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EARL BARRON RECEIVING NEW PARTS
...From John Phillips Jr. of M&P Auto Parts

Black Automobile Mechanics Doing Tremendous Business

By James Peeler
Post Feature Writer
"Business is tremendous", said 26-year-old Earl Barron, a partner with his brother Joseph "Joe" Barron Jr., 27, in B&B Automotive Service at 128 North Cedar Street. The obviously pleased mechanic says they have been

in their present location for 14 months and find the site ideal. Earl received his formal training in auto mechanics at Northwest Junior High. He graduated from West Charlotte High School and has been "fooling around" with cars for a long time. He has had his

own shop before, on Statesville Ave., and worked for 6 years at various K-Mart Automotive Shops throughout the city. He has served a 22 month stay in the U. S. Army where he acquired some additional experience. Earl says he and his brother Joe specialize in engine tune-ups, brakes, front-end alignment, generators, alternators, starters, and carburetors.

His brother Joe spent three years with the Job Corp where he learned diesel engine repair and gained considerable experience working on small trucks while stationed in Oregon and Washington, D. C.

Earl is a divorcee and his brother Joe is married to the former Miss Doris Thompson. They have one child, a daughter. They are the sons of Joseph Barron Sr. and the late Mrs. Mary Hattie Barron of 2667 Maiden Street, off West Blvd.

Earl says he likes to bowl, play chess, and watch and participate in all sports except baseball. He attends Shiloh Institutional Baptist church, pastored by Rev. J. A. White.

The two brothers are in the process of building a Drag Racer, said Earl, which will be either a Chevrolet Nova or Camero with a 350 engine and 4-barrel carburetor.

Their plans for future expansion include buying a larger place, acquiring more sophisticated equipment and hiring additional personnel.

The two brothers take considerable pride in their work and Earl says, "We offer a money back guarantee, if we don't fix your car to your complete satisfaction we gladly give you your money back."

City Faces Relocation Problems

A challenge to the ability of the City of Charlotte to find new homes for people whose houses are to be demolished in Third Ward may slow a six-year \$47 million community development project.

In a public hearing held by the city council earlier this week, Legal Aid Society staff lawyer Ted Fillette challenged the council to prove it has a workable plan to re-located displace low and moderate income people from their homes. The city is under a preliminary injunction for an inadequate relocation plan for the First Ward area. A federal judge ordered boarded-up houses owned by the city in that area be refurbished and put on the rental market, according to published reports.

Other areas affected by the same plan are Grier Heights, North Charlotte, Cherry, West Boulevard, West Morehead, Southside Park and Five Points.

Third Ward is bounded by the Southern Railroad, Seaboard Coastline Railroad, I-77 and the Pinewood and Elmwood Cemeteries.

Residents of Third Ward are reported to have made favorable comments about the project in the meeting. Following criticism from Fillette, councilman Jim Whittington asked that the council visit the area.

Observers of the progress of the community development project indicate that it will proceed, but there is likely to be much closer scrutiny by the council.

City Manager

Appoints New

Assistant

City Manager David A. Burkhalter has appointed R. Scott Tyler to the position of Assistant to the City Manager. Tyler, a 31-year-old bachelor from Virginia Beach, Va., was chosen from among 125 applicants nationally.

Tyler replaces David Stradinger who is now City Manager of Myrtle Beach, S.C.

Offers Progressive Ideas

Lee Announces For Lt. Governor

Raleigh-Former Chapel Hill Mayor Howard Lee announced here Wednesday that he is a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Lieutenant Governor of North Carolina.

In launching his campaign, Lee said, "I am not running because some poll indicates that I will win. I'm running because I believe in my heart that I have an equal chance to win, and that the people of North Carolina will respond to a candidate who offers progressive ideas and a record of honest, responsible public service."

"I have just finished a third term as Mayor of a medium-sized North Carolina community. I know what it's like to struggle in a single day with problems of water supply, decaying housing, drug abuse and public transportation. I believe that state government

can and must concentrate on helping local government with these problems. I promise to keep reminding myself, legislators and others in Raleigh that government wasn't created by and for its officials. It was created by and for the people.

