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NWCAA Officials Call For Full

Scale Investigation Of CAF

Food Stamps Lifesaver For Poor People

Attitudes about food stamps differ, but Charlotte-Mecklenburg officials are aware that recipients favor the program. "I'm convinced that they (recipients) are very much in favor of the food stamp program," said Lee Burgin, an eligibility supervisor with the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Food Stamp office.

Burgin said the program gives a recipient more freedom of selection than programs in the past. He said the present program allows a recipient more dignity than other attempts by government to help the poor.

The food stamp administrator said politicians sometimes make a target of federal programs like this for political advantage. He said his agency will administer whatever alternative ideas these public officials enact. He is only hopeful that such alternative ideas are better ways to help the poor rather than worse ways.

Burgin said the press has been basically objective in its attempts to inform the public about food stamp program policies. He said some bugs in the program have been ironed out over the last year and a half and that not much publicity is being given to the program at this time.

Some press reports in the past have reported social services like the food stamp program as being a waste of money and a "rip-off" of the government. Many whites consider these reports true.

In spite of these attitudes, most observers agree that the program is actually a lifesaver for many families. With the present state of economic depression, statements from food stamp recipients in recent published reports bear this fact out.

One lady, the mother of five children between the ages of 2 and 12, said:

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Dr. King Revives

Beat Of Civil Rights Movement

The Rev. Martin Luther King Sr., will not be leading many street marches in the manner which brought fame and honor to his son, but when he addressed an estimated 10,000 persons honoring his son in Atlanta, he managed to single handedly revive the beat of the civil rights movement.

In a response to pleas of "preach, preach," the fiery father of the slain civil rights leader told a parable of poor people who walked to a doctor's office only to find the office closed and a sign on the door. "That was like Martin's sign, too," the elder King said. Appearing to fight back tears, he continued. "It said, 'Still in business, just moved upstairs.'"

"Daddy King," as he is best known in Atlanta, continued to



MOTHER ELLA LYNCH BOYD

... Talks about her life

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Volatile Group To Wage Letter Writing Campaign

Blacks in the Northwest Community Action Association have called for a full scale investigation of the Charlotte Area Fund (CAF) in the wake of the agency's recent transfer of a popular white community organizer.

Lewis C. Coleman, NWCAA president, said the request for an investigation of the CAF is contained in a letter his group has sent to the William Walker regional director for the Community Service Administration located in Atlanta.

The action the Charlotte Area Fund has taken in removing Dave Blevins from the Northwest area is an indication that the Fund is not attempting to serve the needs of the people it was designed to serve," Coleman said this week.

"It is the feeling of the executive committee of NWCAA that some kind of move is afoot from some place to undermine community organization like ours," said Rev. Howard Campbell of NWCAA.

The controversy surrounding the Charlotte Area Fund developed when Dave Blevins, a white community organizer

was removed from the northwest area on the grounds that the CAF was being reorganized. He was sent to east Charlotte where he will be working with a community of about 8,000 compared to the 45,000 persons, black and white, he had been helping.

Blevins has filed a grievance with the CAF but members of the NWCAA have not been allowed to officially speak in his behalf. "The chairman for the CAF board put us out of his office and refused to hear us," Coleman said.

Campbell said the group must now resort to waging a letter writing campaign to the various news media and members of the board of the Charlotte Area Fund. One third of the CAF board is composed of elected officials or their representatives.

Campbell said it will take the dedicated effort of all persons in the 12-group community action association to win a reversal of the transfer of Blevins.

Blevins, 33, is currently of the Northwest Charlotte area. He joined the CAF in 1968.

New Law Give Tax Break

If your taxable income was less than \$8,000 in 1975, Uncle Sam may owe you up to \$400. In most cases, family assistance such as welfare doesn't count as income.

Working men and women with low incomes should find out if they qualify for a new tax break called the Earned Income Credit, urges H&R Block, the nation's largest tax preparation service. The company has launched an information program, as has the government, to alert those whom the new law is designed to benefit.

To claim the special payment as a refund or credit, eligible persons must file a 1975 Federal income tax return - even if not otherwise required to do so. It doesn't matter whether or not employers took out Federal withholding taxes since the credit can create a refund.

Individuals who can answer yes to two key questions probably qualify. They are:

1. Was your adjusted gross

income (including earned income) less than \$8,000?

2. Did you maintain a household the whole year in the U.S. for yourself and one or more children whom you can claim as dependents and who were under 19 years of age or full-time students?

For purposes of this credit, earned income includes salaries, wages, tips, and other employee compensation after the sick pay exclusion, and any net earnings from self-employment income.

A widowed, separated, or divorced mother who took a job as domestic help to maintain a home for her children may qualify. Married couples are required to file a joint return to get the new tax break.

However, if for any reason a joint return can't be filed when you are married and living apart, you are considered single for tax purposes and may qualify for the credit if you meet the following requirements: you file a separate

return, you paid more than half the cost to keep up your home in 1975; your spouse did not live in your home at any time during 1975; and for over six months of 1975 your home was the main home of one or more children you can claim as a dependent.

