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Two Blacks Seek Public Office Here

By James Cuthbertson
Post Staff Writer

Two Black Charlotteans are among the 23 candidates running for seven seats on the City Council.

Democrats Harvey Gantt and Robert Walton are among the 13 Democrats seeking a position in the November 4 general election.

This year for the first time city elections are partisan. Running for Major are three Democrats, three Republicans and two Labor Party candidates.

Running for the council are 13 Democrats, nine Republicans and one Labor Party candidate.

A 14th candidate Democrat, George R. Abernathy, has withdrawn from the City Council race but his name will appear on the primary ballot.

The primary will eliminate all but seven candidates in the Republican and Democratic parties for City Council and all but one candidate for mayor for the Republican, Democratic and Labor parties. The Labor Party will not have a primary.

The winners of the primary will face each other in the general election on November 4.

Versatile, affable, and full of empathy, thirty-two-year-old Harvey Gantt is always ready to listen to problems whether he is in his office or on the tennis courts where he spends a great deal of his time as a member of the Black Association for Tennis Charlotte (BATTC).

Gantt, whose effectiveness in government is almost as good as his game on the tennis courts where he is a real "pro", filled the unexpired City Council term of Fred D. Alexander after Alexander won a state senate bid last fall.

The architect will be facing the voters for the first time. Gantt who is very much concerned with the future of Charlotte is primarily responsible for the City Council's authorization of nets and lights at the heavily used West Charlotte High School Tennis Courts.

Without his input on the council those six courts might still be empty and several of Charlotte's Westside adults and youngsters would be minus recreational facilities.

Holding an architectural degree from Clemson University and a master's degree in city planning from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Gantt is a partner in the firm of Gantt-Huber Associates.

A former native of Charleston, S.C., he sings in the choir at Friendship Baptist Church. He and his wife, Cindy, and three daughters live at 4317 Munsee Street in Hidden Valley.

Thirty-one-year-old Robert L. Walton is a commercial loan officer and manager of the Cameron Brown office of First Union National Bank.

In addition to his duties in See Black on page 4



Photo by Jim Black

PATRICIA ANN LENNON
"Miss J. C. Smith"

JCSU Senior Is Beauty Of Week

By Polly Manning
Post Staff Writer

The lovely marshlands of lower South Carolina produced this week's Beauty of the Week, lovely and vivacious Patricia Ann Lennon.

Patricia is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Abel Taft Lennon of Georgetown and is presently reigning as "Miss Johnson C. Smith University, 1975-76".

The very active young lady in high school, where she was a member of the Honor Society, the Ushers Club, the Student Council, the Block H Club, the Student Science Club and the Academic Curriculum Club at Winyah High School is also very active in college.

The Senior, who majors in Political Science and minors in speech, is interested in a graduate school program or law school. She has no special school in mind but is interested in obtaining a masters or a doctorate.

At Smith she has been vice-president of the freshmen class and is a present member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and the Smith Student Government.

But the most exciting thing to her right now is representing Johnson C. Smith University.

"I am very proud to be Miss Johnson C. Smith University. I find it very exciting."

Miss Lennon ran against six candidates for the coveted honor. She will be crowned at the coronation ceremonies on October 18.

The former member of the soul rock group Mockabee is a Gemini and she says that her horoscope is true to her personality. "The dual personality is true of myself. My moods change almost as much as the weather," smiled Miss Lennon.

She is a member of Bethesda Baptist Church where the Rev. W. A. Johnson is the minister.

Our beauty's favorite past time is "someone special." And when she is not dealing in her favorite past time she is all over campus being very actively involved in student government activities.

Obviously, Miss Lennon loves Johnson C. Smith by her activities and her endeavors and I'm sure this is what the Smith student body had in mind when they voted for our South Carolina beauty as Miss Johnson C. Smith 1975-76.

Stratford To Manage

Downtown Post Office

Postmaster O. B. Sloan announced Wednesday the promotion of Willie J. Stratford to the position of Manager of the West Trade Street Station, effective September 13.

This is the Downtown Station located at 401 West Trade Street.

Mr. Stratford, who will manage this unit, has had 28 years of Postal Service. He has worked as Foreman of Mails at the Air Mail Facility, Assistant Manager of the Dilworth Station, and Manager of the University Park Station.

He has also worked in supervisory capacities in Mail Processing and in Customer Services, as Food Stamp Project Manager, and is now Public Information Officer for the Charlotte Postal Service.

Mr. Stratford will continue to serve as Public Information Officer for the Charlotte Postal Service in addition to his new duties.

Mr. Sloan said that he believes Mr. Stratford, with his knowledge of the Postal Service, will be an asset to the business community and the other customers served by the West Trade Street Branch.



Willie J. Stratford

...Receives new promotion

ject Manager, and is now Public Information Officer for the Charlotte Postal Service.

