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## 150 Attend

### Carolina

#### Action Meet

By Sidney Moore Jr.  
Post Staff Writer

Lower utility rates can be brought about if people will organize, according to Carolina Action.

The group has formulated and is promoting the use of "Lifeline and Fair Share" utility rates. Over 150 people attended the first citywide meeting of the group at Our Lady of Assumption Church, Tuesday, August 31.

Another meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 16, at the church. Each of the 24 candidates running for state legislature in Mecklenburg County has been invited to this meeting, said a statement from Carolina Action.

"At the meeting the candidates will be pressed to take a stand on Lifeline and Fair Share rates," the statement said.

Lifeline guarantees that energy for the basic necessities of heating, lighting and cooking be available at a low fixed cost. Carolina Action proposes that the first 500 kilowatts be available at \$10 a month or 2¢ per kilowatt. Fair Share rates would end discounts for big business and industry. Right now, residential users pay on the average of 3¢ per kilowatt, while industry pays 2¢ or less per kilowatt. Fair Share rates would stop the bargain rates for industry. Everyone, large or small, would pay 2.5¢ per kilowatt, said the statement.

Carolina Action is a statewide citizen action organization. The group is spearheading a legislative campaign for fairer utility rates, the statement indicated.

#### Community

#### Activities

#### Planned

A 3,600 square feet building space is available for community and civic activities in the West Boulevard area.

Representatives of The Charlotte Post, WGIV and Elder's Supermarket are trying to come up with a worthwhile use for the floor space. It has been proposed that one or a group of non-profit organizations use the building space to sponsor and manage bid whist, pinochle, bridge and bingo parties.

The Post occupies a section of the building, which is located behind Elder's Supermarket at 2606 West Boulevard. It has previously been used as a youth center and billiard hall.

Ideas for using the space are welcomed. Any worthwhile project will be considered as long as it does not involve the use of alcoholic beverages or gambling.

It has been suggested that fund-raising projects for scholarships, legal assistance, fellowship groups and other such projects will be favorably considered.

Address your ideas to the Post, P.O. Box 97, Charlotte, N.C. 28230.

#### Detour To

#### Change Temporarily

#### Bus Route 16

Due to construction on Remount Rd., the present detour for bus Route 16-South Tryon will be temporarily changed effective Tuesday, September 7.

The present detour routing from Toomey Ave. to Remount Rd. to Brookhill Rd. to Village Ct. to Tremont Rd. will be changed. The new detour will follow Toomey Ave. to Remount Rd. to Toomey Ave. to Tremont Rd. Schedule times will remain unchanged.



A good LISTENER is not only popular everywhere but after a while he KNOWS SOMETHING.



MISS JOAN SLADE  
...J.C. Smith junior

#### Miss Joan Slade

#### Is Beauty Of Week

By Melvetta Jenkins  
Post Staff Writer

Sporting a petite 5-3, 127 pound frame, our beauty for this week is Miss Joan Slade.

Proving the old expression that "beauty is as beauty does," Miss Slade adds to her physical appeal an outgoing, approachable personality. So there is probably a mutual liking between her and the Smithies she describes as being "a big family".

The people at Johnson C. Smith University seem to be concerned with helping each other," she related.

Miss Slade, who is from Reidsville, N.C. is one of five children and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Godfrey Slade. She describes her childhood as

#### Hearing Set For

#### Water, Sewer

#### Referendum

The Charlotte City Council will hold a public hearing at 3 p.m. on Monday, September 13, in the Council Chamber at City Hall to receive citizens' comments on the proposed \$16.5 million water-sewer bond referendum scheduled for November 2, 1976.

Persons wishing to speak at the hearing should contact the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 600 East Trade Street, 374-2247, by noon on September 13.

The referendum will be divided into two ballot items: \$11,675,000 for sanitary sewer bonds and \$4,825,000 for water bonds. The funds are to be used by the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Utility Department for improvements in nine areas adjacent to the Charlotte city limits.

