITT
...Love simple things

Miss Ann Stitt Is Our Beauty

By Polly Manning
Post Staff Writer

"I love the simple things in life. In my spare time I just love to walk through the woods and enjoy nature. These type things are free and aren't taken advantage of enough," was the reply of our Beauty of The Week, Miss Ann Stitt.

When she isn't on the nature trail Ann also enjoys roller skating. "Although some people think roller skating is for kids, I enjoy it. It's also a good way to exercise," smiled Ann.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Stitt of 6020 Carver Boulevard.

Hank Wilmer

Announces

For Mayor

Hank Wilmer, longtime Republican leader in Charlotte and Mecklenburg County, Wednesday announced his candidacy for Mayor. The municipal elections in Charlotte will be held on a partisan basis for the first time this year under legislation passed by the recently adjourned General Assembly.

In announcing before a group of friends at the Red Carpet Inn, Wilmer said, "The people of Charlotte are calling for new leadership—leadership that will steer the city on a course of quality growth—growth that will enrich the lives of all the people in Charlotte." Wilmer further stated, "The people of Charlotte are calling for a new openness in government—where decisions are made in public view, after candid discussion."

Wilmer promised the people of Charlotte, "A forthright and open campaign. I plan to speak out on the issues as I see them. I plan to take my campaign to the people. I plan to visit the neighborhoods."

Miss Stitt is a 1974 graduate of North Mecklenburg High School. While attending North Mecklenburg she was active in the Girls Athletic Association, Booster Club, whose purpose was to promote school spirit, and the school Newspaper. "I was considered somewhat as the feature writer of the staff I wrote stories on various topics that were of interest to the student body as well as the faculty," Ann explained.

Now out of high school our beauty finds herself attending Central Piedmont Community College studying accounting. She feels that the field is open especially to women. After completing her studies at Central Piedmont Ann has plans of going to UNC-Chapel Hill to get her masters. When asked why she chose UNC-Chapel Hill she replies, "I feel that they have about the best graduate schools of accounting in the Carolinas and I do want to stay within this area."

Ann is presently working part-time at All-State Insurance Company in the Claims Department. She handles accident files and records. She doesn't have plans of keeping this position after she completes school.

Our Beauty is born under the sign of Taurus. She states that although Taureans are supposed to be stubborn and selfish, she wouldn't associate these traits to her own personality. She does feel that they are independent people.

The person having the most influence on the life of Miss Stitt has been her Aunt, Linda Nelson. "I admire her mainly because of the way that she carries herself and because of the tidbits of wisdom that she has passed down through the years," stated Ann.

The Stitt family attends Morning Glade A.M.E. Zion Church where Rev. C. C. Revell is the minister. Ann is very active on the Junior Choir.

West Charlotte's

1962 Class To

Meet Sunday

The West Charlotte Class of 1962 will have a business meeting Sunday, August 24, at the Greenville Neighborhood Center.

According to John Love, Class treasurer, the purpose of the meeting is to elect new officers, to plan activities for 1975-76 and to finalize plans for the 1977 class reunion.

The meeting will start at 6 p.m. All class members are urged to attend.

School Lunch

Price Same

As Last Year

Fees for Charlotte-Mecklenburg public school students will remain the same this school year except for a slight increase in the optional student accident insurance.

The insurance will cost all students—kindergarten through grade twelve—\$3.25, an increase of 25 cents from last year. Although the insurance is optional, school officials strongly urge parents to purchase the added protection for their children.

The insurance fee is required of all students participating in junior and senior high school athletics. In addition, a separate insurance fee is required of students participating in senior high school football. The fee is \$12.50 for tryouts and an additional \$16 for students who make the team. The total premium is \$28.50.

There are no required fees at the elementary level.

At the junior high level, there is a required instructional supply fee which is \$7 for seventh grade students and \$8 for eighth and ninth graders. In addition, junior high students may rent lockers for school lockers at 30 cents per year or 15 cents per student if two share one locker.

At the senior high school, required fees for all students include \$12 for instructional supplies and \$1 for school newspapers. Seniors must pay a \$3 graduation fee.

Other optional fees in senior high school are a school annual fee (to be determined by each school) and a 25-cent lock rental for school lockers.

Students at the junior and senior high school level who are taking physical education must purchase uniforms. The cost is \$4.25 for boys' and girls' uniforms.

Goode Named Vice

President Of 1975

United Way Campaign

Seddon Goode Jr., senior vice president of Interstate Securities Corporation, has been selected as vice chairman of the 1975 United Way Campaign.

Challenge Grant

J. C. Smith Receives \$100,000

Dr. Wilbert Greenfield, President of Johnson C. Smith University, has announced the approval of a challenge grant of \$900,000 from the Kresge Foundation to be applied to the construction of an education building. Payment of the grant is conditioned upon the raising of the balance of funds needed for the project by November 15, 1975.

The University hopes to build a facility which will house the entire Department of Education including early childhood, intermediate and secondary education and provide an area for an early childhood center. The center will serve as a laboratory where Smith students can gain first-hand experience in working with young children. The estimated cost is approximately \$900,000.

