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MISS SHARRI GARNETT
...Youth Council Vice President

Sharri Garnett Is Beauty Of Week

By Polly Manning
Post Staff Writer

Our Beauty this week answers to the nickname "Poochie", which was fondly given to her by her father when she was just a baby. She is Miss Sharri Garnett, daughter of Mrs. Lilly Garnett and Jacob Hamilton of 2706 Rozzells Ferry Rd.

Sharri attends Quail Hollow Junior High School where she is Vice President of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Youth Council, a member of Project Aries, an organization designed to try and help needy people in the community, to maintain a good student-faculty relationship at school and many other worthwhile tasks. So far this year they have tried to get an activity period whereas the students would go to various classes that are sponsoring different types of activities that they feel they would enjoy. This project has failed so far but the members are still trying. The group also has a drive going to recruit new members. They will sponsor a workshop in May where they will discuss business of the past, new business, and plans for next year.

Sharri's favorite subject is History. "I love learning about things in the past," she stated. "Youth of yesteryear interest me a great deal and also the old systems of law and justice. Our Beauty's favorite teachers are Miss Streater and Mr. Starnes. She stated that they are understanding, they love to help their students by trying to understand their problems, and they are good listeners."

Miss Garnett's hobbies are skating, swimming, and going shopping. She likes skating because it is fun. Her favorite place to skate is the Ice Palace on South Blvd. She loves to swim in the summer because it is hot and the water cools you off and because it's some-

thing to do.

Born under the sign of Aries, Miss Garnett describes them as being leaders, very outgoing, understanding, and compatible with Aquarius.

Her future ambition is to become an actress. "I think it is a nice profession as well as an interesting one. I have plans of going to college and major in Drama," she stated somewhat excitedly.

When asked what college she had in mind she admitted she had her heart set on Livingstone College in Salisbury. "My uncle went to Livingstone and I am looking forward to going also."

The Garnett family attends Greater Providence Baptist Church where Rev. Johnnie Wallace, Jr. is the minister. She is a member of the Junior Usher Board and the Junior Missionary Society. She also belongs to the Baptist Young People's Association.

Cicely Tyson is Sharri's favorite actress. "I love the way she carries herself. I was very fond of the movie 'Sounder' and I was especially impressed with the 'Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman,'" explained Sharri.

The person she most admires is her uncle Robert Garnett.

Death To Lurk State Highways This Weekend

RALEIGH...Edward L. Powell, Commissioner of Motor Vehicles Tuesday reminded motorists that the four day Easter Holiday weekend will begin at 6 p.m. Friday, April 16 and end midnight Monday, April 19. Last year during the four day period, 25 persons lost their lives and 645 persons were injured on North Carolina highways.

During the Easter holiday last year there were 1,141 traffic accidents in the State with 1,014 violations of the motor vehicle laws.

Food Town Leases 6 Kresge Stores

Food Town Stores Inc., Salisbury, North Carolina, announced today that leases had been signed with S.S. Kresge Company, Troy, Michigan, for six food stores adjacent to six of their Department stores operated as K-Marts. The stores are located in North and South Carolina and Food Town expects to open same in April and May of this year.

Political Superstars To Meet Here

The political superstars of the national black community will be in Charlotte April 30 through May 2 to determine the issues they think Presidential hopefuls should be concerned about if these hopefuls want the black vote.

Non-participants in the conference will have two occasions to mix with these leaders. A luncheon will be held at noon Saturday, May 1. Congresswoman Yvonne Burke will be the keynote speaker at the luncheon. Tickets are \$10.

Non-participants may also attend a dinner scheduled for 7 p.m., Saturday. This event will feature Mayor Tom Bradley of Los Angeles. Tickets are \$15.

Tickets for the luncheon or dinner must be purchased on or before April 21, at the Charlotte Civic Center, according to one of the organizers of the conference. About 500 tickets are available for the luncheon and 1,000 for the dinner.