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"having been exciting".

A Business-Economics major at Johnson C. Smith University in her third year, Miss Slade plans to later pursue a master's degree at UNCC or UNCG, which she plans to use to obtain a Business Administrator's position here in Charlotte.

Right now Miss Slade's long range goal is to be a successful business woman and to make her parents proud of her.

She is a sports enthusiast who has no time for television unless there is a game on and she wants to see her favorite teams clobber the opposition.

Our beauty was born under the sign of Scorpio - on October 31, Halloween Day.

"But I'm not superstitious about it," she revealed. "When I was younger and didn't know any better, it bothered me because the other kids teased me. But now, it doesn't matter."

About her personality in regards to being a Scorpio, Miss Slade said, "We Scorpions are demanding, we like to have things right. We are also supposed to be sexy, I think I fit all of those," she laughed.

She's probably more than likely right about that. Her favorite scent is Musk by Jovan because it fits a "sexy Scorpio."

Miss Slade is also a supporter of women's lib - to a point! "I'd rather let men be men. I still like to have the door opened for me." It's not hard to see that there are probably a lot of young men who would gladly oblige our beauty.

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Lee's Campaign Workers Say

By Sidney Moore Jr.  
Post Staff Writer

"We know now that the path of justice starts right in the voting booth," according to the National Coalition on Black Voter Participation, 733 15th Street, N.W., Suite 820, Washington, D.C., 20005.

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## 50,000 Expected To Vote In Tuesday's Run-Off Primary

### Jim Martin

#### Kicks Off Campaign

Congressman Jim Martin kicked off his campaign for re-election to a third term in the U.S. House of Representatives Tuesday, saying he expects the campaign to be run on "pocketbook issues."

Speaking to a large group of his supporters at his headquarters on Colwick Road, Congressman Martin said the real issues got lost during the 1974 campaign. Martin pointed out that this year "there is no 'Watergate' obsession to dominate news stories and rhetorical speeches by those who want to muscle the conservatives out of Congress."

Martin said there will definitely be competing ideologies opposing each other this Fall. He noted that these ideologies can be compared by reading the platforms of the two major parties. Martin said he is proud to be running on the Republican Platform, saying its conservative philosophy "represents the philosophy of a majority of Americans."

Congressman Martin said he expects to win, but cautioned his campaign workers that "overconfidence in a political campaign can be disastrous."

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Business Women

#### To Hold

#### Campaign Caper

With focus on America's presidential election year, the Carrousel Chapter of the American Business Women's Association will hold a campaign caper September 14th, 6:15 at Swain's Steakhouse in conjunction with their regular September meeting.

The fall campaign caper will celebrate a milestone in women's history: The Right to Vote, and commemorate the success of The Suffragette Movement which won this political freedom for women in 1920. It will also commemorate the first anniversary of Carrousel Chapter.

ABWA enrollment events are held semi-annually to introduce ABWA and the local chapter of business women in this area. Throughout this period similar events will be held across the country by more than 1,300 other ABWA Chapters.

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Fred Alexander  
...State senator  
Robert Walton  
...Commissioner candidate  
Phillip Berry  
...School board member

#### Post Study Shows

### Alexander, Walton, Berry

#### Get Biggest Vote In Primary

By Hoyle H. Martin Sr.  
Post Executive Editor

Incumbent state senator

Fred Alexander, Mecklenburg County Commissioner candidate Bob Walton and school board member Phil Berry received the largest number of votes in the August 17 primary election according to a POST study of the votes cast in 14 predominantly black precincts.

Unofficial published reports on the primary revealed that Alexander received 5,236 votes, Walton 4,620 votes and Berry 4,123 votes in the 14 precincts studied. Others receiving large vote totals in these precincts were Democratic gubernatorial candidate Jim Hunt with 3,872; county commission candidate Lewis C. Coleman, 3,240; incumbent county commission-

er Liz Hair, 2,967; and Democratic 9th congressional district candidate Arthur Goodman, 2,871.

