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## Lumberton To Host NAACP 32nd Annual Convention

### Support Urged In Fire Prevention

Last year nine persons died in fires in Charlotte. More than 11,700 died nationally. And some 953 structures were damaged or destroyed here for a total fire loss of \$2,257,735 last year.

October 5-11 is National Fire Prevention Week. "In Charlotte I hope everyone will work throughout the year to reduce personal carelessness," says Charlotte Fire Chief John E. Lee, "because it is the major contributor to fire loss in our community." Chief Lee adds that "all residents should take advantage of inexpensive smoke detectors now available locally. Some 60 percent of the fire fatalities take place in the home."

To focus attention on fire safety, the Fire Prevention Bureau of the Charlotte Fire Department has many activities planned for this week. "Big Red", the talking fire truck and Smokey the Bear will make appearances at area daycare centers and nurseries to stress fire safety. In addition, fire prevention literature has been distributed to grades 1-3 in Charlotte elementary schools.

Fire officials stress the importance of fire safety inspections for private dwellings including apartments, and mobile homes. Citizens may request a free inspection by calling the Fire Prevention Bureau at 374-2101. Annually the Fire Department conducts more than 15,000 fire inspections of businesses, industry, and dwellings.

### Water, Sewer Connection To Cost More

Citizens who have water and sewer connections available to them and wish to take advantage of these services can save money by making application to the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Utility Department by October 13.



Photo By Jim Black

### ATTRACTIVE MARY BROWN ...Newcomer To Charlotte

## East Mecklenburg Senior Is "Beauty Of The Week"

By Polly Manning  
Post Staff Writer

A newcomer to the city has been chosen as this week's beauty. She is Miss Mary Brown.

Mary is the daughter of Mrs. Mary Little of 915 Piedmont Courts. She has been in our lovely city for about a month. Miss Brown is a transfer student from Chesterfield Senior High School, Chesterfield, S.C.

In September, Mary came to Charlotte and was placed in Independence High School. "I didn't like Independence," stated Miss Brown. "The students were very distant and didn't make me feel welcome at all. Being in this type situation was very foreign to me so I rushed back to Chesterfield

High. I'm back now and I am attending East Mecklenburg Senior High School. The students here greeted me warmly and I've made a tremendous amount of friends."

When asked to compare the two high schools Mary described Chesterfield High as being a small school where the students wanted more freedom and responsibility, but never spoke out for it. Here in Charlotte she says she has noticed that students speak out for what they want and they sign petitions.

She feels that the classes are more complicated and at first she found it hard to cope. Also Chesterfield High requires 18 units for graduation, whereas Independence requires 13. While she was attending

Chesterfield High Mary was the President of the 4-H Club, a member of the Pep Club, and Vice-President of Future Homemakers of America. Since coming to Charlotte she has joined the Distributive Education Club. As part of her class she works part-time at Jack's Steak House on Freedom Drive. She admits liking her job, and find the people very nice to work with.

Mary's hobbies are all types of sports, especially basketball. She also loves to do anything that has to do with children.

When she graduates this year she plans to go to Central Piedmont Community College to study child care. She hopes to have a job as a child director.

Miss Brown and her family attend Greater Mt. Sinai Baptist Church where Rev. Norman E. Kerry is the pastor. Mary has intentions of later joining the youth choir.

Mary admits that she is very thrilled about being chosen "Beauty of the Week." "I was under the impression that a number of girls were chosen and just a short article was written on them. I had no idea it was an entire article on one girl," she explained.

Our beauty is a Taurus. She admits to being stubborn at times, easy to get mad, but likes to meet new people.

Her favorite day of the week is Sunday. "It's my only day off," smiled Mary. "It also seems to be the most quiet day of the week."

### Here Sunday Morning

## Dr. Turner Is Friendship Church Laymen's Speaker

The Brotherhood of Friendship Baptist Church will sponsor their annual Laymen's Day program Sunday at 11 a.m. in the church sanctuary.

The featured guest speaker will be Dr. E. Burns Turner of Lumberton, N. C. He is the pastor of the First Baptist Church of Lumberton, and a Chairman of the Trustee Board of the School of Divinity at Shaw University in Raleigh.

