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ATTRACTIVE ROBIN PRATT
...Fondly called "Black Twiggy"

Miss Robin Pratt

Is Beauty Of Week

By Polly Manning
Post Staff Writer

"The Black Twiggy" as she is called by many of her friends, Miss Robin Pratt has been chosen as our "Beauty of the Week."

Robin explained that because of her size friends chose to call her by this nickname. She also stated that unlike Twiggy, she has no intentions of modeling as a career.

Miss Pratt is a graduate of Garinger High School. She also attended Olympic High where she was a member of the Black Forum a club organized to sponsor school events and help needy families. One of the most popular events that they sponsored was a fashion show in which Robin was one of the models. She was also a member of the student council, a cheerleader and a lettergirl.

Presently Miss Pratt is employed at Aetna Life and Casualty Insurance Company. She performs secretarial duties such as filing and typing and she states that she loves her job.

She also attends Kings College where she is studying Business Administration. "I feel that there is a future in the business field and by attending Kings', I can work and go to school at night."

Robins' hobbies are reading and listening to music. She enjoys reading magazines and almost all type novels.

Born under the sign of

TURTLE-TALK



Even if you're on the RIGHT RACK, if you JUST SIT HERE, you'll be run over.

Aquarius, Robin describes them as easy to get along with and achievers. "They work hard to get the things they want," she smiled.

Billy Dee Williams is our Beauty's favorite actor. "I like him because of his style and I also think he's cute.

As far as television is concerned Robin enjoys watching "Good Times". "I think it is a very realistic view of the typical life of the Black family," explained our Beauty. "It is really down to earth."

Blue is the favorite color of Robin's. Her favorite food is pizza. Robin's future ambitions are to finish school and settle down into her chosen profession. After this is accomplished she plans to marry the person she most admires, her fiance.

No Mail Will

Be Delivered

On Monday

Monday, February 16, will be observed as a national legal holiday by most postal service employees.

A Box Service Window will be open at the West Trade Street Station from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m., and at all Classified Stations from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.

A Self Service Postal Unit will be in operation at the Amity Gardens Shopping Center, American Bank and Trust, located at 5930 Fairview Road and at Hickory Grove and Delta Roads, Tryon Mall Shopping Center, Independence Shopping Center and in the West Trade Street Station lobby. Stamp vending machines are available at all postal stations.

There will be no regular delivery service. Special Delivery mail and parcels containing perishable matter will be delivered.

Collections will be made from designated residential and business collection points. Additional Collection Service in business districts will be made as needed.

Rev. Ezra Moore To Leave First United Presbyterian Church

Ed O'Herron To Run For Governor

Charlotte businessman Ed O'Herron will formally announce his candidacy for the Democratic nomination

for Governor of North Carolina in ceremonies at six different locations next Monday, February 16.

The initial announcement will be made in Charlotte, O'Herron's hometown, at a breakfast scheduled for 8 a.m. at the Downtowner East Motel.

From there the candidate will visit five other locations where he will greet his supporters and media representatives in airport ceremonies. It is important to O'Herron that on this special day he talk with citizens in every section of the State. The day will be concluded with a reception and dinner at Asheville Monday night.

Here is a complete schedule for the day: 8 a.m. - Breakfast at Charlotte; 10 a.m. Greensboro - High Point Airport; 11:20 a.m. - Raleigh-Durham Airport; 1:15 p.m. - Kinston Airport; 2:35 p.m. - Wilmington Airport; 5 p.m. - Hickory Airport; and 7:30 p.m. Reception and dinner at Asheville.

City Employees

To Get An Extra

Day Of Rest

On Monday, February 16, all offices of Charlotte City government will be closed in observance of George Washington's Birthday. Business will resume at 8 a.m. Tuesday, February 17.

The holiday will cause a change in the schedule for the Sanitation Division. There will be no refuse collection on Monday but each residence will receive two backyard pick ups during the week. There will be no curbside collection on Wednesday, February 18.

Brotherhood Week Celebration

Friendship Baptist Church To Sponsor Three Special Services

Friendship Baptist Church will sponsor a series of programs designed to magnify the role of men in the life of the church and to make him more aware of the opportunities for involvement in community life here next week.

The Brotherhood organization of the church will lead the three programs that will feature worship on Sunday, Fellowship Monday night and a Community Awareness Night Thursday night, February 19.

The opening program will have Leroy Doe as the guest speaker and music by the



NAACP FREEDOM FUND DINNER SPEAKER, Mrs. Margaret Bush Wilson, standing right, accepts Letter Opener, symbolic of the KEY TO THE CITY, from Charlotte Mayor John Belk, left, and Councilman Harvey

Mrs. Wilson Says:

Blacks Need Brain Power As Well As Numbers To Overcome

by James Peeler
Post Feature Writer

More than 300 persons paid \$10 a plate to enjoy a broiled chicken dinner and hear a rousing and inspiring speech from Mrs. Margaret Bush Wilson, Chairperson of the NAACP's National Board of Directors at the Charlotte-Mecklenburg County Chapter's annual Freedom Fund Dinner last Saturday night in Liberty Hall of the Woodlawn Holiday Inn.

The 67th Birthday Celebration dinner and speech climaxed a day of activities which began with an Affirmative Action Conference at 9 a.m. and lasted until 5 p.m. A Social Hour, from 6:45 until 7:45 preceded the 8 o'clock dinner that is sponsored annually to raise money for support of the NAACP's local and national programs.