Mayor Coleman Young of Detroit is expected to kick-off the conference Friday, April 30. He will be introduced by N.C. Senator Fred Alexander following welcome statements from a number of local dignitaries.

Young's speech and the workshops that follow beginning at 3 p.m. will reflect the conference theme, "Mixing the Influence of Black Democrats in 1976." Friday's activities will conclude with a reception sponsored by a host committee at 6:30 p.m., according to a schedule released by a caucus representative.

In addition to the lunch and dinner planned for Saturday, other activities have been planned.

Mayor Richard Hatcher of Gary, Indiana will speak in a plenary session at 9 a.m.

Supports of former Chapel Hill Mayor Howard Lee, a candidate for Lieutenant Governor, are also making plans that are expected to be tied into the activities of the conference.

On Sunday, May 2, announced presidential candidates will be given an opportunity to make ten minute presentations to the conference.

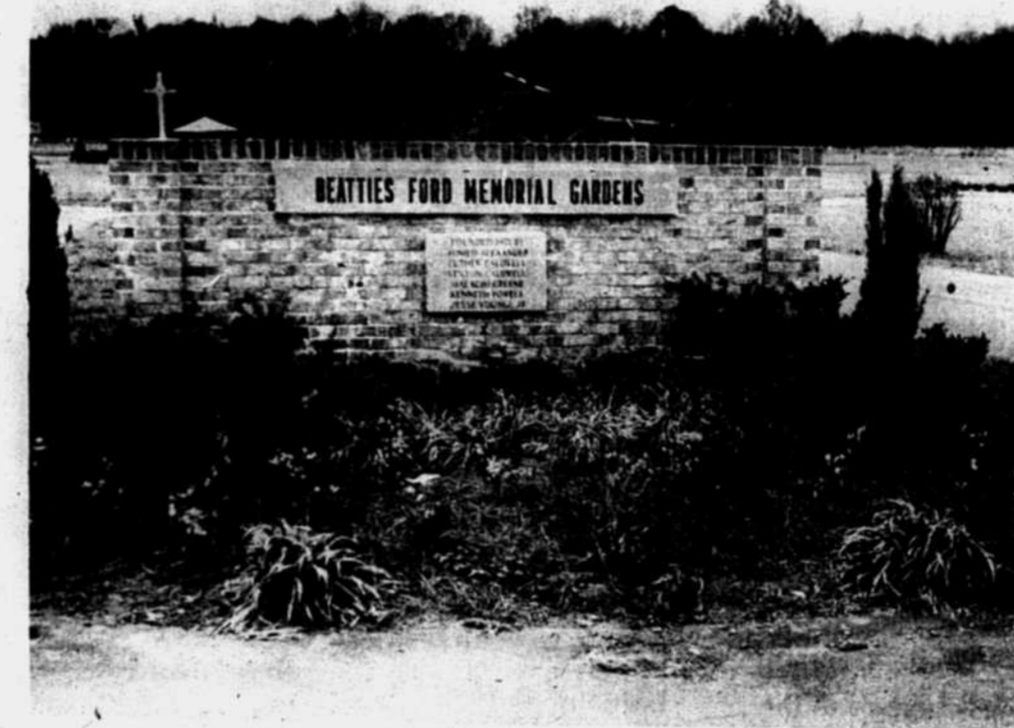
Another Price Increase

Cost Of Mail Continues To Soar

By Sidney Moore Jr.
Post Staff Writer
Higher fees for special delivery, registered mail, insurance and other special services are scheduled to become effective Sunday, April 18, the postal service announced this week.

The higher prices do not reflect any change in postal service policy to provide the "best possible service at the most economical cost," said postal information service official Willie Stratford. He explained that this rise in fees is part of the overall effort the service is making to become financially self-sufficient by 1984, as it is mandated to do by federal law.

