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## Post Office To Cut 15,000 Jobs

The number of paid employees in the Postal Service has been reduced by nearly 15,000 positions from the same period last year, the most recent payroll reports of the Service indicate.

The equivalent reduction in man-years approximates a cost reduction of \$200 million, Postmaster General Benjamin F. Bailar said.

Bailar announced the paid employment reduction figure as part of his nationwide program to reduce postal costs by as much as possible without cutting essential postal services.

"The Postal Service is in a financial bind and cannot foresee any hope of immediate solution to its operating deficit problem," Bailar said.

"Faced with a \$1.4 billion deficit, we are compelled to do everything within our power to reduce postal costs to the maximum extent feasible."

Bailar said over 50 per cent of the positions eliminated represent career positions, removed from the rolls of the Postal Service by attrition. The remaining positions were casual and part-time positions, he said.

As of January 2, the most recent reporting date, there were 699,650 paid employees on the Postal Service payroll, compared to 714,496 on that date a year ago.

## Joblessness For Blacks Is Higher Than Admitted

ATLANTA, Feb. 26 - At a time when the national administration has vetoed a massive public works bill and Congress has sustained that veto, laid off workers in the South are rapidly using up their unemployment benefits. Moreover, present methods of counting the unemployed and the existence of widespread subemployment in the region puts the South at a disadvantage in terms of funding for present manpower programs.

These are among the conclusions released today in a 38-page special report by the Southern Regional Council.

The report points out several failings of unemployment counting methods not generally mentioned in growing national criticism of the way the "unemployment rate" is derived. Discouraged workers, who have given up their active search for work because they have concluded it is futile to look further, have increased in large numbers in the recession, but they are not counted among the unemployed because they are definitionally not part of the labor force.

In an introduction to the report, George H. Esser, Jr., Executive Director of the Council, is critical of national policies "which have failed to bring about economic security for those who need it most."



MISS SHIRLEY WHITE  
...Enjoys playing basketball

## Miss Shirley White Is Beauty Of Week

By Polly Manning  
Post Staff Writer

A television comedy centered around the 50's has captured the heart of our beauty for this week, Miss Shirley White.

The show is "Happy Days." It deals with the era when hanging around the malt shop was for the incrowd, convertible cars were really in, and black leather jackets and motorcycles were just coming onto the scene. Rock & Roll was the best thing since soda pop. Shirley is really fascinated by the role that Fonzi plays.

The 14 year old Wilson Junior High School student is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James T. White of 2732 Cornet Way. At Wilson, she was a member of the Volleyball Team, which ended the season with a 10-4 record. They were third overall among Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools. Presently she is on the Girl's Basketball team where she plays guard, forward, and center. So far the team has won 7 games and lost 6. The most points Shirley has scored in a game is six. Because she plays on the second team she usually averages 2 to 4 points per game. She enjoys playing basketball because it's a fun way to stay in shape. She also finds it fun to visit schools and play against different teams.

Shirley's favorite subject is Science. "I like it because it is interesting as well as fun learning about different things that happen around us," she stated.

Her favorite teacher is Mrs. McGraw who was her volleyball and is her basketball coach.

Miss White's hobbies are traveling and going to movies and dances. "I enjoy doing anything that is fun. While traveling I often take notice of how I look, feel and react to different places and situations," smiled Shirley.

Our beauty's future ambition is to become a model. She is born under the sign of Taurus. She describes them as being very quite people, very considerate and very stubborn.

Shirley and her family attend St. Luke Baptist Church where Rev. Parker is the pastor. Shirley plays on the church softball team.

Barry White is her favorite singer. She especially likes his

## Jackson To Open Office Here Sunday

Many local and state political leaders will be on hand here Sunday for the opening of the "Jackson For President" Headquarters in the Century Hotel, formerly the Downtown Coliseum, 3024 E. Independence Blvd.

Purpose of the meeting, which opens at 7 o'clock, is to formerly open the headquarters and announce the steering committee for Mecklenburg County.

Mayor John Belk, who is the district chairman, will officiate at the meeting.

