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JAREN MCCOMBS
...Belk's fashion coordinator

Jaren McCombs Is This Week's Beauty

By Polly Manning
Post Staff Writer

Miss Jaren McCombs, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William McCombs of 1542 Dunn Street, is the lovely young lady staring at you from our front page this week. The 1974 graduate of Garinger High School was very active while there. She was a member of the Student Council, the Red Cross, the Marching Band as well as the concert band. In the band Jaren played the Clarinet.

Miss McCombs was chosen "Miss Congeniality" in 1972 as she competed for the title of "Miss Blue and Gray." This is a pageant sponsored by Garinger and the title was taken from the school colors.

Our Beauty has her head in the sky with thoughts of becoming a professional model. Presently she is employed with Belk's as a Fashion Coordinator.

"I love my job," she stated. "I help put most of the fashion shows together as well as participate in them. This gives me a tremendous amount of experience."

Jaren was fortunate enough to attend Barbizon School of Modeling where she received a six week scholarship. Barbizon is located in Atlanta, Ga.

"I was there for six weeks," explained Miss McCombs. "Some of the other girls had been there for a year, but when the awards were given out, I received the top award which is 'The Total Model Look Award.'"

When asked how she felt

beating out her more experienced competitors Jaren stated: "Really good - I feel that my outward appearance and inner dignity were combined to enhance my positive self identity. Plus the fact that the people there said that I had everything to be a model which in my opinion consist of looks and a good attitude."

Jaren plans to go to New York over the weekend hopefully to sign a contract with Alien Ford Modeling Agency. According to Jaren it's the top modeling agency in New York. "The School that I attended this summer sent pictures of me to Ms. Ford who in turn wrote expressing a great interest in seeing me."

If she doesn't make it there don't think for one minute that our Beauty is giving up. As she puts it: "If I get the job I'll stay in New York, if not I'll look around at other agencies while I'm there."

Miss McCombs admits that her selection as Beauty came as quite a shock since she was asked while doing a Fashion Show at the Astrology Lounge. Born under the sign of Cancer Jaren enjoys dancing reading and you guessed it, modeling. She is very proud of her independence and hopes she never has to ask anybody for anything.

Post Office To

Observe Holiday

On Monday

Veteran's Day, October 27, is a legal holiday and consequently the United States Post Office will operate on a special schedule.

Normal service will be provided on Saturday October 25 with collections made in main traffic arteries and at all air mail collections plus collections in business areas.

On Sunday, October 26, collection will be made in main traffic arteries and at all air mail collection points. Holiday schedules for receipt and dispatch of mail will be observed as usual and so will Sunday and Special Delivery services.

On Monday, October 27, the box service window will be open at the West Trade Street Station from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m.

Community Use Of School

Facility Fees Increased

To prevent an expected deficit of more than \$30,000, the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education has voted to charge all youth-oriented groups \$3 per hour for the use of school facilities.

Charlotte Post

Subscription

Rates Go Up

We have held off for as long as we possibly could, but the current inflationary crisis has forced us to increase our subscription cost.

Effective immediately the cost of your Charlotte Post will be \$8 for an annual subscription, paid in advance.

Bill Johnson, publisher of Charlotte's favorite weekly newspaper, said Monday that "this is the first cost increase the Post has made in its annual subscription rates since 1970."

According to Mr. Johnson, the Post will continue to give exceptional service in assuring its readers prompt delivery via mail each week.

"Subscribers will save \$2.40 per year by using our economical prepaid subscription plan," Mr. Johnson concluded.

"Anyone who would like to subscribe to the Post can do so by using one of the subscription coupons inside the Post or by calling 392-1306 for service-related questions or problems.

All checks should be made payable to: The Charlotte Post.

Public Hearings

Set For

October 27

A public hearing has been scheduled for Monday, October 27 to allow the City Council to hear citizens comments and suggestions on the portions of the Sharon Amity Road project which have not been completed. The hearing will be held at 2 p.m. in the Council Chambers on second floor of City Hall, 600 East Trade Street. Persons wishing to address the Council should contact the City Clerk's Office on third floor to City Hall or call 374-2247 no later than noon on October 27.

