

Rev. Chavis' Mother Says State Has Long Way To Go

By Hoyle H. Martin Sr.
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The acquittal of Sandra Dupree last Saturday, a Scotland Neck white woman who shot a black man in the back of the head causing his death, led Mrs. Margaret Hunter to tell a civil rights rally on Sunday that the acquittal shows that North Carolina blacks have a "long way to go" in their struggle for equality and justice in this state, which is "still the most racist state" in the nation.

found not guilty in June of a first-degree murder charge in his second trial.
James Earl Grant, the kick-off speaker, told about 100 people at the Mount Carmel Baptist Church here in Charlotte that the Dupree verdict and the plight of the "Wilmington 10" are reasons enough for blacks to work harder to change the social structure of American society, particularly the criminal justice system.
Grant, one of the "Charlotte 3" convicted in 1972 of the 1968 burning of the Lazy B Riding Stables and currently free on

bond, further indicated concern over the apathy he witnessed while participating in a voter-registration drive in Charlotte last Saturday. He said voting rights "are things that people gave their lives for back in the '60's".
The Rev. Leon Riddick, pastor of Mt. Carmel, spoke of the need for churches to become more involved in the struggle for justice and equality. In summation he said, "religion should not be separated from politics."
Another speaker, Mrs. Lillie Mae Foster is the mother of Bobby Foster, who was con-

victed in the "Days Inn" trials and is now on "Death Row". She said that in each of her son's three trials racially biased jurors ignored evidence and witnesses' testimony that pointed to her son's innocence. She also thanked the Charlotte Chapter of the N.C. Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression, the rally sponsors, for bringing her

son's case to attention of the general public.
The rally's last speaker, Mrs. Elizabeth Chavis, mother of the Rev. Ben Chavis, who is a member of the "Wilmington 10" and having fasted over 60 days since his imprisonment. She thanked the Alliance for their support of the state's political prisoners and urged all at the meeting to attend and support the "Labor Day March for Labor-Rights and Human Rights" which will be held in Raleigh on Labor Day, September 6.

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MISS MYRA CHERRY
...Has splendid personality

Myra Cherry Is Beauty Of Week

By Abigail L. Flanders
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"She walks in beauty like the night"...Myra Cherry, an eighteen year old graduate of Olympic High School has been chosen as this week's "beauty of the week". Intelligent and "smart around the house", so her mother says, Myra's an only child who elates her church with the melodious sounds of her voice when she sings in the Youth Choir at Gethsemane Baptist Church.

Although her speech still shows signs of her Brooklyn, New York upbringing, she now calls Charlotte her home. A resident of 3235 Ross Avenue, Ms. Cherry plans to attend Central Piedmont Community College in the Fall for nurse's training.

Ms. Cherry belongs to the sensuous, mysterious sign of Scorpio, and typical of her sign, she is very independent, intellectual and aware of the beauty in nature.

There are all kinds of beauty, and perhaps the most

stimulating is the beauty that is shown from the inside out. Our beauty this week has a splendid personality. She's a dutiful church worker and a loyal family member, which is probably equally, if not more important, than her physical features, measurements, and body contours. As one man so aptly put it: "It's nice to be beautiful, but it's far more beautiful to be nice." The Charlotte Post salutes Ms. Myra Cherry, a nice, beautiful and aspiring young woman.

Disco Party To

To Key Voter

Registration

A Disco Party and Soul Train Contest will involve young people in a voter registration drive being conducted by Radio Station WGIV, Saturday, July 17, at McCrory Branch YMCA, from 1 to 6 p.m.

Many activities have been planned to stimulate a response to the drive, said WGIV public relations staff member Jim Black. He said prizes to be given away include passes to the Earth, Wind and Fire concert on July 24, passes to area movie theatres, baseballs and caps from the Charlotte Orioles, record albums and gift certificates.

Black Women's Caucus members Ethel Martin and Sarah Stevenson will work door-to-door in the area around the YMCA and Earle Village to get people out for the registration drive, said Black.

Protest To Continue

Garage Opponents Lose: Take Fight To County Commissioners

Governor Holshouser Sets Second "People's Day"

Governor Jim Holshouser will hold his second Charlotte "People's Day" on Thursday, July 15.

The "People's Day" will be held from 10 a.m. until noon and from 1:30 until 4:30 p.m. in Courtroom No. 4 on the third floor of the Mecklenburg County Courthouse. During these sessions the Governor will be available to meet with citizens on a first-come, first-serve basis.

During his first "People's Day" in Charlotte on October 9, 1973, the Governor met with 59 citizens. The interviews ranged from discussions of problems dealing with roads, mental health, health, and prisons to a presentation by a group of local Boy Scouts.

Charlotte is the only city outside of Raleigh which has been the site of more than one "People's Day" session.

"Obviously a great deal of our State's population is concentrated in and around Charlotte," Governor Holshouser explained. "By returning to the State's largest city, we intend to give the people of the Charlotte area a chance to voice their problems and complaints they have about State government," he said.

Interviews are limited to five minutes to assure that as many people as possible have the opportunity to talk with the Governor. Citizens are assured that their sessions with the Governor will be private.

Accompanying the Governor will be former Charlotte resident, Fred Gallagher, the People's Man. It is Gallagher's responsibility to see to it that all matters brought to the

Governor's attention are followed up by the appropriate State agency. A response is assured in each case.

