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ATTRACTIVE SABRINA CUNNINGHAM

...Junior Varsity Cheerleader

Miss Sabrina Cunningham

Is "Beauty Of The Week"

by Polly Manning
Post Staff Writer

March 1 is the birthdate of Miss Sabrina Cunningham, who is our Beauty of the Week. Born under the sign of Pisces, Sabrina describes them as the best. She states that Pisces people are understanding, a little lazy, very active, talented, love to go out and are very lucky.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Cunningham of 1615 Mimosa Avenue is an eighth grade student at Northeast Junior High School. Her hobbies are gymnastics, football, basketball and volleyball. At Northeast Sabrina is a member of the Girl's Athletic Association and a member of the Junior Varsity Cheerleader Squad.

Sabrina's interest in gymnastics stems from the encouragement and advice she has received from her gymnastics instructor, Mrs. Ellen Jenkins. "Miss Jenkins knows me real well and when she noticed my gymnastic ability she persuaded me to join the Gymnastics Club," explained Sabrina.

Our Beauty has a goal in life. That goal is to become the best black female gymnast ever. She states that she is going to keep trying until she does.

In order to become the world's best gymnast how would one prepare himself? Miss Cunningham suggest practice. "I practice all the time, at school and at home," she stated.

Some of her practice stunts include tumbling (backward and forward) ballet routines, backward straddles, cart wheels, hand stands, V-sits, flips, splits and different stunts on the balance beam. She feels that all of these stunts are necessary in helping her reach that ultimate goal in life.

Sabrina would like to become a gymnastics teacher in the future. This is an ambition

she has acquired from Miss Jenkins. Before she pursues the teaching career Sabrina would like to compete in the Olympics. Her idea at this time is Orba Kubert. "I admire her smiled Miss Cunningham," because of the great gymnast that she is and what she stands for. She is very flexible, talented and has about 900 awards to her credit.

Sabrina stated that she watched the Olympics on television recently and is very proud of the very talented people who represented the United States. "The competition was keen, just the way I like it," was Miss Cunningham's reply. "They should have this type of program airing every week." She can't perceive of anyone not appreciating the sport of gymnastics.

Jimmy Walker is the favorite actor of our Beauty. She believes that he is very funny and has lots of talent. Ralph Carter is her second choice. Her favorite recording stars are Aretha Franklin, the Isley Brothers, Dianna Ross and Rufus.

Sabrina describes herself as the average American teenager who loves hot dogs, french fries and hamburgers.

Job Prospects Dim

Higher Education Demands

By Charles E. Belle
Special To The Post

The poor prospects of finding a job may have dimmed the demand for higher education among blacks. Nevertheless, jobs can be found for the flexible person who is willing to make some concessions in where he works.

Engineers, particularly chemical and petroleum engineers, accountants and math majors with some training in computer science and agricultural graduates have jobs. People who take so called "tool courses" such as computer programming, statistics,

Mayor Belk Wins

Lopsided Victory

In Black Areas

Charlotte Mayor John M. Belk won his fourth term in office this week.

Although his Republican Party challenger Hank Wilmer made a better showing than most analysts had expected, Belk managed to escape defeat.

In the election, Belk posted 19,940 votes to 16,906 votes for Wilmer. U. S. Labor Party candidate Mark Englander tallied 916 votes.

The 3,034 vote winning margin for Belk was widely distributed among 78 precincts. But his most lopsided victories came in precincts heavily populated by blacks, according to published reports.

Here are some examples: West Charlotte High School: Belk 505, Wilmer 62; East Stonewall AME Zion Church: Belk 487, Wilmer 33; Oaklawn School: Belk 432, Wilmer 41; Lincoln Heights School: Belk 572, Wilmer 50.

and economics easily are employed in industry regardless of their academic background. Blacks must continue to concentrate on education for employment by exploring all potential occupations.

There are a growing number of jobs available to every prepared person in certain fields. The U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Occupational Outlook for the Mid-1980's points out the excellent employment prospects for those willing to work in any number of occupations.