He said some businesses and individuals pay more to get packages delivered by private companies and then com-



BEAUTIFUL BEATTIES FORD MEMORIAL GARDENS
...7 miles north of I-85 on Beatties Ford Road

Luther Caldwell:

"Memorial Gardens Doing Better Than Our Projections"

by James Peeler
Post Feature Writer

Six black men decided that there was a definite need for a Memorial Garden on Charlotte's west side and in 1971, with an investment of \$200,000, founded Beatties Ford Memorial Gardens, a perpetual care cemetery on a 50 acre site seven miles north of I-85 on Beatties Ford Road.

The far-sighted men were Luther Caldwell, President; Jesse Younge, Vice-Presi-

dent; M.L. Greene, Treasurer; Kenneth Powell, Secretary; Venton Caldwell, Assistant Secretary; and Romeo Alexander, Assistant Treasurer.

Since opening in 1972, "The corporation has sold over 5,000 Burial Estates," according to President Luther Caldwell, and they have approximately 2,000 more spaces available in the presently developed portion of the 50 acre tract.

An obviously pleased Mr.

Caldwell says, "We have done much better than our projections to date and our presence in the burial business has caused white cemetery owners to actively seek blacks for their properties."

Beatties Ford Memorial Gardens presently has two beautiful monuments strategically located on its well-kept, flower and shrub-filled grounds and plans call for the construction of several above-ground crypts in the future.

No standing head stones are allowed in Beatties Ford Memorial Gardens but they offer bronze markers which range in price from \$200 to \$3,000.

President Caldwell says, "People are buying early to get a better lot selection and in anticipation of price increases."

The office of Beatties Ford Memorial Gardens is located at 1929 Beatties Ford Road with office hours 9-5 Monday through Friday and from 9-12 on Saturdays. Inquiries can be made by calling 392-9394.

County Offices Will Be Closed Easter Monday

Mecklenburg County Government offices and agencies will be closed Monday, April 19, for the Easter Monday holiday.

The Board of County Commissioners, which usually meets the first and third Monday of each month, will meet Tuesday, April 20, at 9 a.m. instead of Easter Monday.

The meeting will be in the County Office Building.

The Main Branch of the Public Library, which is usually open on Sunday, will be closed both Sunday and Monday. All day care centers operated by the Department of Social Services will be closed both Friday, April 16, and Easter Monday.

plain when the postal service raises its fees to be more in line with private competitors. Stratford also said the amount of fee increases are small compared to increases consumers are paying for other goods and services.

The benefit of higher fees, according to Stratford is a more efficient postal service. He said the service now has a greater ability to process mail and that it is doing other things besides raising postal fees to increase its ability to process mail.

"We are not without fault," Stratford said. But he emphasized that much of the resistance the postal service gets from the public because of its effort to become self-sufficient is based on the high visibility of the service rather than the actual faults of the system.

"We lay our ability to perform on the line everyday of the week," said Stratford.

The new temporary fees are up to 33 percent higher than current levels, which have been in effect for a number of years. The last time special delivery charges were raised was 1971. Certified mail fees were last increased in 1966 and special handling fees have been the same since 1957.

When the increases become effective at 12:01 a.m., April 18, the basic special-delivery charges will go from 60 cents to 80 cents, the minimum money-order fee from 25 to 30 cents, the certified-mail fee from 30 to 40 cents and the minimum registered-mail charge from 95 cents to \$1.25. International fees for available special services are being increased at the same time.



Willie J. Stratford
...Post Office spokesman

The new fees are based on a request for recommended changes in fees for domestic special services the Postal Service filed with the Postal Rate Commission Jan. 5.

Two Denominations To Raise \$7.5 Million

ATLANTA, GA. -- (ABNS) -- Were it not for the existence of minority institutions of higher learning, Dr. Benjamin E. Mays declared here March 27 the education of minority young people would have been "blotted out" in the United States.

Mays, the president of the Atlanta Board of Education and president-emeritus of Morehouse College, praised the efforts of his fellow Baptists to raise money in support of minority schools.