Anyone who comes to see the Governor and is unable to do so for lack of time will be asked to leave his name, address and the nature of his problem, complaint or suggestion. These also will be followed up in the same manner as items which come to the Governor or the People's Man each day through letters, telephone calls or personal visits.

The Governor will be in a private office in the Courthouse. As each person arrives, he will be given a number designating his place in line. As each person's number is called, he will move into the Governor's reception office. From there, he will go into the Governor's private office.

4 Days Left To Register For Party Primaries

Monday, July 19, is the last day to register to vote if you plan to mark a ballot in the August 17 party primaries and the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education election.

The elections office at 710 East Fourth Street is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. Each of the 16 county public libraries and the Mobile City Hall can register voters.

If you have moved in the last 30 days, you are required by law to get a new voter registration certificate.



AN UNIDENTIFIED PASSENGER
...Prepares to board city's new bus

What Bus Improvements Mean

Two types of improvement will be made in the Charlotte bus system under city ownership and the aid of Federal grants. These may be classed as marketing and managerial.

The managerial improvements, made possible by 50-50 City-Federal funding of operations deficits, may not be as evident as the marketing improvements but are at least equally important. Staff additions at both the planning and the operations level are foreseen by the City's Office of Transit Planning (OTP).

Marketing or capital improvements will provide the Transit System with the flexibility it requires to meet new service needs plus the ability to control costs more efficiently by reducing maintenance expenses. Certain improvements such as the new colors and refurbished interiors will have the additional benefit of increasing public notice of the System and increasing rider comfort.

As previously announced, System improvements include 34 new 45-passenger buses. These are to replace older and expensive-to-maintain buses. New maintenance and cleaning equipment...to reduce cost and improve rider comfort.

A two-way radio system. This innovation, proved in a number of major transit systems, has, as conceived, a three-way benefit:

1. Sensors on the bus will alert the control supervisor to mechanical problems at a very early stage - often before the driver will be aware of them. This will reduce damage and cost...and also permit quick action to get a replacement bus into service to maintain schedule or pick-up stranded passengers.

2. The radio permits accurate fare counts from point to point. A call to an operator will bring in a quick fare box reading. This information, systematically compiled over a length of time, will help the Office of Transit Planning accurately project ridership over given segments of a route and thus make necessary corrections or changes in service.

3. Two-way radio will be an aid to public safety. Many cities using the system report that a bus driver's report of seeing an accident or even a robbery in process has speeded police and ambulance action. On the bus itself accidents or sudden illness may be reported immediately and action taken. A foot-operated switch may be used by a driver to alert headquarters to trouble on the bus without the need for speaking.

34 of the existing fleet of buses will be completely refurbished.

Among 28 Candidates

4 Blacks In Race For School Board

By Sidney Moore Jr.
Post Staff Writer

Four of 28 candidates for School Board in the August 17, election are black. One of the two incumbents in the race is black.

These candidates will vie for six seats.

Black candidates in the race are Oliver N. Freeman, 63, of 1925 Erie Street; Maggie Lamb Nicholson, 69, of 1225 South Caldwell Street; R.B. Phifer, 39, of 1609 Pondella Drive and incumbent Phil Berry, 35, of 1010 Delmar Lane.

There are a number of special interests issues in the campaign but no over-riding issues. Although a number of the candidates have been associated with educational issues of various sorts, none have a large following except

the two incumbents, according to several education officials who preferred not to be quoted.

Some of these various issues include an emphasis on "back to basics" education, more emphasis on the teaching of the basic subjects such as reading and math, a concern for the support to vocational education and giving students in the lower grades a better base before they reach high school.

Former school board member Henderson Belk, 52, of 529 Hempstead Place is a competitor in this year's race. The entrance of this veteran in the race is balanced by the candidacy of two persons under 25, for the first time say some officials. These two young candidates are Jamie Stempel, 22, of 4226 Oakforest and Greg

Williams, 23, of 2210 Sarah Marks Court.

Women in the race include Pat Lowe, 39, of 1200 Belgrave Place; Carrie Winter, 46, 5801 Masters Court; Grace M. Bailey, 52, of 3600 Meredith Avenue; Dot Camp, 47, of Route 3, Box 210; Nancy Campbell, 35, of 7427 Meadowdale Lane; Mary Ritch, 42, of 4236 Freedom Drive and Sylvia Stinson, 36, of 13840 Lawyers Road.

Others in the race are Donald T. Austin, 46, of 730 Pineborough Road; William Blythe, 47, of Route 9, Box 234; Don Browder, 37, of 1214 Marlwood Terrace; James Coble, 45, of 2715 Coltsgate Road; Wade Fox, 48, of 615 Sandridge Road; Peter Gerns, 54, of 3125 Mountainbrook Road; Cloyd Goodrum Jr., 50, of 1628 Bonnie Lane; Thomas Harris, 48, of 6912 Park Road; Ward



O.N. Freeman
...School Board candidate

McKeithen, 38, 1029 Coddington Place; Ernie Phipps, 39, 6409 Redmann Road; Terry Scout, 29, of 6137 Delham Drive; Barry Sims, 29, of 2618 Shamrock Drive; Barry Teague, 32, of 2911 Wheelock Road and Harold Wilson, 38, of 4109 Carmel Forest Drive.



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