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LOVELY RENEA KIRKPATRICK

—1974 Graduate of East Mecklenburg

Miss Renea Kirkpatrick Is Our Beauty Of The Week

By Polly Manning
Post Staff Writer

"I come from a family of 11 children," smiled Miss Renea Kirkpatrick, this week's Charlotte Post Beauty. "There are five boys in my family and it is 6 of us girls. I am the fourth from the youngest, so there are three children under me. We are a very close knit family and I'm proud of all of us." Mrs. Margaret Kirkpatrick is the mother of our beauty. She resides at 218 Billingsley St. Miss Kirkpatrick is very proud of her mother and stated that her father is deceased.

Renea is a 1974 graduate of East Mecklenburg High School. She didn't participate in any school activities while in high school. Her hobbies include shooting pool, horseback riding, and sewing. She attributes her interest in pool to one of her ex-boyfriends who was an avid pool fan.

Miss Kirkpatrick who resides at 3723 Marvin Rd. is employed by First Union Bank as a Clerical Secretary. She has been with the bank for a year and two months now and describes her job as being interesting with lots to do.

Our Beauty also attends Central Piedmont Community College. "I was studying Home Economics when I first enrolled a year and a half ago," explained Renea. "I later changed to accounting because I felt that in the future there would not be a drastic need for Home Economic teachers. I felt that I would stand a better chance in the field of accounting. Accounting also fits into the line of work that I'm doing now."

Born under the sign of Aquarius, Renea loves her freedom, is very imaginative, loves nature, loves meeting and loves to travel.

When asked her reaction to

being chosen as Beauty she replied: "I've always seen the girls' pictures in the Post and had wished many times that I would have been the one chosen. I always told myself that it would never happen. You can imagine my surprise when Jim Black asked me. I am really thrilled."

The favorite singing group of our Beauty is the O'Jays. "I love their style of music," she smiled. "Recently I have become interested in jazz. I love to listen to the FM stations and I like classical music."

Since Renea showed such an interest in music and the dif-

ferent radio stations, she was asked who her favorite Disc Jockey was. Girls, I'm sure you all guessed it, David Wilson. "I just love his melodious voice," beamed Miss Kirkpatrick. "He isn't too much for looks, but his voice is so nuff."

The Kirkpatrick family attends Weeping Willow A.M.E. Zion Church where Rev. Waddell Henderson is the pastor. Renea is assistant Sunday School teacher for the Junior Class and is also Treasurer of the Intermediate Missionary Society.

Metrolina Trade Fair

National In Scope

by James Cuthbertson
Charlotte Post Staffer

The first annual Metrolina Minority Trade Fair sponsored by the officials of the Business Resource Center and the Metrolina Minority Purchasing Council may well be misnamed.

The event to be held on Thursday, November 13 and Friday, November 14 in the beautiful facilities of the Charlotte Civic Center has several national buyers and minority

Students To Get

3-Day Holiday

Starting Friday

Charlotte-Mecklenburg public school students will get a three day holiday Friday, Oct. 31, and Monday and Tuesday, November 3-4.

The student holidays will make possible three teacher workdays at the end of the first quarter of the 1975-76 school year.

During the work days, most elementary schools have scheduled parent-teacher conferences. There will be in-service work for teachers at the secondary level as well as in-school work.

Another reason for the student holidays is to reduce congestion at schools which will be used as polling places for Tuesday's general election.

The student holidays will not affect other school offices which will be open as usual. Schools will resume a normal schedule on Wednesday, Nov. 5.

vendors participating. Some of the minority vendors (Black Businesses) are Plastic Supply and Fabrication Company of Denver, Colorado, the House of Letters Typing Service of Greensboro, Swing-Low Scaffolding Company of Covert, Michigan, and the Midway Wood Products Company of Troy, Alabama.