The project covers the widening of Sharon Amity Road from Independence Boulevard to Shamrock Drive. One portion - from Albemarle Road to Central Avenue - has been completed and is open to traffic. The project has been divided into three construction phases.

Section I - Independence Boulevard to Albemarle Road - is now under construction with an expected completion date of December 24, 1975. The street is closed with a detour route in effect. The project design calls for four twelve-foot lanes for through traffic and a planted median. Left turn lanes and median cuts will be provided at Holbrook Drive, Pierson Drive, Coronado Drive and the Hillcrest Golf Course.

Youth-oriented groups were not charged for use of school facilities last year. However, school officials said the \$3-per-hour charge is necessary along with rate increases for non-profit and profit groups to prevent the expected deficit.

Last school year, youth-oriented groups used school facilities some 8,000 hours. At \$3 per hour, this would create revenues of about \$24,000, this added to increases for other groups should cover the expected deficit.

For non-profit groups the new charges are: auditoriums - a \$75 flat rate plus \$6 per hour, cafeterias without kitchens - a \$10 flat rate plus \$6 per hour, cafeterias with kitchens - a \$10 flat rate plus \$21 per hour, multipurpose rooms - a \$10 flat rate plus \$6 per hour, and all other facilities - \$6 per hour.

For profit-making groups, the new charges are: auditoriums - a \$125 flat rate. (In senior high schools, this is for four hours or less. There would be an additional \$25 for each additional hour beyond four), multi-purpose rooms, gymnasiums and cafeterias without kitchens - a \$50 flat rate, and cafeterias with kitchens - a \$100 flat rate.

Those seeking more information about community use of school facilities should contact Mrs. Mary Jane Kistler at the Education Center (372-8620).

Post Office Places

Embargo On All

Mail For Canada

Effective immediately an embargo is placed on all classes of mail both service and air destined for Canada due to the strike conditions in that country. All mail for Canada will be returned to sender. Postage will be refunded on all mail returned due to suspension of services. Customers must file applications for refund. This embargo is indefinite until further notice.

First Baptist Church

Mrs. Lena Sammons Is

Woman's Day Speaker

Mrs. Lena M. Sammons, Director of Public Relations at Johnson C. Smith, will be the Woman's Day speaker at First Baptist Church on Sunday, October 26, at the 11 a.m. worship service.

Active in religious, civic, cultural, and political life in her native Charlotte, Mrs. Sammons is a Board member of the United Negro College Fund, Chairperson for the Issues and Political Committee for the Black Women's Caucus, Committee

Members of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Energy Conservation, Board member of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Association for Sickle Cell Diseases, and a member of the North Carolina Association for Administration Women in



DAVID HARPER (left) outgoing president of the National Bankers Association, was presented a special leadership citation for his outstanding work during the past year as NBA president, Walter Tucker, Vice Presi-

Charlotte Native Andrew Gray Is An Inspiring Journalist

By James Cuthbertson
Post Staff Writer

"My aim is to highlight the positive aspects of Black people as well as the negative, via the good images through the media," said the Charlotte native and graduate of West Charlotte High School, Johnson C. Smith University, and the University of South Carolina (USC).

Gray who is presently working with the Columbia, S. C. Urban League Project Assistant (Action Education) as an instructor helping adults complete their high school education received his M. A. from USC in August.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew J. Gray Sr. of 1342 Mulberry Avenue, is 24-years-old and is a former feature writer and salesman for the Charlotte Post. He worked while he was enrolled in JCSU.

"I believe in what the Charlotte Post is doing," said the 1973 English Graduate of JCSU, who was very active with The University Student, the Marching Band, Dramatic Guild, Literary Club and Student Union and who was honored by being named to Who's Who and as the "Outstanding Journalist of the Year."

"Within the realm of journalism we can help the Black struggle. We are retrogressing. The Charlotte Post fills a void the Charlotte News and Observer leave."

His favorite hobby? You guessed it - Reading.

Reading is one of my hobbies. It is one of the best means of improving one's knowledge and it is a personalized source of recreation."