Jim Ramsey, former speaker for the North Carolina House, and State Chairman for the "Jackson For President Committee", will be in attendance. As will state senator Herman Moore, who has agreed to take a leadership position in the Mecklenburg County "Jackson For President" Operations.

Casual dress will be the appropriate wear.

## Veterans Service To Open Office In Pineville

The Mecklenburg County Veterans Service Office has opened a satellite office in Pineville. The Office is open from 1 until 4 p.m. every Thursday in the Office of the Chief of Police in the Pineville Town Hall.

The Pineville office is the second of three branch Veterans Service Offices planned for Mecklenburg County.

# Black Democratic Meeting Here Maybe Very Historic

## Pipe Plant To Provide More Jobs

A new pipe fabrication plant in the Arrowwood area southwest of Charlotte may improve area job prospects.

Ribbon-cutting ceremonies were held recently to open a new division of Dravo Corporation. The company now has a plant in Pineville.

It is a Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania based company operating on a national scope. Company officials describe the company as a diversified engineering, construction and manufacturing company with over 15,000 employees.

The new Charlotte plant is designed to fabricate pipe for use in power plants and chemical and petrochemical facilities.

Fabricated pipe for these industries can be as large as 60 inches in diameter, and the walls of the pipe may be as thick as six inches. A section of pipe can also weigh as much as 60,000 pounds. For critical service, most welds must be perfect and are checked by radiography or other non-destructive tests. Pipe for a coal-fired power plant must withstand pressure up to 4,500 pounds per square inch and 1050 degrees Fahrenheit, according to a statement by Dravo officials.

Top level activity for the new plant is anticipated by 1977. The plant site is designed for future expansion as demand requires. Current employment of 125 people is also expected to gradually increase during that time.

One spokesman suggested the employment figure may reach the 300 mark.



BIG SISTER Daisy Stroud, right, chats with Little Sister Johanna Surratt, during get acquainted meeting. The Big Sister International endeavor is an annual project of the

Charlotte Alumni Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority's 5-Point Project Committee. Photo by Peeler.

## Delta Sigma Theta Sorority To Assist "Big Sisters"

By James Peeler  
Post Feature Writer

The Charlotte Alumni Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority has chosen Big Sisters International as its main public service project for the year of 1975-76.

This project is spearheaded by the sorority's 5-Point Project Committee composed of sorors Daisy Stroud, Chairman; Sarah Richardson, Patricia Dowdy, Frances Maske, Sarah Bellamy, Doris Johnson, Joan Holmes, Juanita Craighead, Daisy Roberson, Letee Stinson, and Lillian McRae.

The officers of the Charlotte Alumni Chapter are: Helena Tidwell, President; Rogerline Lee, Vice-President; Shirley Goodman, Secretary; Lucielle Batts, Treasurer; and Sarah Stroud, Parliamentarian.

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. a public service sorority, is a society established to promote high cultural, intellectual, and moral standards among its members for its own benefit and for the benefit of society in which it exists.

The sorority considers service a major aspect of morality and Deltas activities and finances are devoted largely to such services as can be rendered for the benefit of the individual, the community, the race and the nation.

Delta's program is carefully formulated to enable its membership to make the best possible contribution in selected vital areas of human need.

Charlotte Alumni Deltas have chosen as its annual benefit project THE DEBUTANTE COTILLION. The year several beautiful Debs will be presented at the Park Center on April 9 at 9 p.m.

The Big Sisters Program is a voluntary program that provides social work techniques to assist an emotionally mature woman volunteer in developing a supportive friendship with one girl. Through contacts, visits, and activities, The Big Sister helps the Little Sister develop personal identity, self-love, and inner security. It is a one-to-one individualized and voluntary relationship; One Big Sister to One Little Sister.

Emphasis is on preventive work with children who are found to be presenting beginning problems of disturbance rather than rehabilitative with delinquents or emotionally ill youths.

Big Sisters deals with young lives, the process of becoming an actual Big Sister is highly selective. The process requires interviews, recommendations, and a background check.

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## Civic Center To House April 30 Meet

By Sidney Moore, Jr.  
Post Staff Writer

Whatever influence blacks will have with the next U. S. President may be decided in Charlotte April 30-May 2.