Speaker Wilson noted that a million dollar reserve fund of the National NAACP has been

depleted and that a concerted effort is now underway to replace the funds that were used, for the most part, during the height of civil rights activities in the 1960's.

Mrs. Wilson, the first black woman to chair the National NAACP in its 67-year history, said that one of the primary goals of the NAACP during her tenure in 1976 is to increase membership in the NAACP from its present 400,000 members to one million members "as a Bi-centennial gift to the nation."

In her speech, Mrs. Wilson, a distinguished St. Louis lawyer, attacked "institutional racism" and reminded her audience that "the easy battles have all been won. From here on out," she declared, "we'll need brain power as well as numbers to overcome."

The dinner program was highlighted by the presenta-

tion of the Key to the City by Mayor John Belk and Councilman Harvey Gantt who also made welcoming remarks.

Mrs. Wilson also was awarded a plaque of "Appreciation" from Mrs. Berdie M. Howell, President of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg County Branch of the NAACP; and an orchid corsage from AKA Sorority Basileus Doris Asbury, the guest speaker's sorority sister.

Platform guest Mary Clark, member of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg County Chapter and member of the State Blue Ribbon Fund Raising Committee received a plaque for her "Outstanding Fund Raising Activities". Mrs. Clark raised approximately \$1,500 during the period 1 Dec. 1975 through 1 Feb. 1976, according to Kelly M. Alexander Jr., who presided at the program.

Popular Minister Accepts Dayton, Ohio Position

By Abigail L. Flanders
Post Staff Writer

In this world of apathetic people, a world where people more than often stick their heads in the sand; afraid to see, feel, touch or try anything new, one man stands out like the proverbial "Knight in shining armor"....Rev. Ezra J. Moore, a man whose name has long been linked with the pulse of the Charlotte community as well as with the heart of the Presbyterian ministry.

For more than 15 years, Rev. Ezra J. Moore has graced the city with his deeply rich, impressive and moving sermons, and his pensive, controlled and upright mannerisms. On February 1st, Rev. Moore left his congregation at First United Presbyterian Church speechless when he announced his resignation as pastor of the church and his acceptance of a position as a protestant chaplain for the Veteran Administration Center in Dayton, Ohio.

"I took the job because it presents new opportunities and new challenges for me," Rev. Moore said. "I believe you should not allow life to get too monotonous. You must have things to spur you on; otherwise, you just die." The kind of death Rev. Moore is speaking of comes when a person merely exists, rather than lives--when a person becomes a voyer rather than a participator in life. Rev. Moore's philosophy of life is that everyone should have the opportunity to really live, and a person can only find that opportunity by uprooting himself when, as one poet so aptly put it, "his season changes to Autumn and he no longer is a living plant, but becomes a dying seed." "Many people stay in one place and work at one job for years and never really give themselves a chance to experience new challenges and new avenues of life," the serious looking Rev. Moore concluded.

Finding new avenues of life is not strange for Ezra J. Moore. He was born and raised in Mayesville, a small town in the eastern part of North Carolina. Shortly after high school, he joined the Navy and served for six years, after which he went to A&T State University where he received his Bachelor of Science degree in business education. After graduating from A&T, he went to Orangeburg, South Carolina and worked at Claflin College as a bookkeeper and cashier for four years. After careful thought and planning, Ezra J. Moore decided to become a minister. He went to Johnson C. Smith University and received his Bachelor of Divinity degree. Soon after, he became the pastor of Brooklyn Presbyterian Church, a position that he held for seven years, up until the time that Brooklyn merged with First United Presbyterian Church, where he accepted the position as pastor for the last eight years of his life.

"Being a minister carries a lot of responsibility because people look upon you as being the pillar of the community," Rev. Moore said. Perhaps that



Rev. Ezra J. Moore ...Resigns after 15 years is one reason he became so active in community affairs and politics. He once ran for city council and lost, but that did not discourage the good Rev. from participating in community affairs. He has been a member of the board of directors for the NAACP, the Charlotte Council on Alcoholism, the Mental Health Association, the Traveler's Aid Society of Mecklenburg County, the Hornet's Nest Girl Scout Council and the Black Cultural Society of Charlotte. Throughout it all, he has still found time to be a loving husband and father.

In these days when fear of change flows like the "ripples of time," we need someone like Rev. Ezra J. Moore to make us stop and think about where our lives are going. His sincere warmth and understanding will be missed by Charlotteans, but our loss is Dayton, Ohio's gain. Though his life in Charlotte has gone from Spring to Autumn, he is fortunate in finding the dawning of a new Spring in Dayton, Ohio.

Powell Extends

Deadline For

License Stickers

RALEIGH.... Edward L. Powell, Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, today urged North Carolina motorists who have not obtained their 1976 license plate validation stickers or license plates to do so before the February 16th deadline.

The Commissioner also reminded owners of private automobiles that this year they keep their 1975 license plates and must purchase a validation sticker to update it. The sticker must be placed in the upper right-hand corner of the license plate by law.

Powell said "This year the deadline for displaying 1976 validation stickers and license plates has been extended to midnight, February 16th because the 15th falls on a Sunday. Since there is no legal authority to extend the dead-

line further, we urge all motorists to purchase their stickers of plates as soon as possible. The first four weeks of this registration renewal period indicate that less than one-third of all North Carolina vehicle registrations have been renewed.



Rev. Coleman W. Kerry Jr. ...Friendship Church pastor