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Following the presentation of a \$90,000 grant from The Sears-Roebuck Foundation to the 1975 United Negro College Fund Campaign, A. M. Prado, member of the Sears Board of Directors and Sears Southern Territory Vice

President; Christopher F. Edley, Executive Director of UNCF and James N. Alston, Southern Area Development Director of UNCF, tour the Communication Center in Atlanta of one of the member colleges.

Sears-Roebuck Foundation Gives \$90,000 To 40 Colleges

Grants totaling \$90,000 from The Sears-Roebuck Foundation will be distributed to 40 colleges and universities including Johnson C. Smith University in Charlotte and five other institutions in the state. The total grant was presented in Atlanta by the Foundation recently to The United Negro College Fund. Accepting the check for redistribution to member institutions

was Christopher F. Edley of New York, executive director of UNCF. Colleges in North Carolina will receive \$12,634. The Sears-Roebuck Foundation is a non-profit corporation organized and endowed by Sears, Roebuck and Co. to carry on charitable, scientific and educational programs with established groups with a view toward improving the well being of American

MEAC-CIAA Championship Game Has Been Canceled

Plans for a championship football bowl game between the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA) and the Mid Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) have been put on ice.

The game will not be played due to an inability of the CIAA and MEAC officials to obtain certification from the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA). Its certification process takes a year to complete. An application

for certification for the December 6, 1975 CIAA-MEAC championship bowl was only recently made. "It's really not a shock to us because we were just trying to finalize the details," said MEAC commissioner Earl Mason. He said his office had not begun to publicize the planned bowl game as had the CIAA.

Mason said an effort has already begun to get the NCAA certification for a bowl game next year. The idea for a CIAA-MEAC Championship Bowl developed because both leagues decided to cancel independently sponsored conference play-offs. It was believed that the new bowl game would qualify for NCAA certification because approval had been obtained to conduct these independent conference post season contests.

It is evident that teams in both leagues looked forward to playing in the now cancelled bowl game. A statement from S. C. State College in Orangeburg argued that State should represent the MEAC. S. C. tied with North Carolina A&T for the MEAC Championship with identical conference records of 5-1. State said it earned bowl playing rights because of a 7-1-1 overall record.

Norfolk State College is the CIAA champion with a 7-1 conference record and an 8-3 overall mark. Mason said the MEAC was not selling tickets for the bowl game. The Charlotte Post has not received information as to whether the CIAA has distributed any tickets.

Sources close to the two leagues say personality clashes prevented talk on a basketball championship tournament last year.

This year, champion teams in the leagues will not have the chance to play a bowl game.



Earl Mason
MEAC Commissioner



The only PERSON who listens to both sides of a FAMILY argument is the LADY next door.

Two Black Groups Protest Removal Of White Man

Food Stamp Office To Change Hours

The Mecklenburg County Food Stamp Office will change the closing hour from 6 p.m. to 5 p.m., effective Monday, December 1, according to Larry Goolsby, Eligibility Director of the County's Food Stamp Program.

The office, which is located at 800 Briarcrest Road, will continue to open at 7 a.m., and the regular schedule, Monday through Friday, will be 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Goolsby says the change was prompted by the lack of use of the 5 to 6 p.m. time period. Those clients who work will still have the early morning hours available to them, he said, and therefore no reduction in the level of service to the public is anticipated.

Due to the length of individual interviews, no clients are signed in during the last 30 minutes of the day. This means that clients must be signed in by 4:30 p.m. in order to be interviewed that day.

As in the past, all clients will be seen on an appointment basis. New applicants need to pick up an appointment card in person and those persons who are due for recertification will receive an appointment card in the mail.

For additional information, contact the Food Stamp Office at 374-2677.

Elizabeth Ave. To Close Monday At Sugar Creek

Starting Monday, December 1, Elizabeth Ave. will be closed to through traffic at Sugar Creek for bridge construction. The road will remain closed until May, 1976. The existing bridge over Sugar Creek will be rebuilt as a part of the Kings Drive Relocation Project. The purpose of the project is to improve the capacity of Kings Drive between Fourth and Seventh Streets and increase

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Supervisor Perry Davis Says: Equal Employment Opportunity For Minorities Is Southern Bell's Main Concern

By Sidney Moore Jr.
Post Staff Writer

Equal Employment Opportunity for minorities at Southern Bell is a main concern for 63 year old Perry Davis.

Davis, who came to Charlotte in 1937 from Southport, N. C., joined the telephone company August 20, 1947. He started as a messenger, as a result of receiving a tip from a friend. At the time, he recalls, this was the highest position a black could hold with the company.

His initial duties included sorting and carrying mail from one office to another and duplicating information in the company blueprint room.

Davis served Southern Bell as a messenger for fifteen years. He worked with company officials in 1962 to find black women for clerical positions.

"I started a one man recruiting campaign," Davis said. Six weeks later, Davis received a promotion.

As a Coin Telephone Collector, Davis faced resentment from whites, the price a black person often pays to work in a traditionally white job. He recalls that the civil rights movement was very active during that time and that many business establishments did not want him to collect money from pay telephone booths in their businesses because of his color.