The program will include the worship by Ivory Herbert, the saying of the Holy Scripture by Lonnie Burwell the service of prayer by Herman Rushing, a speech on the opportunity of christian service by William Pickens, recognition of the visitors by Edmund Ingram, the purpose



Dr. E. Burns Turner  
...Former Mayor Pro-Tem  
of Laymen's Day by Samuel Perry, the introduction of the speaker by Frank Gadsden, and meditation and expecta-



Photo by Peeler

FIRST FAMILY of the United House of Prayer For All People enjoying the Band Review at the 49th Annual Convocation last Sunday. The Band review was proceeded by a full day of activities and lasted until dusk.

## 49th Annual Convocation

### Lures Thousands, No Rain

By James Peeler  
Post Feature Writer

As usual, the unusual occurred at the 49th ANNUAL CONVOCATION of the United House of Prayer For All People last Sunday - It didn't Rain!

As usual, the advertised schedule of events ran one and one-half hours behind time.

A throng of thousands participated in and witnessed the mass baptism of the faithful by Sweet Daddy McCullough and his Elders in the 50 x 50 pool at the rear of the Bysantine structure located in the 2500 block of Beatties Ford Road in Northwest Charlotte.

Native Charlottean, Rudy Torrence, an officer with the Charlotte Police Department, can recall only one time in the past 40 years that it has rained before or after the annual House of Prayer Activities.

"After Bishop Grace was carried in to the House of Prayer on McDowell Street it began to rain on the rest of the parade," said Officer Torrence, a veteran of 20 years with the Charlotte Police Department.

Weather forecaster predicted rain to begin Sunday Morning but at 1:30, when the Baptism began, there was no rain and a balmy 75 degree temperature waited across Sweet Daddy McCullough and the candidates for baptism.

At 5:30 Bishop McCullough, with his wife and grand child, was seated on the reviewing stand to watch the display of 5 bands who performed in the band review. Entries included Bands from Charlotte, Washington, D. C., Virginia, New York, and Georgia.

The hords of delegates to the 49th Annual Convocation had no need to go hungry as numerous vendors, working from trucks and tables, offered a bill-of-fare ranging from fruits and vegetables, chicken, sausages, hot dogs, candied apples, popcorn, snowballs, potatoe custard, and fish sandwiches and other assorted foods, sold.

The 49th Annual Convocation of the House of Prayer For All People was concluded at dusk Sunday with members from throughout the eastern United States returning to their homes, anticipating next year's convocation.

Major rate changes which will affect the general public are first class, from 10 to 13 cents for the first ounce and from 9 to 11 cents for each additional ounce of a letter, from 7 to 9 cents for a postal card, and from 13 to 17 cents for the first ounce of airmail. Parcel post rates will be increased an average of 10 per cent.

The Postal Service has stressed it expects to have completed upgrading of first-class mail to airmail status by Oct. 11, and it will be of no service advantage after that date to put airmail stamps on domestically destined letters. The USPS will not issue a new 17 cent airmail stamp.

Rates to be affected by the Dec. 28 change include the rates for which Congress authorized appropriations so that they could be phased-in over a period of years. Phased rates now at the Step 4 level of the schedule will be altered Dec. 28.

### N.R. Jones Is Keynote Speaker

Outstanding Civil Rights Lawyer, Nathaniel R. Jones, the General Counsel of the National NAACP will be the keynote speaker for the 32nd annual convention of the North Carolina State Conference to Branches-NAACP will be held in Lumberton, November 6, 7, and 8.

The theme of the convention is "Civil Rights Priorities-In a Period Of Economic Crisis". It is headquartered at the Holiday Inn-North.

Jones will address the Convention Public Meeting Friday evening, November 7th at 7:30 p.m. at the Sunday Grove Baptist Church on Fairmont Road. The Rev. Sidney Locks is pastor of the church.

Mr. Jones is a prominent man. In 1956-59, Jones was the Executive Director of the Fair Employment Practice Committee for the City of Youngstown, Ohio; from 1962 to 1967 he was the assistant United States Attorney, Northern District of Ohio, Cleveland, Ohio; from 1967 to 1968, he was the Deputy General Counsel for the President's Commission on Civil Disorders in Washington, D.C.