Buyers include the Army and Air Force Exchange Purchasing Headquarters of Dallas, Texas, Proctor and Gamble of Cincinnati, Ohio, General Electric Corporation of Wilmington, N.C., E.I. Dupont Company-Savannah, River Plant, Aiken, South Carolina, Exxon, and Western Electric.

In all 7,000 invitations were sent out across the Nation and the fair is a National Trade Fair in scope.

The Fair 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.

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

Booth spaces (eight feet by ten feet) will include draped aluminum dividers, tables, chairs, and special electric 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 see Trade on page 12

Will President's Budget Ax Cut Programs For Poor?

Highway Death Toll Decreases

Raleigh — The death rate on North Carolina highways showed a dramatic 28 percent decrease during the month of September according to Edward L. Powell, Commissioner of Motor Vehicles. The latest monthly edition of the "Highway Accident Perspective" prepared by Charles S. Hensley, Director of Traffic Records of the North Carolina Division of Motor Vehicles shows 101 persons killed during September 1975 compared to 140 deaths on North Carolina highways during September 1974. The report reflects 1081 persons killed thus far in 1975 compared to 1163 deaths for the same period last year for a 7 percent decrease.

It is evident that selective enforcement, improved communications with the public regarding highway safety, the driver improvement program and the most important changes in driver attitudes are producing positive results," Powell said.

The "Perspective" features a new major addition this month with the accident data listed for each of the North Carolina counties. Powell said, "The information is being given to all local law enforcement and judicial officials and the new detailed statistics should improve our highway safety efforts."

Decreases are shown in about all areas of the report - pedestrians killed, down 44 percent; bicyclists killed, down 75 percent; violations causing accidents, down in all categories except following too closely. Powell said "This reflects better enforcement in the areas of driving under the influence and speeding as there are sharp decreases in these offenses as causes of accidents in North Carolina." Drunk driving as a cause of accidents decreased 15 percent during September 1975 and accidents due to speeding decreased 30 percent.

Powell thanked the citizens of North Carolina for their cooperative efforts in promoting highway safety by their improved driving habits.

In Eastland Mall

Mrs. Thomas To Manage Angela Day Fashions Shop

A former model of the Ebony Fashion Show is the new manager of the Angela Day Fashions Shop in Eastland Mall.

Mrs. Shirley Thomas brings to the Women's Apparel Shop, which specializes in the best lines of merchandise, beauty and the know-how in fashion merchandising.

The Forest City, N. C. native enjoys sewing, customs design, tennis, and swimming.

She is a graduate of Carver High School in Spindale, N. C. the John Robert Powers School of Modeling in Philadelphia, Pa., and the Burlington County College in Tember-



Rev. H. S. Diggs, center, with deacon board at Mayfield Memorial Baptist Church. They are, left to right, Lewis James, Henry Rubin, Roosevelt Gooden, James Bridges, second row, James Hubbard, Robert Johnson, Ben

Mayfield Memorial Church

Joins White Baptist Association

The Mayfield Memorial Baptist Church, located at 700 Sugar Creek Road West, became the first Black Church in the area to unite with the Mecklenburg Association.

On Thursday evening, October 23, 1975 at the annual session of the Association, the Mutual Care Committee made a recommendation to the Association that the Mayfield Memorial Baptist Church would become a member under Watchcare along with three other churches, that are all White, and had also made application for membership. The rule of the Association is that after a church has been received under "Watchcare", that there must be a waiting period of at least one year before full membership status can be accorded the church.

Approximately 100 members of the Mayfield Memorial Baptist Church were present to witness the historic moment by the Association. The Pastor, Rev. H. S. Diggs and Deacon Board Chairman and Co-Chairman Roosevelt Gooden and Lester Trapps were asked to come to the front of the 400-member assembly to receive the official hand of "Welcome"

The Mecklenburg Association is made up of 72 churches in Mecklenburg County. The Associational Headquarters are located on King's Drive and it is from this office building that the work of the Association is carried on. The Associational staff is composed of 6 full-time workers and works in the areas of Missions, Christian Education, and Social Work. The budget of the Association is approximately \$200,000.