"If you elect me to the Lieutenant Governor's office, you won't come in and find any special interests sharing that chair with me. I am not an enemy of big business. But when it comes to a conflict between big business and the people, you can expect to see me walking with the people," Lee said.

Howard N. Lee, 41, is the son of a sharecropper family in Lithonia, Georgia. He is a 1959 honor graduate of Fort Valley State College, Fort Valley, Georgia. Following service in the army, he received his masters degree in Social Work

Newly Formed Group Businessmen To Alleviate Black Economic Problems

Rev. J.A. Frieson To Spearhead Organization

By Sidney Moore Jr.
Post Staff Writer
The "first step toward awareness and alleviation of the problems of the black community and its economic inadequacy" may have been taken in a meeting of a newly formed organization Thursday, February 26.

Prospective members of Black Businessmen Association, Inc. (BBA) met at 8 p.m. at 2020 N. Graham Street to discuss how the association can benefit black businessmen and the black community.

The effort is being spearheaded by the Rev. J. A. Frieson of Ronaldo Realty and his co-worker Ms. Edythe Hall. To explain the idea to those attending the meeting, they prepared a promotional package.

To accomplish its purpose, according to the package of materials on the association, it will serve as a focal point around which black businessmen already serving the community will "pool our resources and create the united front necessary to build a responsible and economically profitable black community."

It was acknowledged that the success of the association's efforts will depend on community support. Supporters of the association optimistically anticipate that business owners will "join with us in our struggle to bring about equality in minority areas."

"I thought it (the meeting) was a positive first step," said Edythe Hall, also a staff member of Ronaldo Realty and a coordinator of the association project. "They (businessmen who attended first meeting) were relatively receptive even though there was a small turnout."

Alexander : "What

Caused Brown's Death?"

Three black groups have followed Kelly Alexander's lead asking for investigations of the death of 18-year-old Marine recruit Kenneth M. Brown.

Brown died shortly after a fight he had with three Charlotte police officers in Douglas Municipal Airport Friday. It was reported that an official at the airport asked for police assistance because the young recruit refused to go through a metal detection unit. The police claim Brown tried to grab a gun from one of them and a struggle started when they tried to subdue him.

Alexander appeared before city council requesting an investigation to determine if the struggle Brown had with police officers had anything to do with his death. He said in a later interview that calls he has received and the community interest that has developed regarding the incident compels him, as state NAACP president to seek answers to several unanswered questions surrounding the incident.

The NAACP official also said requests will be made for military and FBI investigations of the incident.

The most serious question Alexander wants answered is exactly what caused Brown's death. He said he is not making an allegation against the police department but that his organization is a "watchdog"

The small turnout preceded 11 memberships and succeeded in forming a Steering Committee to oversee the growth of the association.

Velma Smith of W. L. Smith Insurance Company will serve on a committee to plan Business Procedures Seminars. Rev. W. M. Cavers will serve on a Collective Buying Committee. Mrs. Betty Claxson, Ed Camp and J. C. Coussar are on the Membership Committee and Mrs. Dolly Peay will head a Social Affairs Committee. Patricia King, a practicing Charlotte Attorney, will serve on the Governmental Affairs Committee.

Members of the Steering Committee will meet each fourth Thursday, at 7:30 p.m.

Initial membership in the association is \$25 and members will pay \$20 monthly dues for advertising and other services. Ms. Hall said 100 members is a goal to be met by April and she is hopeful that the majority of the 500 minority businesses in Charlotte will join by the end of the year.

Any person operating a business in the black community or in a minority area who believes in the goals of BBA and is willing to work toward the accomplishment of these goals can become a member of the association, according to a recently published brochure.

Membership in the association entitles businessmen to receive group advertising, collective buying, referral services, assistance in supporting community activities and the right to attend special seminars to be conducted especially for business owners and operators.

Further information about the group may be obtained from Edythe Hall, 334-5962.



MISS BARBARA FULLER
...Philadelphia, Pa. native

J. C. Smith Senior Is Beauty Of Week

"One of the persons I most admire is C. Delores Tucker, the first woman and Black Secretary of State in Pennsylvania. One reason why I admire her is because she is an aggressive fighter for Blacks. Ms. Tucker is now campaigning for Massive Black Action to halt what she calls 'the double-standard' in the way the media deals with blacks."