"If white historians had cared enough, good enough -- and if the founding fathers had had the Black man in mind when they wrested the 13 original colonies from England and founded this country -- there would have been no need for the Fund of Renewal and no need of Negro colleges."

The Fund of Renewal is a national fund raising program of the predominantly black Progressive National Baptist Convention, and the predominantly white American Baptist churches in the U.S. The two denominations have banded together in an historic effort to raise \$7.5 million for minority development.

The scene for Dr. Mays' remarks here was a celebration luncheon held at the Internationale Hotel March 27. For the first time since the Fund of Renewal campaign began in 1972, nearly a quarter of a million dollars was distributed to 15 Baptist minority institutions of higher education. Eventually, the Fund of Renewal will provide the schools with \$4,400,000.

Affirming the need for the Fund of Renewal, Dr. Mays said minority institutions provide, "images, the things that tell people they are somebody, that they count."

In turn, it is the responsibility of the graduates of these institutions to "tell the people what America is all about," Mays declared.

"It is my considered judgement," Mays said, "that Martin Luther King had to come out of Morehouse, a Fund of Renewal participant."

"Morehouse taught its students that a Negro could rise in a segregated street car... and still be free," Mays pointed out. "Harvard could not have produced Martin Luther King."

Over 250 guests, including clergy and lay leaders from churches in the south, politicians and civic leaders from Atlanta, and representatives from the schools and from other minority groups were at the March 27 gathering here.

Presiding was Dr. Thomas A. Kilgore, Jr., pastor of the Second Baptist Church of Los Angeles and former president of American Baptist Churches.

It was Kilgore's idea to mobilize local church support for minority development which eventually became the Fund of Renewal. Kilgore, who is second vice-president of the Progressive National Baptist Convention, was in a unique position to see how the two groups could work together in that effort. The Fund of Renewal marks the first time in history that two Protestant denominations have joined in an effort of this type.

Reacting to Mays' remarks were Dr. James Chuck, pastor of the First Chinese Baptist Church, San Francisco, Ca. and past president of Board of Directors of Asian Center for Theology and Strategies, Berkeley, Ca. and Congressman Andrew Young of Georgia.

The three leaders set the stage for the distribution of the grants to college presidents or their representatives by specially selected presenters. The recipients were: Bane College, Muskogee, Ok.; Benedict College, Columbia, S.C.; Bishop College, Dallas, Tx.; Lemoine-Owen College, See Black on page 4

CHA Starts Supplement Program

The Charlotte Housing Authority will begin taking applications on Thursday, April 15 for a federally funded rent supplement program for low income people. Interested persons may apply at the Authority offices, 1301 South Boulevard, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays.

The new Housing and Urban Development Section 8: Existing Housing Program is a form of rent supplement to low income people, enabling them to find suitable existing housing wherever they choose. It may also provide rental assistance to low income persons living in standard housing.

To be eligible for the program in Charlotte, a family of four must not make more than \$8,100 annually. This amount is figured as 80 percent of less of the Charlotte area median income of \$10,125. Rental assistance is adjusted to fluctuations in the family's income. Information of the amount of actual rent supplement may be obtained from the Housing Authority.

Families presently on waiting lists for other subsidized housing may apply to the rent supplement program without affecting their position on existing lists.

The Housing Authority has requested local realtors and property owners to participate in the program by making rental units available to eligible families. Specific advantages of the rent supplement program include:

- Little government red tape.
- Rental assistance contracts may be issued for up to three years. Annual adjustments are possible.

- Upon violation of a lease, the housing owner receives 80 percent of the contract until the unit is leased or up to 60 days, whichever comes first.

City Government To Observe Easter Monday

All offices of Charlotte City government will be closed Monday, April 19 in observance of Easter Monday. Business will resume at 8 a.m. Tuesday, April 20.

Because of the holiday, there will be no City Council meeting Monday.