MISS KATHY GRAY
...W. Mecklenburg senior

Kathy Gray Is Beauty Of Week

By POLLY MANNING
Post Staff Writer

East Mecklenburg must be very proud of this week's chosen beauty, Miss Kathy Gray. Gray is a senior at East Mecklenburg where she is a member of the girl's volleyball team. She has played on the team for two years now and feels that they are the greatest.

"We've had a good season," stated Miss Gray. "I'm really going to miss playing when I graduate. Most of all I will miss the girls that I play with on the team."

Cathey is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Gray of 609 East 7th Street. She is next to oldest in a family of 10 children. When asked how it was to be a member of such a large family Miss Gray said that "it's advantageous at times, but like anything large it can get out of hands." Cathey explained that they are a "close-knit family and basically have a good family relationship."

They attend Little Rock AME Zion Church.

The hobbies of our beauty include typing and cooking. "I first became interested in typing through my typing class at school," explained Cathey. "Since that time I have become so interested that I plan to pursue a career as a Cashier-Clerk or Clerk-Typist." Cathey's favorite thing to cook is different types of cakes and all kinds of vegetables.

In pursuit of her career Cathey feels that she must first qualify herself for the competition that is sure to confront her. She says that she brushes up on her typing skills whenever possible and often gives herself time tests.

Recently Cathey took part in the Fashion Merchandising Model School. From the experience that she encountered there her interest in modeling has been enhanced. "I realize that agencies are looking for many things when they screen their prospective models, therefore I feel that there are many things on which I need brushing up. I need more practice on standing correctly

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W. Boulevard Coalition To Fight To Keep Blevin

Two Charlotte Black community organizations are opposing the recent action taken by the executive director of the Charlotte Area Fund.

Spokesmen for the West Boulevard Coalition and the Northwest Community Action Association told the Charlotte

Post Tuesday morning that their organizations were "going to take strong action" against the removal of Dave Blevins from their communities.

According to Mrs. Carrie Graves, chairperson of the West Boulevard Coalition, Blevins will not be able to continue his work with the two Black organizations he helped to organize.

"These organizations have been very effective in reaching some of the goals that is a priority within our communities," Mrs. Graves said, adding that "because of this (Blevins) dedication and hard work, our organizations are meeting the needs of the people who they are responsible to."

Three 4-H Clubs To Take Bicycle Tour Friday

Three 4-H Clubs in the University Park area will take advantage of the holidays by taking a bicycle tour.

Everett Taylor, 4-H program assistant, said about 30 club members will leave from West Charlotte High School around 11 a.m. Friday morning, November 28. They will ride approximately 10 miles to Latta Place out Beatties Ford Road, turn around and ride back.

Taylor said his organization will provide "sag wagons" for kids that get to tired to keep up. He said there will be adult chaperones to handle problems and emergencies.

Reginald McPherson, Michael Martin, Robert Taylor and Delois Taylor are among the adults who will chaperone the tour.

Mrs. Graves' organization will continue to seek answers to several questions she put before the Charlotte Area Fund Board members at their regular meeting last week.

"We feel that this is a move to stop our progress," she explained, pointing out that "it's a mystery to me why, after all that has been accomplished by these organization, should new people be forced in and stop the progress. All that has been planned for future objectives and goals would be like backing up and marking time."

She continued, "I am also puzzled as to how, with only two organizers on the Charlotte Area Fund Staff, can their expertise be limited to one particular area and still be effective?"

Mrs. Graves declined to say what actions her organization will take to correct what it feels is an injustice. "I'm for curing all ills that breed injustices. I don't care how black they are, or how white.

We are all talking about civil rights when we should concern ourselves with human rights. Civil rights has become a game for a lot of people. The 1960's should be a reminder to us all and so should the 70's.

We're not going to turn around now and go backwards. We have been denied our human rights for too long in a country that's supposed to be free. But to be denied my rights from Black people that have the marking of a devil's food cake is just a little bit more than any of us will take lightly, anymore," she warned.

Former Students Friends To Honor Martin

One highlight of the events planned for this Thanksgiving weekend is a testimonial dinner for T. M. "Jack" Martin, a football coach at West Charlotte for 31 years.

Invitations for the two day affair, Friday and Saturday November 28 and 29, are available from A. D. Neal Barber Shop, Taylor Barber Shop, Charles Barber Shop, the Excelsior Club and The Smart Shop for Men. Donations of \$12 for the invitations cover both evenings.

Arrangements have been made at the Downtowner East on McDowell Street to accommodate the testimonial. A. D. Neal, a sponsor of the event, said he expects many former West Charlotte athletes and friends of Coach Martin to attend the testimonial.

On Friday the 28th, there will be a cocktail party from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Motor Inn. On the 29th, the testimonial dinner will begin at 6 p.m.

John Love, a co-sponsor, said about \$400 has been raised through the sale of invitations. He said the event will cost about \$2,000. Love expects invitation sales to pick up at the last minute.

To promote attendance, Love and his committee distributed about 300 letters. They have also been actively pursuing newspaper and radio coverage.



Perry Davis
...Helps other Blacks
and is active in a number of social and civic organizations.