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GAMC Withdraws Support

Dr. Mable McLean Says Barber Scotia Will Continue To Operate

15 Million Blacks Can Vote In '76

On Friday, May 28, 1976, the Bureau of Census released some startling information. It solemnly declared that "about 15 million Black Americans will be of voting age during the 1976 Presidential elections, a 10 percent increase since 1972!"

That, my friends, is truly a lot of potential Black Power! I say "potential" because there is no assurance that blacks will exercise this kind of muscle to its absolute maximum at the polls this fall or at any other time. Nobody in this country -- no race, no ethnic group, no voting block of special interests or concerns exercises its franchise 100 percent.

Indeed, in the past elections, knowledgeable observers have become alarmed at the monumental indifference voters have shown in casting their votes, especially in off-Presidential election years.

It is as if the voters through sheer boredom or indifference are casting a gigantic "no" vote to all politicians and issues. Of course, we know this is not true, but appearances can be damaging. Like Lott's wife, we should be above suspicion.

Now it doesn't take an egghead to know that representative government cannot continue if the electorate in sufficient numbers do not lend its support. We surely invite tyranny or something worse.

Certainly blacks cannot afford to be indifferent to issues and politicians who bring, or ought to be raising, those issues. Nor does their voting record of the past indicate this will happen.

In 1972, for example, blacks of voting age numbered 13,493,000. Of this total, however, only 8,837,000 were registered to vote, a percentage of 65. Of the total registered, 7,032,000 actually went to the polls in See Blacks p.11

HEWS Grant

Special To The Post
The Association For Sickle Cell Disease For Charlotte-Mecklenburg, Inc. (ASCD) has received an award of contract from the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare (HEW), Health Services Administration, in the amount of \$90,900 to increase the operation of the Charlotte Sickle Cell Program in Mecklenburg County effective June 30, for Fiscal Year 1976-1977.

Under the direction of Dr. George A. Lowe, Project Officer and Ms. Peggy Beckwith, Executive Director, the Sickle Cell Program (ASCD) is currently implementing free health care services for persons with homozygous Hb S disease and variants through the agency's four component programs which includes, Education-Information, Screening and Testing, Genetic and Educational



JCSU NEW EDUCATION BUILDING

....To Be Completed In 1977

Johnson C. Smith Breaks Grounds For New Building

Johnson C. Smith University last week broke ground for the construction of a new Education Building and Early Childhood Education Center.

The new structure will house classrooms and faculty offices in a three-story wing with the Early Childhood facilities located for functional efficiency in a one-story wing.

The building designed by Gantt and Huberman Associ-

ates, Architects, is the first new structure built on the Smith campus since 1968. Dr. Wilbert Greenfield, President of the University, indicated that the new structure will "contribute significantly to expanding the school's education curriculum, in addition to offering more services to the community through the early childhood facilities."

The funding for the \$900,000

project included grants from the Kresge Foundation, the Belk Foundation, Observer Charities and a \$250,000 grant from the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

The 23,000 square foot structure of brick, precast concrete and glass will be completed in time for the fall term in 1977. Rodgers Builders, Inc. of Charlotte are general contractors.

Election Board To Register Voters

Many area citizens are expected to observe the 200th birthday of the United States of America by registering to vote.

Several groups plan to give unregistered voters an opportunity to register this July 4th weekend. A unit of the Board of Elections will set up a table in Freedom Mall Shopping Center, 3205 Freedom Drive. The unit will register voters from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

In addition to registering new voters, according to Board of Elections Director Bill Culp, the unit can also

change the address of people who have moved. He said the law requires a change of address on the registration certificate within 30 days after a voter moves. Culp said it is as big a problem to get voters to change their addresses when they move as it is to get people registered to vote.

Special registration units will be set up at Freedom Park and Stough Memorial Baptist Church, 412 Gay Street in Pineville, Sunday, July 4.

People can register or get their addresses changed in the park from 1 to 8 p.m.

A group of 10 churches in

Pineville is sponsoring a drive to get people to register and vote. "Bicentennial Services" will be held in the churches and people will register to vote from 1 to 4 p.m. afterwards.

People who register this weekend will be eligible to vote in the August 17, primary and school board elections. In this election, voters will select political party candidates for National, State and Local office.

Further information about the candidates for these offices will be published in the Post during the campaign.

Dr. McLean Reaffirms College Commitments

By Hoyle H. Martin Sr.
Post Staff Writer

The Program Agency Board of the United Presbyterian Church, USA, has announced that it voted at its March meeting to withdraw further financial support from Barber-Scotia College effective June 30, 1977.

Faced with the problem of diminishing financial resources, the Program Agency Board took action at its February meeting to recommend to the church's General Assembly Mission Council (GAMC) that beginning with the 1977-78 academic year, reduced support be given to only one of the two four-year minority colleges related to the church, and that support on a diminishing basis be given to only two of the three two-year colleges and the two secondary schools.

The Board did not indicate at that time which of the institutions would no longer receive support from the church. Subsequently, the GAMC and the 188th General Assembly supported the February action of the Program Agency Board.