For Durham, N.C. Prince Hall Masons Set 200th Anniversary Meet

Black Jobless Rate Rises

The unemployment rate for black workers rose a full percentage point in August to 14.0 percent, the U. S. Labor Department's Bureau of Labor Statistics reported.

This rate closely approximates the second quarter average of 14.3 percent. The increase was primarily among black women, whose rate rose from 10.8 percent in July to 12.6 percent in August.

In contrast, the unemployment rate for white workers continued its gradual descent from the Spring quarter peak of 8.2 percent, reaching 7.6 percent in August.

Nationally, unemployment held steady in August, and employment increased substantially. The unemployment rate remained at the July level of 8.4 percent, after declining from the second quarter recession peak of 8.9 percent. Although there was no change in overall joblessness, there was a marked improvement among adult workers.

Total employment--as measured by the monthly survey of households--rose by 275,000 in August, following a much larger advance in July. After declining by 2.6 million from last September to a low of 83.8 million in March, employment has risen by 1.5 million in the ensuing 5-month period. Total nonagricultural employment accounted for 1.3 million of this increase.

The number of persons unemployed totaled 7.8 million in August, seasonally adjusted, unchanged from July but down 410,000 from the peak level reached in the second quarter. The rate of unemployment was unchanged at 8.4 percent. Just 12 months earlier, when the very sharp downturn in the economy began, the rate had been 5.4 percent.

Although overall joblessness was unchanged in August, there were significant offsetting movements among the labor force groups.

Here Next Week

Dr. Carter To Lead Mt. Carmel's Revival

Revival Services will begin at Mount Carmel Baptist Church, 412 Campus Street, Sunday with Dr. Harold A. Carter, prominent minister of the New Shiloh Baptist Church of Baltimore, Md. serving as the guest evangelist.

With the exception of Sunday when the revival will be held at 6 p.m., the services will be held nightly through Friday at 7:30 o'clock. Guest choirs from the Charlotte area will join the revival leader each night.

The Deacons and Trustees will host Monday night's services and choirs from Gold Hill, Salem, Gethsemane and Friendship Baptist Church will render the music.

Guest choirs listed for Tuesday night's services are Greater Galilee, New Zion, Union Baptist and St. John Baptist Church. The Church women and laymen will serve

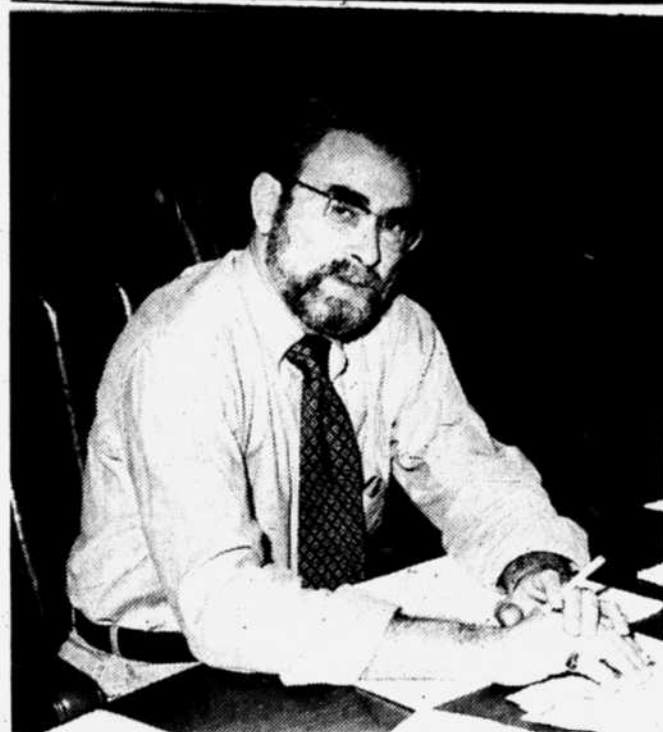


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KENNETH GOLDBLATT
...WGIV Vice President

At WGIV

Kenneth Goldblatt Succeeds Branson

By Jim Black
Post Feature Writer

When you turn your radio on to WGIV 1600 on your dial, don't expect to hear anything different than you have in the past, except for editorials.

The familiar voice of Todd Branson, general manager of WGIV since 1969, will soon be replaced. In fact as of November 30, when his contract terminates, Branson will be relieved of his position because of "differences in administrative viewpoints."

According to recent reports Ragan Henry, president of Broadcast Enterprises Network, (Ben) confirmed in Philadelphia that Branson had been notified of the decision.

According to the source Kenneth Goldblatt has been appointed as Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of New Giv, Inc. the licensee of radio station, WGIV, in Charlotte, N. C. Goldblatt has over twenty-five years experience in the broadcast business having worked in local

sales for radio stations WOV and WINS in New York City, for the Mutual Broadcasting Network, and as sales manager for the Forjoe station representatives firm and for Headley-Rud Company. He also served as sales manager for WQXI in Atlanta, Ga.