By 1985 over half of the jobs in this country will be in what is classified as white collar positions. Changes in business operations, such as a shift to self-service stores causes changes in the occupational structure of industries.

Often supply-demand conditions in one occupation will affect workers in another. Nursing, for example, has been restricted in some hospitals, and nurses aides have been used when registered nurses are in short supply.

The "Outlook" by the Labor Department points out the following major categories as the best: professional and technical workers (medical, management, accounting computer and electronics); clerical workers (business and typing); and then craft and kindred workers (construction and mechanical employment).

Service workers will also be needed in increasing numbers for such jobs as FBI agents, police and firemen, beauty operators and maintenance men. The business of America is to take the best of everything.

When the projected positions begin to blossom in the next few years, those educated will fill them. The business of getting a job is no different from a dozen other endeavors. The

For more than 10 years

Minority Fair

Booths Are

Available

by Sidney Moore Jr.
Post Staff Writer

Minority businessmen can still purchase booths for the first annual Metrolina Minority Trade Fair, November 13 and 14 at the Charlotte Civic Center.

Booths are available for \$40, according to Charles Lent of the Business Resource Center and the Metrolina Purchasing Council. The fair is the high point of Minority Business "Appreciation Week" sponsored by these agencies of the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce.

Minority businessman who purchase booths will display their products and services to each other and to representatives of many major corporations.

"The big thing we are all excited about is the opportunity it is providing for minority businessmen," said Lent. He said there will be representatives from the purchasing departments of some of the large corporations.

Lent said the fair will provide minority businessmen with an "opportunity to establish contacts with a lot of potential customers."

Both spaces will measure eight by ten feet and will include draped aluminum dividers, tables, chairs and special electrical outlets. Businessmen will display both products and printed material about their businesses.

Businessmen may also want to attend a banquet Thursday November 13. The 8 p.m. event will feature speaker Walter L. Sorg, assistant director or National Programs of the Office of Minority Business Enterprise (OMBE) of Washington, D.C.

Tickets for the banquet are \$10 per person.

The fair will be open to the public Friday, November 14, from 1 to 5 p.m. Admission will be free.

Heard To Head Community Development Department

Isaac Heard Sr. has been appointed rehabilitation projects coordinator for Charlotte's Community Development Department. The change is effective November 12.

In his new position, Heard, 50, will supervise a staff of 17 persons responsible for the residential and non-residential rehabilitation efforts of the City of Charlotte. He will coordinate loan and grant services and supervise building code compliance with community development target areas. Heard will report to Rehabilitation Supervisor Lindsey Wiggins.

Involved in the construction business for years, Heard believes that he "will be able to work with citizens on a people to people basis. My professional experience will be helpful in assisting persons with upgrading their homes and businesses. It's going to be a challenge."



Photo by Peeler

PLAQUE RECIPIENT James "Jimmy" McKee smiles broadly as he receives award from Mecklenburg County Democratic Party. Mrs. Edith L. Shearin, second from right, First Vice Chairman of the Democratic Party made the presentation last Thursday night at

the Excelsior Club. Other Executive Board Members, Rev. Howard Campbell left, Secretary; David Kelly, third from right, Party Chairman; and Mary Olive Johnson, right, Second Vice Chairman, look on.

Mecklenburg Democrats

Honor "Jimmy" McKee

By James Peeler
Post Feature Writer

The Mecklenburg County Democratic Party held a MEET-THE-CANDIDATES COCKTAIL gathering last Thursday night at the Excelsior Club, 931 Beatties Ford Road.

The highlight of the occasion was the awarding of a Plaque to James Robert "Jimmy" McKee for "his outstanding and unselfish service" to the Democratic Party.

The plaque was inscribed: "To Jimmy McKee, 'Thanks', for the Many years of Dedication; Untiring Support of the Mecklenburg Democratic Party, October 30, 1975."

Mr. McKee said he also received letters of congratulations from U. S. Senator Robert Morgan, Rufus Edmunstein, and Senator Morgan's Campaign Manager, Charlie Smith.