At the time he was employed by the NAACP, he was a practicing attorney in Youngstown, Ohio.

He is a member of the bar of the following jurisdictions: the Supreme Court of the United States; the Supreme Court of Ohio; United States Court of Appeals, 5 Circuit; United States Court of Appeals, 6 circuit; United States District Court for Northern District of Ohio.

He was educated in Youngstown, Ohio and received his B.A. and L.L.B. from Youngstown University. He is also the recipient of the Honorary Doctor of Laws Degrees from Youngstown and Syracuse Universities.

Mr. Jones supervises the legal staff of the NAACP across the nation. He argued the case of Bradley and Milliken; Detroit School Desegregation Suite before the United States Supreme Court in 1974. He directed a study of discrimination against Black Servicemen in West Germany in 1971. In 1972 he was co-chairman, Department of Defense, Civilian-Military Task for an administration of Military Justice in Washington, D.C.

State Representative Joy Johnson, the president of the North Carolina Baptist Association is the local coordinator of Convention activities in Lumberton.

In addition to the host, Lumberton, N. C. NAACP Branch of which T. L. Gerald is President; Branches in Fairmont, Rudolph Currie, President; Robeson County, J. F. Lesane, President and Maxton, William Gaines, President are participating in making the 32nd Annual Convention most productive and enjoyable.

The State Conference President is Kelly A. Alexander Sr. of Charlotte, Charles McLean, field director of Winston-Salem; Mrs. Daisy Glenn, secretary of Asheville and Bernard Battle treasurer.

### City Voters

### Return To

### Polls Tuesday

Charlotte voters will return to the polls Tuesday, October 14, to nominate the seventh candidate on the Democratic ticket for the November 4 general election.

They will have the opportunity to decide between David Morrash and Ann Burns. Ms. Burns ran seventh and Morrash eighth in the recent primary. She didn't, however, poll enough of a majority to be declared the winner. Hence, the run-off, which will cost the city of Charlotte an estimated \$20,000.

"To run would cost me much," Morrash explained Monday, "the agony, expense, etc. but not to run would cost me more." Morrash said that it was unfortunate that "circum-

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## Golden Bulls Take On Unbeaten S.C. State

The Bulldogs of South Carolina State College, suffering from several injuries sustained in a tough defensive battle with Alcorn State last week, place their unbeaten string on the line Saturday in an inter-sectional clash with Johnson C. Smith at Charlotte's Memorial Stadium.

Kick-off is 8 p.m. Coach Willie Jeffries kept his unbeaten mark intact by tying Alcorn 7-7 but several of the Bulldogs starters suffered injuries in that game and may not see action against the Golden Bulls.

"The Alcorn game was a tough physical contest and a few of our fellows got banged up a little," noted Jeffries.

Defensive ends Harry Carson and Bobby Moore and cornerbacks Leonard Duncan and Bruce Jackson may be on the sidelines for the J. C. Smith encounter, according to Jeffries.

Expected to fill in for the injured troops are Anthony Clay, Charles Goodwin, Stan-

ley Clinkscales and Rufus Best.

Coach Eddie McGirt's squad brings a 2-2 mark into Saturday's contest. The Bulls own victories over Maryland, Eastern Shore and Hampton with losses coming to Virginia Union and North Carolina A&T.

J. C. Smith will be led by quarterback James Wideman. Tailback James Jackson will spearhead the ground attack and Orangeburg native Herb Carmichael who was injured last week may also see action in the Smith backfield against S. C. State.

Defensively, the Bulls will field a young team but they are expected to be tough. The front wall will be manned by defensive ends James Johnson and Steve Hogan with Ron Corley and Dave Buckman at the tackle slots.

Arbie Lagroon, having his best year for S. C. State, will direct the Bulldog attack. Rounding out the backfield will be Charles Burgess and James Walker.

S. C. State still remains atop the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference standings with a 2-0 mark but Delaware State could tie the Bulldogs with a win over Howard this week.

### Post Office To

### Observe Legal

### Holiday Monday

The United States Postal Service will observe Columbus Day, October 13, as a legal holiday.

However, certain services will be provided.

### TURTLE-TALK



FEW of us get what we DESERVE for which most of us should be THANKFUL.