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ALLURING PARIS RANN

—Dance Contest Winner

## West Charlotte High Senior

### Named 'Beauty Of The Week'

By Polly Manning  
Post Staff Writer

Active is not a foreign word to Miss Paris Rann, this week's Charlotte Post Beauty. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Logan of 608 Georgetown Drive.

Miss Rann is a senior at West Charlotte Senior High School. At West Charlotte she participates in the NAACP and was recently chosen to represent her school as their homecoming queen. "Ten girls were selected," explained Paris. "We all made up the homecoming court. The queen was announced at the game and you can't imagine how surprised I was when my name was called. Our principal was standing there holding the crown, but instead of me walking towards him to be crowned, I started walking away. That's just how shocked I was."

Rann maybe ringing a bell. She and her partner Gerald Surratt were the winners of the local Soul Train Hunt and represented the Queen City in Hollywood on Don Cornelius' popular dance show. Paris described her visit to Hollywood as very interesting.

California is a nice place to visit but I wouldn't want to live there. If I had the chance to go there again I would feel more at ease. The tension was really great because Jerry and I didn't know what to expect. Soul Train is like any other dance show. The people that dance on Soul Train as regulars have very strict rules in which to go by. They were somewhat distant towards us, but later we found out that this is the way they are suppose to be," explained Miss Rann. She

and Gerald have been dancing together since junior high school and as she puts it have always made a pretty good team.

The group makes regular appearances on the once a month show "Experience" which is hosted by Kelly Alexander. The show can be viewed at 11:30 p.m. on local stations.

Upon graduating in the spring Paris has plans of entering Winston-Salem School of the Arts. "I plan to pursue a career in some dancing and acting field and I feel that this is a good place to start."

The hobbies of our beauty include tennis and basketball and you guessed it dancing. Paris is born under the sign of Taurus.

### NAACP To Launch Drive

### To Pay Mounting Debts

By Sidney Moore Jr.  
Post Staff Writer

Top officials of the National Association of Colored People (NAACP) are calling for a year-end fund raising drive to pay mounting debts.

Margaret Bush Wilson, chairman of the NAACP board of directors, issued a statement in response to nationwide news reports on the indebtedness of the organization.

Many such reports pegged the debt at \$250,000. Local NAACP officers, particularly national board member Kelly Tyvola Road

### Extension Opens

The Tyvola Road extension between South Boulevard and I-77 opened to traffic this week. The completion of this project provides the only major connection of South Boulevard and I-77 between Woodlawn Road and Archdale Drive-Nations Ford Road.

Work on the extension began on June 24, 1974 and cost \$1,940,000. Monies for the project were provided by the 1973 Transportation Bond funds. White oak trees and grassed medians add attractive landscaping to the roadway.

### TURTLE-TALK



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

### New Law To Benefit Blacks

By Charles E. Belle  
Special To The Post

At the beginning of 1975 a new law beneficial to one out of every three workers in America became effective. Those workers not currently participating in a qualified retirement program can begin immediately to prepare themselves financially for retirement with investments that are fully-tax-deductible.

Individual Retirement Accounts (IRA) are particularly promising for people who are employed part-time and sometimes in semi-skilled and unskilled positions. Because Blacks make up a disproportionate amount of these type jobs, IRA is a valuable plan for low income people.

Right now any person who is or has been employed this year can start to set aside up to 15 percent of their earnings to a maximum of \$1500 yearly, tax-deductible. Furthermore, any interest, dividends or capital gains accumulated in the plan will not be taxed until they are distributed. Retirement withdrawal can begin as early as age 59½.

However, you can still start and/or contribute up until age 70½ if you must start a little late in life. In the event of death or disability withdrawals may be made before age 59½. IRA will not affect your Social Security benefits. Furthermore, Social Security contributions do not make you ineligible for IRA.

If you work for a living and you are not now participating in a qualified retirement program, then you are eligible to start your own Individual Retirement Account (IRA). Because the plan stays in the same bank you do not have to be concerned if you change jobs.

Many small business owners and employees as well as barbers, beauticians, clerks, cashiers, taxi drivers, tax accountants, dentists and doctors are eligible to start an IRA. Their money can multiply by buying stocks and bonds, insurance annuities or in an interest paying bank account.

An IRA tax-shelter investment program of \$3 a week will grow to \$2,000 in ten years at the current bank paid interest rate of five percent.

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## Unpublished Study Reports

# Blacks Suspicious Of U. S.

## Birth Control Policies

### Family Planning Efforts Built-In Safety Valve

Special To The Post

An unpublished study by Doctors Castellano B. Turner and William A. Darity on Black Organizations and Population Policy points to the pervasive suspicion of many blacks in regards to official U. S. conduct and funding of programs designed to systematically stabilize the population.

Sanctioning such programs poses somewhat of a dilemma facing Black Americans, with the weight being felt most heavily by the leadership of black organizations. The rapid growth rate of world population and growth rate in the U. S. have long been the subject of concern of many of our foremost leaders in the U. S.