Honoree McKee, who says he is "39 plus years old" lives at 1607 Oaklawn Avenue with his wife, retired school teacher, Minnie Jackson McKee. He is a native of Charlotte and has managed Excelsior Club for 31 years, since August 18, 1944.

Jimmy is founder of Johnson C. Smith University's 100 Club, a member of the Board of Directors of the McCrorey Branch of the YMCA; a mem-

ber of the Elks Club, and a 32nd Degree Shriner.

He is a member of First United Presbyterian Church and his pastor is Rev. Ezra Moore.

Miller-Stokes

Jobs Plan

Win Approval

The House Budget Committee last week approved a proposal to provide for a \$475 million summer jobs program for unemployed youth in a budget resolution that will establish a ceiling on Federal spending for fiscal year 1976.

The jobs plan was proposed jointly by Rep. Parren Mitchell (D-Md.) and Rep. Louis Stokes (D-Ohio). It envisions actual expenditures of about \$75 million prior to the end of the fiscal year July 1, although "budget authority" for the entire program would be provided in fiscal 1976—the remaining \$400 million in expenditures would occur after the end of the fiscal year.

Mitchell and Stokes said the program would provide temporary jobs for nearly 800,000 youths next summer.

Earlier the Budget Committee narrowly rejected a Mitchell-Stokes proposal to provide in the budget resolution for creation of 120,000 new public service jobs under Title VI of the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA). The Congressman had asked the Committee to increase total spending by \$1 billion to cover the CETA jobs plan.

Mitchell called the close vote (11-14) on the CETA proposal "encouraging" and indicated he is likely to reintroduce it when the budget resolution is debated on the floor of the House next month.

The Baltimore Congressman urged the Budget Committee to "mount a frontal attack on high unemployment.

Gantt Wins

Overwhelming

Support

by Sidney Moore Jr.
Post Staff Writer

Charlotte City Councilman Harvey Gantt was elected with the second highest total of votes here Tuesday.

With a total of 20,557 votes, Gantt was second only to incumbent Jim Whittington. Both are Democrats.

Gantt was one of two black candidates running for a city council seat. Charlotte businessman Robert "Bob" Walton tallied 12,812 votes. He placed ninth in a field of 15 council candidates.

Gantt was appointed to the council about a year ago to replace Fred Alexander after his victorious race for the N.

C. Senate. Since then, Gantt has apparently impressed a good number of the citizens of Charlotte that he can represent their interests.

He received 70 percent or more of the total vote in 15 precincts. Only 10 percent of the precincts gave Gantt less than 40 percent of their total vote. Of the total of 78 precincts, Gantt tallied 52 percent of all votes. His lowest tally was 27 percent from precinct 76, Huntingtowne Farms School.

His highest vote totals came from precinct 56, Druid Hills School at 92 percent; precinct 16, East Stonewall AME Zion Church at 91 percent and precinct 25, W. Charlotte High School at 89 percent of the total precinct's votes.

Gantt received a heavy concentration of single-shot votes from, predominately black precincts. On these ballots, voters cast their vote for no other council candidate except Gantt. This support and the willingness of many white voters to vote for Gantt as one of their seven allotted votes insured a victory for him.

With this election victory, Gantt and the other six persons elected to council will face a number of issues during the next two years. Among them is the idea of district representation.

Gantt has supported "real structural changes," according to recent news reports. He said, "to do anything less would be dishonest."

Issues such as district representation will likely face obstacles, however. Questions may arise as to how the proposed merger of the city with the county will affect the alignment of the districts.

With such an overwhelming number of people seemingly in support of Gantt, he is likely to be able to play a significant role in settling such policy oriented issues.

County Offices

Will Close

Tuesday

All Mecklenburg County offices will be closed Tuesday, November 11, in observance of Veterans Day.

This will include all branches of the Public Library and all units of the Health Department and the Social Services Department except the day care centers operated by Social Services.

TURTLE-TALK



One girl to another: "Of course I had to tell her she looked like a MILLION - and I mean EVERY YEAR OF IT!"