Projects for the education



Photo by Peeler

GROUND BREAKING CEREMONIES marking the beginning of construction to a new Temple Chapel First Baptist Church Assembly were held last Sunday at the 100 September Lane site in southwest Charlotte. Rev. F. C. Pinkney, center, shovel earth at the historic occasion as church officer and members of the congregation look on.

100 September Lane

Temple Chapel Church To Build \$325,000 Edifice

By JAME PEELER
Post Feature Writer

Approximately 200 persons braved 93 degree that to be present for groundbreaking ceremonies at the 100 September Lane site of the soon-to-be constructed Temple Chapel First Baptist Church Assembly.

The 46-year-old, 400-member church, pastored by Rev. F. C. Pinkney, was located at 219 Remount Road when it was destroyed by fire last March.

According to church pastor Pinkney, the new edifice will be located on a 325 by 150 lot. The two-story, 100 by 50 church will cost \$385,000 and will seat 800 persons in its sanctuary. It will have 6 Sunday School class rooms, a kitchen, a nursery, and a Fellowship Hall on its lower level.

Temple Chapel Baptist Church's congregation is presently worshipping at Kennedy Junior High School and Rev. Pinkney says the new facility

should be completed by Christmas of this year.

With the 69-year-old Rev. Pinkney presiding, the Groundbreaking Ceremony began with a song by one of the church's six choirs. The musical selection was followed by prayer by Rev. Pinkney, another song by the choirs, and a scripture reading of the 33 psalm.

Rev. Pinkney turned several shovels of earth breaking the ground and he and other members of the gathering marched through a spray of water symbolizing the crossing of the Red Sea. The Red Sea ceremony was followed by the pronouncement of the Benediction by Rev. Pinkney concluding the formal ceremonies which began at 3:00 and ended at 4:30 P.M.

Temple Chapel Baptist Church Pastor Pinkney is a native of Winsboro, S. C. The widower married to the late Sarah Stillwood who passed 4 years ago.

Rev. Pinkney is the father of 12 children:

Fred, of Detroit, Mich.; Joe, of Charlotte; Mack of New Port News, Virginia; Curtis, of Virginia; Isaiah, of New York; Elizabeth, of Detroit; Jannie Myers, of Charlotte; Beulah Henderson, of New York; Ernest, of Charlotte; Louise Caldwell, of Charlotte; Eloise Boyd, of Charlotte, and the late Missouriia, of Charlotte.

Also present for the historic occasion were church Deacon and Trustee Willie Dewberry and church secretary Sarah Funderburke.

B. F. Goodrich

Names Walter Blunt

EOE Manager

Walter L. Blunt Jr. has been named manager of equal opportunity employment for The B. F. Goodrich Company. He succeeds William W. Baughman, retired.

NUL's Plan To Deal With Unemployment

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Atlanta--"Working, fighting, believing, dreaming, let this conference begin. With those words Sunday night form the keynote speech of its director Vernon Jordan, the National Urban League ended its first day of its convention in Atlanta - an intensive four day survey of the critical economic situation facing Black and other minority Americans.

The conference theme was "Jobs, dollars and race," and each workshop and plenary session for the estimated 7,000 delegates from Urban League chapters throughout the country has emphasized different aspects of the economic depression now endured by millions.

"It has been a year of great turmoil, of terrible depression and of hardship for black people," said Jordan, a former Atlanta resident. "Nixon is gone but his legacy lingers on."

"That legacy of divisiveness and of economic warfare against poor and working people must be exercised if our nation is to recapture its self-respect.

Minority

Contractors

Overlooked

Of the more than \$175 million spent in highway construction in the State of North Carolina in the first six months of 1975, minority contractors received less than one percent of the funds.

This and other problems that minorities have in competing for contracts were highlighted at the recent meeting of the North Carolina Association of Minority Contractors (NCAMC) that was held in Charlotte at the NCAMC's office on North Caswell Road.

The meeting held on August 14 was attended by minority contractors from throughout the state of North Carolina. It was also noted that only 16 minority contractors who are prequalified according to state standards are allowed to bid on state contracts.

This was the first meeting of its type where prime contractors on the state and federal levels got together to discuss problems and according to officials it proved very profitable.

Teddy Morawski, of the Federal Highway Administration said that his group has found minorities and have them identified because there is a provision in each contract to the state that the state will seek out minority contractors.

The executive director of the N.C.A.M.C., Herbert Thomas said that he did not believe sincere efforts are being made on the part of majority contractors in seeking out minority contractors.

Ed Hagen of Barnhill Contracting Company countered with the argument that all this was due to the fact that when a minority contractor obtains a State license, there is no way of identifying him as a minority.

Thomas added that with the help of the Department of Housing and Urban Development more than 400 minority contractors in the state have been discovered.

Tennis Tournament

Set For September 6

Entries are now being accepted for the Greater Cordelia Park Open Tennis Tournament to be held September 6 and 7 at Cordelia Park in North Charlotte.

The event was sponsored by the Cordelia Park Players and several Charlotte businesses.

Entry fees are \$6. There will be three flights for participants. For more information contact Charles Parker 597-3709 or Hal Seegars 334-6946.



Dr. Wilbert Greenfield
...J. C. Smith president

TURTLE-TALK



MIDDLE AGE is when a person starts thinking about resigning from the JET SET and joining the SET JET.