In acting to withdraw financial support from Barber-Scotia College of Concord, and the College of Ganado, a two-year college located on the Navajo Indian reservation in Ganado, Arizona, the Program Agency Board expressed the belief that this is "the only course which responsibly responds to the long range needs of the institutions in terms of financial capacity" of the denomination. "The division of available funds among all seven institutions," the Board stated, "was determined 'not to be advisable in view of the minimum financial needs of, and the contingency plans submitted by, the institutions.'"

Dr. Mable McLean, president of Barber-Scotia College, told the POST on Tuesday that the church has budgeted \$700,000 annually for support of the seven minority institutions,



Dr. Mable McLean
...Barber-Scotia president

however, in recent years the actual expenditure for such support has exceeded \$2.2 million a year.

She said further that the Program Agency Board's decision "will mean a loss of church support in the amount of \$150,000 yearly after June 30, 1977. However," Dr. McLean continued, "increased giving is occurring on the part of the alumni, local churches, and the judicatories of the United Presbyterian Church below the General Assembly level."

Finally, President McLean told the POST that she and Dr. Marlowe F. Shute, chairman of the Barber-Scotia College Board of Trustees were in attendance at the Columbus, Ohio meeting where the funding loss was officially announced. While there they reaffirmed the college's commitment "to the fulfillment of its mission to serve human beings with abundant needs and limited resources." They also expressed confidence that in spite of the withdrawal of funds by the Program Agency Board, "sufficient funds can be raised annually to cover operating expenses and gradually build an endowment large enough to insure the stability of the institution."

Shute and McLean continued, "With the commitment of the church to provide a broader base of resources other than financial, to assist the college in major fund raising plans, and with the present strong administration and board of trustees, the administration looks ahead to fulfilling its mission to people in the same committed manner that it has sought to respond to their needs for the past 109 years."

Barber-Scotia College's annual budget is approximately \$2.3 million of which \$500,000 has traditionally come from the Presbyterian Church, USA. This amount has now been reduced to \$350,000 annually.

Ms. Ada Wray Wins

\$100 From A&P

Who says that there's nothing to all those grocery store games and contests? Certainly not Mrs. Ada Wray of 1009 Van Every Street who recently won \$100 for playing SUPER CASH BINGO at the A&P store located on Central Avenue.



LOVELY ANISE KEY
...Former East student

Miss Anise Key Is

Beauty Of The Week

By Polly Manning
Post Staff Writer

The reigning "Miss Barber-Scotia College" has been chosen as this week's Beauty. She is Miss Anise Key and she resides at 700 Concordia Ave with her mother Mrs. Anise McKee.

"In describing her coronation Anise stated that she chose a wedding theme setting. She herself was the bride. The school was the groom. In a sense she married the school, promising to love, honor, and cherish it until death did them part. Miss Homecoming was her maid of honor and the other queens were bridesmaids with their escorts serving as ushers. Our Beauty also quoted the President of Barber-Scotia, Dr. Mable McLean, as saying it was the most beautiful coronation she had ever witnessed.

Before going to college one has to graduate from High School. Miss Key is a graduate of East Mecklenburg High School where she was a member of the Student Council, Editor for the "Eagle", treasurer of the Afro-American Club, and Co-head cheerleader.

At Scotia Anise was a sociology major. She received the J.D. Peterson Sociology Award which is bestowed upon the junior sociology major with the highest academic average. This was a cash award. During commencement exercises held at Scotia

Miss Key was awarded the Barber-Scotia Citation. This award was for the senior who best reflected the scholastic and cultural tradition of the institution.

Besides from receiving honors our Beauty was also active in school activities. She was a cheerleader for two years, a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, a member of the drama club, a dean's list student, a member of the Honor Society and she graduated Cum-Laude.

Criminology was her favorite subject while at Scotia and Rev. W. O. Baxter was her favorite instructor because as she puts it "he was a friend as well as an instructor."

Reading and dancing are the hobbies of Miss Key. She admits that she's very versatile and really enjoys doing a little of everything. She also loves to write.

Born under the sign of Scorpio, she describes them as being determined people. They make good companions and business partners and are very reliable friends. She stated that they can also be very revengeful and stubborn.

Anise will be spending the summer in Los Angeles, California. Although she knows no one in California, she has already gone and will be working there this summer through a program sponsored by Scotia. "I'm really looking forward to the chance of meeting different people and just going to a different place," smiled Anise.

This fall our Beauty will enroll in Miami University, Oxford Ohio. She will begin graduate work towards a degree in Gerontology and Criminology. When asked why she chose to go so far from home Anise explained, "Students were selected to go and visit Ohio State. On the way back we stopped at Miami University. The atmosphere was so good and the campus was smaller. Coming from a school as small as Barber Scotia, I felt I could better relate at smaller Miami University."

Miss Key and her family attend South Tryon Presbyterian Church where Rev. A.R. Hendricks is the pastor.

TURTLE-TALK



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