The Earned Income Credit gives those who qualify a 10 per cent refund or credit against taxes owed based on a maximum of \$4,000 of earned income. If income exceeds \$4,000, any credit determined thus far is reduced by 10 percent of the excess over \$4,000. If you have income of more than \$8,000 there can be no credit. For example:

A qualifying individual has adjusted gross income totaling \$6,000 of which \$5,000 represents earned income already explained. His Earned Income Credit is \$200 determined as follows: 10 per cent of the first \$4,000 of earned income equals \$400; 10 per cent of the excess over \$4,000 equals \$200.

Scramble On To Replace Wilkins

Now that Roy Wilkins has announced his decision to retire from the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the scramble is now on to replace him.

Sources in the NAACP have told the Charlotte Post that more than 20 applications have been received for the \$30,000 a year job as executive director of the nation's oldest civil rights organization.

Wilkins announced recently that he will retire effective Jan. 1, 1977, but remain with the group as a special consultant.

The retiring NAACP director leaves after directing a fund raising campaign to help the civil rights group erase a debt of over \$250,000. The national office of the NAACP has reported to local state chapters that the fund drive is paying off and the debt is close to being paid in full.

Alan Rousseau, state coordinator of the North Carolina NAACP chapter believes a formal announcement that the debt has been paid off will come in March or April. He said concerned persons in the state contributed more than \$10,000 toward retiring the debt.

"We are still encouraging contributions," Rousseau said and he urged interested persons to attend the Charlotte-Mecklenburg NAACP's birthday celebration Feb. 7, at the Holiday Inn, woodlawn, just off Interstate 77. He said the celebration will be part of a national membership drive and Mrs. Margaret Bush Wil-



Kelly Alexander Sr.

Assistant Board Chairman son, the first black chairwoman of the NAACP's national board of directors will speak at 7:30 p.m. at the \$10 per plate affair.

Rousseau would not admit it, but sources in the NAACP report that officials in the state's NAACP unit are among those seeking the post held by Wilkins. The sources also said that the heads of other civil rights groups and national black politicians are among those applying for the job.

A special 15 member committee set up to review application has been established by the NAACP and Dr. Montague Cobb of Howard University will chair the group.

In a related action, Kelly Alexander, Sr., of Charlotte has been named assistant chairman of the national board of directors of the NAACP. He is currently serving as president of the North Carolina NAACP.



Dr. Martin Luther King Sr.

Father of slain leader representatives in the state's legislative body will introduce bills this session to make Dr. King's birthday a state holiday. Similar measures last year failed.



MISS SYLVIA JAMES
...Jamaica, N. Y. native

Miss Sylvia James

Is Beauty Of Week

By Polly Manning
Post Staff Writer

Our Beauty for this week is Miss Sylvia James, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David James of Jamaica, New York.

Miss James is a very fascinating young lady. She was born and raised in London, England. While there she attended Aylestone Senior High School. She was a member of the swimming team, the chorus, dramatic club and she ran track. Her family moved to Jamaica when Sylvia was fourteen, but because she didn't like New York she was allowed to stay in London and complete her high school education.

At the age of 15, Sylvia graduated from Aylestone and came to Jamaica to live with her parents, with the impression that she was now ready for college.

The rules being different in the United States, Sylvia quickly found that college would have to wait because 15 was too young to take the high school equivalency test.

Our Beauty then had to enroll in John Adams Senior High School, where she participated in the same activities as she did in London. Miss James graduated at the age of 16 from John Adams High receiving honors and recognitions in the fields of English, French and music.

After graduating, Sylvia chose Johnson C. Smith as the institution where her education would be furthered. She is now a sophomore majoring in communications. When asked why she chose this field she stated: "I love to socialize with different people and I find it easy to express myself. I feel that through communications I can fulfill one of my

dreams and that is to help my people. One thing that I found here that I didn't see in London is a tremendous amount of prejudice. I really want to see what I can do about it."

Miss James, who is 18 years old, is born under the sign of Gemini. Her hobbies include making her own clothes, cooking, writing, and martial arts.

She became interested in the martial arts through her brother and a relative who has a black belt. She also feels that it's good exercise which helps her figure.

Her interest in writing stems from another one of her dreams, and that is to become a writer. Her goal is to have written her first book by the time she graduates from Smith.

Sylvia stated the first thing she noticed when she returned to the United States was the style of dress.

Subscribers Can Charge Post To Bank Cards

Initial efforts to develop a circulation department here at The Charlotte Post are bringing results in the form of better services for subscribers.

Rex Hovey, new Post circulation specialist, announced this week that subscribers may use their Master Charge or BankAmericard accounts to purchase subscriptions. Customers who wish to use this new service may call the Post at 392-1306 and leave their name, address, telephone number and bank card number or request the Mr. Hovey get in touch.

Another new service allows subscribers to buy subscriptions at the three Mechanics & Farmers Bank locations.

Non-subscribers may purchase the Post in the following locations:

Present locations are Bitsy Bounty, 3201 Beatties Ford Road; Busy Bee No. 1, 505 Beatties Ford Road; Busy Bee No. 2, 3018 Barringer Drive; Dalebrook Pharmacy, 2504 Beatties Ford Road; Lunsford Grocery, 125 North Irvin Street; Mini-Pantry, 2305 LaSalle Street and Queen City Pharmacy, 2206 Beatties Ford Road.

Hovey said new billing procedures are also being developed which will allow for more accurate subscription billings than in past years.

TURTLE-TALK



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