The Mayfield Memorial Church is also a member of the all-Black Mt. Peace Association with Rev. J. A. White as its Moderator. The Mayfield Memorial Church made it clear to the Mecklenburg Association officials that it intends to remain in good and regular standing with the Mt. Peace Association, and therefore would have to be accepted as a church holding dual membership.

Both the Mecklenburg Association and the Mayfield Memorial Church expressed delight over the newly formed alliance.

Black Caucus Endorses

Mayor Belk, 4 Democrats

by James Cuthbertson
Post Staffer

The Black Political Caucus has declined to endorse a full slate of candidates for Tuesday's general election while recommending four candidates and Mayor John Belk. The Caucus screened the candidates via interviews and selected the ones that would be most beneficial to the Black

community, said Coordinator Robert Corley. The endorsement for the November 4 election was made at an official business meeting of the Caucus on October 26.

They are, in addition to Democratic incumbent John Belk for Mayor, Incumbents Harvey Gantt and James Whittington and Robert Walton and Betty Chalm for the council.

The Caucus interviewed other candidates and felt that A. Myles Haynes and Joe Withrow had many strong points, but they were not beneficiaries of the organization's endorsements. All candidates endorsed by the Caucus are Democrats.

Mr. Corley echoed the theme of the group by saying that the single most aspect of his duties is to do everything possible to get as many people as possible out to vote. He said "We need to show real concrete support for our candidates."

He also stated that for rides to the polls and voter information people should call 372-0950 prior to or on Election Day.

The group will concentrate primarily on the Black precincts which include: (11) Mt. Moriah Primitive Baptist Church, (12) Clinton Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church, (13) First Ward School, (14) Hawthorne Junior High School, (16) East Stonewall A.M.E. Zion Church, (17) Fireman's Hall on East

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Economy Is Entering Test Period

By Charles E. Belle
Special to the Post

President Ford has proposed a rescue plan for the economy. The fact that the Ford administration is even considering a tax-cut program is indicative of the sloppy state of the U. S. economy.

Our economy appears to be entering the test period when a tender young business cycle recovery attempt confronts a high level of interest rates, unemployment and inflation.

A recent opinion poll indicates that a majority of Americans think inflation is 5 percent or more is harmful to themselves as well as to the country. The current inflation

rate is above 7 percent. Unemployment, while dipping slightly in August, is still above 8 percent and interest rates for homes are above 9 percent. Enter politics and President Ford. The deflation of any three of the above would improve America.

President Ford said that the American people believe "the politics of federal spending has become too much of a shell game." Concurrent with this confession was the President's call for a tax cut linked with an equal amount of expenditure cuts in the federal budget.

The \$11 billion or so of new stimulus in the Ford tax plan (the other \$17 billion simply extends this year's cuts) might indeed stimulate the economy. Treasury Secretary

Simon claims it the plan was carried out quickly and simultaneously it could have a crunching impact on economic activity. The opposite stated intention of the White House.

This is because usually a dollar cut in taxes adds less economic stimulus than a dollar's cut in spending withdraws from the economy. There are not only general but the particular problems with the plan.

The proposed expenditure cuts are what will excite blacks and other poor people. The tax cut will amount to as much as \$10.50 a month if you are working and making

\$7,000 a year. The President didn't say which programs he would cut. Those recommendations are to be made in his budget message next January, advisers said.

Programs such as Social Security, government salaries, federal pensions, health-care programs and welfare have proved practically im-

possible to cut, despite repeated attempts by former President Nixon and Mr. Ford himself.

Still the veto of the children lunch program is a good indication of where Ford's axe will fall. Jerry Wurf, president of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) believes Ford's cuts would take away all the amenities for the poor, the aging, the sick and the unemployed. (NNPA)

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