For the past 14 years he has been station manager and special assistant to the general manager of radio station, WAOK, in Atlanta, Ga. another Broadcast Enterprise Network property.

In an interview Goldblatt stated he was impressed with the overall efficiency of the station and that there would be no dramatic changes.

"Anyway, he added that falls into programming and that is one of Manny Clark's areas." It was then that I was told Manny Clark was also promoted to be the position of Operations Director at WGIV.

According to Manny, this means he will have more responsibilities around the See Goldblatt on page 12

Group To Focus Emphasis On Charity, Brotherhood

With focus on the Prince Hall Bicentennial, and with major emphasis on Charity, Brotherhood, Recruitment, Law and Order with Justice, and First-Class Citizenship, the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina, headed by the Most Worshipful Grand Master Herbert Bell Shaw of Wilmington, distinguished Senior Bishop of the First Episcopal District of the great A.M.E. Zion Church, will convene in 105th Annual Communication, October 6-8, in the city of Durham.

General headquarters will be at the White Rock Baptist Church, 3400 Fayetteville Street, where will be held all regular sessions, workshops, and committee meetings, while the Annual Fellowship Banquet will be held on the campus of North Carolina Central University, also located on Fayetteville Street.

This 105th Grand Communication takes on extraordinary historic significance in the fact that it marks the 200th Anniversary of the beginning of Freemasonry among Blacks. Approximately, and with a profound sense of gratitude for his vision, his untiring labors, and his remarkable achievements, the Grand Lodge has selected to dedicate this entire Communication to the sacred memory of our illustrious founder, Prince Hall.

This 105th Annual Communication also marks the beginning of a new era for Prince Hall Free and Accepted Masonry in North Carolina; and it will implement a variety of new, highly significant goals.

Sustained by the reflected image of the revered founder, inspired by the phenomenal achievements of his immediate predecessor in office, Past Grand Master Brown, and greatly endowed with Di-

Governor

Reappoints

Barnes, Lee

Governor Jim Holshouser today reappointed Jackson F. Lee of Fayetteville and Alexander Barnes of Durham to four-year terms on the Board of Trustees of Fayetteville State University.

Lee, Mayor of Fayetteville, is vice president of Murchison and Bailey Advertising and Public Relations Agency. He received his B.S. degree from the University of Nebraska, and served in the U. S. Army Air Corps. He has served as president of the United Community Fund of Cumberland County, president of the Haymont Lions Club, president of the N. C. Association of Broadcasters, and president of the Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce. He is a Mason and is active in the Highland Presbyterian Church. He also served on the National Advisory Council on Equality of Educational Opportunity.

Barnes, a graduate of Fayetteville State University, is director of public relations for the A.M.E. Zion Church. He is also a staff member of the Carolinian, a Durham newspaper, and is vice-chairman of the Durham County Republican Party.



Fred Alexander
To Be Honored

vine Wisdom, Grand Master Shaw has launched a "program of progress," which promises to be a national model in Freemasonry. With a membership goal of 50,000 during the next two years, with contributions to Charity, the Central Orphanage and the NAACP Freedom Fund tripled, over the same period, with a broad and vigorous Knights of Pythagoras program, and with accelerated advances in other vital areas of action, the Grand Lodge, under the resourceful and dynamic leadership of Grand Master Shaw, is destined to witness unprecedented goals, and this 105th Communication will provide a concerted setting for this go forward movement!

With the Honorable Clark S. Brown as keynote and principal honoree; recipient of the Prince Hall Bicentennial Award, special recognition ceremonies will spotlight the program of the Fellowship Banquet on Tuesday, and these ceremonies will follow immediately the keynote address.

Also cited during these ceremonies will be the Honorable Fred D. Alexander of Charlotte, member of the Senate of the N. C. General Assembly - the first Black identified with Prince Hall Free and Accepted Masonry, or otherwise, to attain such distinction in approximately 100 years, and one of the two Blacks now occupying this outstanding role. Alexander will receive the "Distinguished Statesman Award."

Prior to the Recognition Ceremonies, at the fellowship Banquet there will be welcome to the city exercises, auspices of the local steering committee. Brother Kelly R. Bryant Jr., general chairman. Participants in these exercises will be city officials, and other local dignitaries. Appointee for response to the words of welcome will be named by the Grand Master.

The Grand Master's Breakfast, saluting worshipful masters from across the Jurisdiction, and providing a forum for discussion on part of the worshipful masters, themselves, will be at 8 on Tuesday morning.

Immediately following this breakfast session, the Craft - led by the Grand Master, Past Grand Master, and other Grand Officers, will form in procession to the monument (on the NCCU campus), and thence to the graveside of the late Past Master James E. Shepard, for fitting memorial ceremonies.

TURTLE-TALK



REMEMBER when the ONLY PAY CHECK deduction was the one slipped out for a BEER on the way home from work?