This statement was made by Miss Barbara Fuller this week's Charlotte Post Beauty. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Fuller of 1740 Church Lane, Philadelphia, Pa. Barbara resides at 6341 apt. 5 Countryside Dr.

While living in Pennsylvania, Miss Fuller attended Wagner Junior High School and graduated from Olney High School in 1972.

Presently she is a senior at Johnson C. Smith University where her major is Political Science. Her favorite subject is Public Administration. "This subject is my favorite because it deals with the formation of Public Policy which I find very interesting," stated

Barbara. "It also deals with organization and management."

At Smith, Barbara is a member of the Pre-Law Club, the Political Science Club and the Student Government Association. In 1972 she was a member of the Homecoming Court and in 1973-74 she represented her class as "Miss Sophomore."

Barbara's hobbies are singing, dancing, creative writing, bicycling, chess and tennis. She is born under the sign of Cancer. "Cancers in general are said to be very sensitive people," explained Miss Fuller. "At times they are moody, but are basically fun loving, good homemakers and they love people."

When at home Barbara attends Phillipian Baptist Church where Rev. S.A. Bracken is the minister. She sings in the Church Choir.

Our Beauty's favorite color is yellow. She stated that she loves things that are bright. Her favorite scent is wild musk.

N.C. Supreme Court

Gives Alford New Trial

By Sidney Moore, Jr.
Post Staff Writer
A N.C. Supreme Court ruling means a new trial or possibly a dismissed murder charge for John Thomas Alford, a 23-year-old Charlotte man sentenced to die in an April 9, 1975 trial.

Alford was convicted of the murder of Gregory Leonard which took place on November 6, 1974 in an alleged armed robbery at Viking Imports. Since then, his mother and other supporters of the John Thomas Alford Defense Fund have been trying to convince officials of the young man's innocence.

The group claimed that state witnesses did not properly identify Alford as a participant in the robbery. They argued that co-defendant Sherman E. Carter gave officials a statement saying that Alford was not involved in the robbery and that four witnesses for Alford testified he played basketball with them on the day of the robbery from noon to dusk dark.

Several rallies and press stories generated from the efforts of the defense group to draw attention to Alford's case. Money was raised to continue to fight to get what the defense group considered justice for Alford.

Public interest in the case attracted an editorial in The Charlotte News favoring further investigation in the case, public statements and a meeting with the governor from Rep. James G. Martin and an investigation by an aid of the

governor's office.

The Supreme Court ruling for a new trial made Tuesday, March 2, reasoned that circumstances of the original trial excluded evidence that would have strengthened Alford's defense, according to published reports.

Although District Attorney Peter Gilchrist said a new trial is the next step in cases of this sort, he reserved the right to change his mind after he has read the court's opinion, said the report. If he chooses not to pursue a new trial, the charges against Alford will be dropped.

If there is a new trial, a statement from Alford's co-defendant Sherman Carter will be introduced. It says that Larry Waddell, not Alford was Sherman's companion in the robbery in which Leonard was killed.

With this statement, and barring the introduction of other incriminating evidence, Alford's mother Mrs. Margaret D. Hunter has publicly stated, she expects her son to be released from his death row cell in the Central Prison in Raleigh.

Washington Post

Calls For Freedom

Of Wilmington 10

On Saturday, February 21st one of the nation's most influential newspapers in the country, The Washington Post, called on the governor of North Carolina to commute the sentences of Rev. Ben Chavis and his 9 co-defendants who are popularly known as the "Wilmington 10".

The editorial points out that Rev. Chavis has been the victim of continued harassment since 1968 due to his civil rights activities. Mr. McCarthy also raises the question of what purpose would be served by these 10 young people serving prison terms totalling 282 years other than constituting an act of "vengeance" and the total destruction of their lives and the lives of their families. The biggest tragedy, we would add, is that the Wilmington 10 are innocent of any crimes and are now being subjected to the horrors of the North Carolina prison system unjustly.

TURTLE-TALK



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