For the most part, black leadership generally understands and agrees that there is a clear connection between the capacity to partake of American affluence and the limitation of family size. By being able to control the size of one's family, more resources are freed for expenditure on health care, education, decent housing for those in the family.

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Gray, one of 3,000 accountants who are recognized by the council, was tested by the council to determine his proficiency in the use of accounting rules and principles.

He will also be required to continue studying his profession in order to maintain his accreditation.

National Council of Black Studies Organized Here

Dr. Bertha Maxwell, director of Black Studies at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, is helping to organize the National Council of Black Studies.

She went to Colorado on Nov. 13 to help organize Region Eight of the Council at the University of Colorado at Boulder. On Nov. 22 she will be in Fayetteville for a steering committee meeting for the State of North Carolina.

The national organization grew out of a Black Studies Conference last spring at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

Ms. Cynthia Bennett and Heman Thomas of UNCC are on the steering committee.

Indeed, family planning efforts also serve as a built-in safety valve for preventing an unwanted pregnancy that would interrupt the completion of necessary education and training experience that prepare individuals to cope with and compete in our super technological society. Indeed, it is no coincidence that as groups expand their middle class and improve upon their standard of living, being able to control their fertility becomes crucial.

On the other hand, there is the fear that there are sinister motives in the larger white society's interest in population stabilization and its new enthusiasm for making family planning more accessible to Black Americans. Most studies on this subject confirm that a large percentage of Black Americans are concerned about the potential genocidal implications of family planning programs.

The fact that an increasing number of sterilization proposals surfaced in state legislatures in the last few years along with a marked upsurge of government funded family planning services being made more available in the black communities undergirds this feeling. How often have we heard from conservative and right wing circles that we've got to do something about those growing numbers of unemployed folks on welfare, and our increasing tax burden?

One must therefore question the specialized interest in this phase of our lives when similar enthusiasm is absent or meagerly found in programs designed to provide jobs, housing, education and other health services. Perhaps this is what many of the Third World representatives to the Bucharest Population Conference were articulating on a global scale.

Their position holds that efforts at fertility management, birth control and general family planning programs can only succeed when they are accompanied by demonstrated equal concern about widespread development geared to improve the quality of life across the board for all humanity.

The domestic response to this concern evidences itself in a significant amount of suspicion and disapproval on the part of black leadership of any proposal on population policy that suggests extraordinary government control.

The black leadership cognizant of these fears and concerns, is also very high on making sure that quality services are available for all and that there is a personal freedom of choice on matters of family planning minus any overt or covert coercion. Finally, to insure that abuses in policy or program implementation do not occur and that fears are allayed, it behooves Population and Family Planning Agencies, both governmental and non-governmental, to make a concerted effort to include blacks in the decision-making circles of their respective organizations. Only then can the black leadership honestly and legitimately sanction these programs in their community (NNPA).



Photo by Dick Moore

James Appling watches as City Councilman Harvey Gantt cuts ribbon to open the First Minority Trade Fair at the Charlotte Civic Center last week.

### Sponsors Happy With First Fair

By Sidney Moore Jr.  
Post Staff Writer

Preliminary reports on the results of the November 13 and 14 Minority Trade Fair indicate the sponsors are happy with their first fair.

Already making plans for 1976, Grey Brendle of North Carolina National Bank said he is "pleased with the success." Brendle served as general chairman of the committee responsible for putting the fair together. The fair was sponsored by the Business Resource Center and the Metropolitan Purchasing Council. Both agencies are associated with the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce.

Resource Center director Charles Lent described the fair as an "opportunity to establish contacts with a lot of potential customers" of minority businessmen. Prior to the event, he had anticipated visits from a number of representatives of large corporations to the fair.

Brendle indicated that almost twice as many such representatives visited the fair as the number of minority businessmen. Of a total of 70 booths, minority vendors occupied 46. The remainder were held by such corporations as IBM, Amour, General Electric and Exxon.

A session held Friday morning of the fair gave minority businessmen a chance to comment on the fair. Brendle said many ideas

were offered as to how the fair could be improved next year and that his committee is going to do what it can to see that many of these ideas are used.

"We're going to be bigger," the fair chairman predicted. He hinted that the fair may grow from having one-third of the first floor of the Civic Center to having the entire floor.

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Hoyle Martin  
Well-known economist  
theme in view of the black man's contribution to the

nation prior to 1776 and since. A public forum is scheduled to take place at Johnson C. Smith University on November 21, in the Student Lounge of the University Memorial

Union Building at 7:30 p.m. The discussion leaders will be Dr. Bettye Verbal, a historian from Washington, D. C., Dr.

winson R. Coleman, a philosopher, and Hoyle Martin, an economist, both from Charlotte.

Subsequent public forums will be announced for the Shelby and Kings Mountain. See JCSU on page 6