The study revealed further that the overwhelming majority of blacks are registered as Democrats. For example, with the exception of Phil Berry, the non-partisan school board candidate, all of the leading vote-getters are Democrats. Furthermore, Carolyn Mathis' 69 votes as a candidate for the state senate was the largest vote number received by a Republican Party candidate. She was followed by gubernatorial candidate David T. Flaherty with 65 votes.

The 14 precincts had a voter turnout of approximately 27 percent as compared to 23 percent for blacks state-wide

and 32 percent for all Mecklenburg County voters.

The study data did not include votes cast for the office of District Judge and lieutenant governor and other statewide offices.

In a related development, the Black Political Caucus (BPC) and the Black Women's Caucus (BWC) endorsed 21 and 17 candidates respectively for both state-wide and local offices.

Of the 21 candidates endorsed by the BPC, 12 won places on the November ballot, seven

will be in the September 14 runoff primary (an eighth candidate chose not to participate in the runoff) and one lost. The Black Women's Caucus' 17 candidates won eight races, received six runoff spots and had three losses.

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The Charlotte-Mecklenburg School Board primary run-off will include the top five vote-getters behind Phil Berry who won an outstanding re-election to the Board in August. The candidates are:

- Wade Fox, 48, a business executive who received 15,765 votes.

- Thomas Harris, 48, a real estate agent and board incumbent. He got 15,609 votes.

- Pat Lowe, 39, a former educator and homemaker. She received 15,363 votes.

These candidates are automatically in next Tuesday's primary run-off as a result of their vote totals and challengers by the following:

- Henderson Belk, 52, a business executive and a 12 year veteran on the school board ending in 1971. He received 10,071 votes.

- Ernie Phipps, 39, a small businessman. He received 7,774 votes.

- Jim Coble, 45, a businessman who drew 7,372 votes.

In the Mecklenburg County Commission race black candidate Lewis C. Coleman will be trying to hold the lead he gained in the August 17 primary as he seeks one of the two berths on the November ballot in a bid for votes against Henry McKinnon, Ben Wosham and Bill Freeman.

In the quest for state wide nominations, David T. Flaherty will be facing Coy C. Privette in the Republican gubernatorial race. In the Democratic run-off, Howard Lee will oppose Jimmy Geen for the lieutenant governor nomination, Lillian Woo will be challenging Henry Bridges for the state auditor nomination, and John Brooks will face Jessie Rae Scott for the Commission of Labor slot.

Voting in these races may not be large, however, considerable interest has been generated as a result of the

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### Afro-American Culture Brings Back Dignity In Black Heritage

By Abigail L. Flanders  
Post Staff Writer

Throughout our historical American teachings of the days when Columbus discovered America to the days of slavery and up to the present, the Black man has taken the traditional back seat in terms of his contributions to the foundation upon which our American heritage was borne.

Today, in an effort to educate and substantiate many findings concerning the active participation of Blacks to our nation, people like James Jeeder, the director of the Afro-American Cultural Center is to make the people living in this area, the Carolinas, aware of the vast contributions made by their neighbors. "There is an awful lot of history made right here in Charlotte and in our neighboring towns that has gone unnoticed by many people. One of the things that the Afro-American Cultural Center is doing is promoting the Black history that is being made and has been made in black churches, and by Black orga-

nizations like the 'Y,'" Mr. Jeeder said.

Presently, James Jeeder and others who are involved in the Center, are working on the history of the McCrory branch "YWCA."

James Jeeder, a native of Union, South Carolina, has always wanted the opportunity to become involved in the kind of work that he is now doing. After his graduation from CPCC and UNCC, Mr. Jeeder took his degree in business administration to the Firestone Tire Co. where he worked for a number of years, until he heard about an opening for a director for the Afro-American Cultural Center.

The center was established in 1974, from a class at UNCC that dealt with Afro-American history.

Charlotte (25), 785 of 2,194;

Barringer (31), 377 of 1,650;