For his thesis Gray did an interesting study on how Black broadcasters in South Carolina perceived their roles

in the industry. And he came up with some interesting facts. "For instance," he said, "Black women are paid almost 2 to 3 thousand dollars less on the average than Black male reporters and while male reporters felt they had a future, females were less optimistic."

"As a group, Black reporters in South Carolina seemed to be patient with the slow progress that is being made in terms of equal opportunity and the same rights, and privileges that white reporters have."

In his spare time Gray does free lance writing. "I hope to get involved in broadcast journalism one day and via that media to expose the ills of the Black community and better the life of Black people, better our lot," Gray said.

The lucky city may be Charlotte.

"I can foresee coming back to Charlotte. Charlotte is growing. Whenever a city grows that automatically means there's room for positive change," smiled Gray.

He continued, "I think that many people need to be educated to the importance of a newspaper like the Charlotte Post and its vital role in their lives. People tend to take Black journalism for granted. But I am very happy to see a black owned and operated paper. With proper support the Charlotte Post could be very effective in improving the total life of the Black Community."

UNCC Baha'i Club

To Present

"God And Man"

On Saturday, November 1, the UNCC Baha'i Club will present a program entitled God and Man at the American Bank & Trust Company, North Sharon Amity Road at 8 p.m.

Sammons completed her undergraduate work at Johnson C. Smith University and her graduate work at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Before joining the Johnson C. Smith Staff, she was an English teacher and a Speech Therapist in the local school system.

The Chairperson of the Woman's Day activities is Mrs. Irma Loman Bland who is the current "Woman of the Year" at First Baptist. Mrs. Bland's contributions to the church which she joined in her youth will be cited at the Sunday services.

The public is cordially invited to the program at the church located at 1020 South Church Street. Dr. J. B. Humphrey is the minister.

1,000 Agents Invited To Participate

By James Cuthbertson
Post Staff Writer

An open invitation has been extended to the Charlotte area Black Business community to participate in the first annual Metroline Minority Trade Fair by officials of the Business Resource Center.

The Fair will be held on Thursday and Friday, November 13 and 14 in the beautiful facilities of the Charlotte Civic Center. It will be the high point of Minority Business Appreciation Week, sponsored by the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce.

The fair will provide the minority vendors with the unique opportunity as a vendor to meet and establish relationships with major corporate buyers of products and services that they sell.

Over 1,000 purchasing agents have been invited, and they are eagerly looking forward to coming to the Fair to see what the minority vendors have to offer.

Booth space will be provided for minority vendors and corporate buyers to allow them to meet and talk about how they can serve each other's needs.

Booth spaces (eight feet by 10 feet) will include draped aluminum dividers, tables, chairs, and special electrical outlets. This will allow for a display of products, visual representation of services and literature describing the business.

A nominal registration fee will be charged. This fee will include special business development seminars on Thursday afternoon and Friday morning which are designed to help minority business increase business and profits.

A banquet will be held Thursday evening at 8 p.m. featuring a hospitality and social period and a speech by Walter Lark Sorg the assistant director of National Programs for OMBE (office of Minority Business Enterprise) of Washington, D. C., a division of the United States Department of Commerce.

Tickets for the banquet will be \$10 per person. A registration form is printed within the paper so you can reserve your booth and banquet tickets. Fill it out and return it by October 28 with a check of \$40 to insure that space will be available as they are filling up quickly.

For further information contact Charles W. Lent, of the Metroline Regional Minority Purchasing Council, 690 Northwestern Bank Building, Charlotte, N. C. 28202 or at 332-8578.

The Metroline Minority Purchasing Council, which organized just a year ago, now includes more than 100 purchasing executives and buyers for the major corporate users of goods and services.

Its purpose is to stimulate minority economic development by seeking out and establishing meaningful purchasing relationships with minority firms that can furnish needed products and services.

The Council is sponsored by the Charlotte Business Resource Center, which operates under Contract No. 5-36562 between the Office of Minority Business Enterprise, the United States Department of Commerce.

TURTLE-TALK



The trouble with life, you're halfway through before you realize it's one of those DO IT YOURSELF DEALS.