This influence may be gained when the Caucus of Black Democrats meets here to plan strategy and to interview then active Democratic Party candidates. If this strategy session is successful and if a Democratic wins in November, the Charlotte meeting may turn out to be a very historic occasion.

Mecklenburg County Commissioner Rowe Motley, chairman for minority affairs in the N. C. Democratic Party, played a great part in persuading caucus officials to choose Charlotte over places like Washington, D. C. and Chicago. He expects 1,500 to 1,800 people to attend the three-day meeting at the Charlotte Civic Center, according to recent press reports.

The announcement was made in Washington this week by Basil Patterson, vice chairman of the Democratic National Committee and confidant in Charlotte by Motley.

"I sold them Charlotte over the phone," Motley reportedly said. "I told them black America doesn't know about the South. They think Utopia is somewhere else. I convinced them to come and take a look at it."

Frank Cowan, national Democratic chairman for minority affairs and Malcolm Daye, representing Mayor Coleman Young of Detroit, another caucus member, flew to Charlotte Friday and Motley showed them the city. He also arranged a meeting with officials of local Holiday Inns, who will coordinate arrangements with other motels to accommodate the delegates.

It was reported that Cowan said all announced Democratic presidential candidates will be invited to the conference and quizzed on issues of concern to blacks. He could not give names of the candidates being invited, but said it depends on who is still seeking office after the early presidential primaries are run.

National Democratic Party officials are saying the purpose of this conference is to mobilize black voters across the nation and try to educate those voters on the candidates' positions on key issues. It is also hoped that these candidates will put blacks in key positions on their campaign staffs.

The caucus will not endorse a candidate, however. Issues expected to be designated as important by the conference include full employment, national health care, welfare reform, national postcard voter registration, economic development and a plan to save ailing cities.

Motley said he planned to try to "get some merchants or somebody to pick up part of the cost" of renting the Civic Center.

"We were quoted about \$1,500 for the Civic Center," Motley reportedly said.

Motley may be successful in doing this because several business representatives have expressed delight that the conference will be held in Charlotte.

## Effective March 1 Dr. C. D. Rippy Resigns From Charlotte Civil Service Board

By Sidney Moore, Jr.  
Post Staff Writer

Charlotte Civil Service Board members will have to conduct board business without Dr. C. DuPont Rippy, beginning in March.

Rippy, associate professor of sociology and director of the undergraduate social work program at Johnson C. Smith University, submitted his letter of resignation in the February 17 meeting of the board. He has served since November 1972 and is now vice chairman.

"Please accept my resignation as a member of the Charlotte Civil Service Board, effective February 29, 1976," Rippy's statement said. "The increasing demands on my time by my work at the university, and because of my desire to be of more service to my church on the local and

national levels, (makes) the above decision necessary."

He described his association with the board as rewarding.

"The work has been very demanding, but my life has been enriched by the fellowship," Rippy said.

Although there was hesitancy, the board referred the resignation statement to City Council for its approval. Several board members said they wanted Rippy to reconsider.

Board Chairman C. D. Thomas read the statement in the board meeting and stated he would like to decline acceptance of Rippy's resignation. He said Rippy impressed him from the first meeting he attended and said he has been "a wonderful asset" to the Board.

Other board members present made similar remarks.



Dr. C. D. Rippy  
...J. C. Smith professor

Rippy may have anticipated this reaction when he was writing his resignation.

"To have known and worked with each member of the board is an experience I shall not soon forget," said the resignation statement.

In a recent interview, Rippy

said most people misunderstand the work of the Civil Service Board. He said the work involved approving promotions of city employees, hearing complaints and recommending administrative procedure changes.

One of the biggest problems the board had to deal with while Rippy served on the board was the matter of recruiting and upgrading minorities and women, he said. He thinks the board made progress in these and other areas.

"If I have contributed in some small way toward making our city better, I am grateful," said the resignation. "Of this I am sure, I brought to this assignment a deep sense of responsibility and sincere effort."

"I pray that God will bless you so that you can continue to be a blessing to others," Rippy's statement concluded.



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