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Black Landowners To Meet

Black landowners will meet Saturday, October 2, in the Harrison Auditorium on the campus of A&T State University in Greensboro, N.C. The purpose of the meeting is to organize a state association of Black landowners.

There will be free registration and coffee hour from 10-11 a.m. The program will include a statement of the seriousness of the Black land loss problem by Attorney Lester Solomon of Duke University, and an address by Attorney Alvarez Ferrouillet. The afternoon session will include one hour for District Caucus.

Landowners from 100 counties in North Carolina will divide into 10 districts which will elect members to serve on the State committees. Each district will select one nominee for president and one for secretary of the association. Two members from each district will be selected to serve on the steering committee.

In the General Assembly, state officers will be elected. The officers along with the steering committee will spear head the activities for State organization and represent North Carolina at the National meeting on December 3rd and 4th at Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

The public is urged to attend the organizational meeting in Greensboro, N.C.

Motion, Inc.

Brimming

With Pride

Officials at Motion, Incorporated, a local non-profit housing firm, are brimming with pride over the completion of their Orchard Park apartment complex.

Dignitaries joined Motion staff personnel and residents for a brief but enthusiastic ribbon cutting ceremony Friday, September 17. The complex was opened for residency one week later.

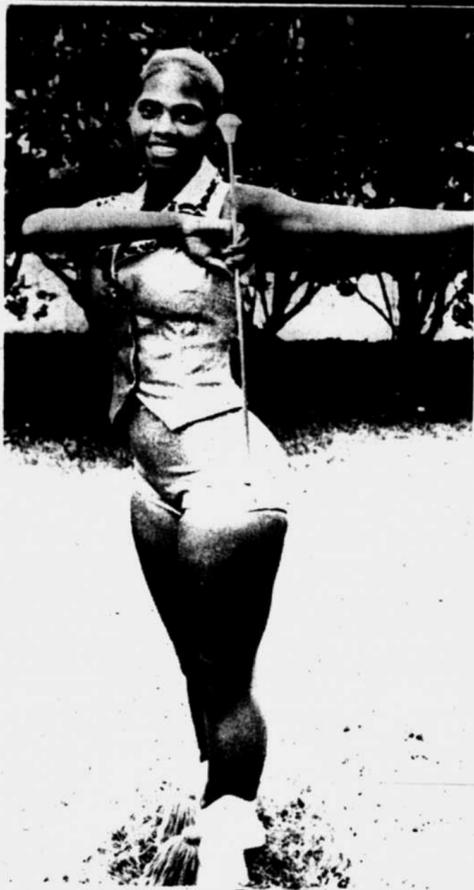
A private company assisted Motion with financing the 42-unit structure under a federal mortgage guarantee program. The project is located in Third Ward at the corner of Clarkson and Cates Streets. It is said to be the first multi-family housing unit built in any of the city community development areas, according to a Motion official.

Rent supplements are available for 20 percent of the residents. All rents are based on income, said the official.

An extensive promotional campaign initiated in August by Motion resulted in a near full-occupancy situation at Orchard Park. Motion hopes to maintain the community enthusiasm for the complex by soliciting fruit sippings to be planted on the project site.

In the ribbon-cutting ceremony, Mayor Pro Tem Jim Whittington planted the first such tree.

Others attending that ceremony include State Senator Fred Alexander, City Councilman Harvey Ganitt, Councilwoman Betty Chapin and Motion Executive Director Ernest Afford.



17-YEAR-OLD SHELBY RICH
...East Mecklenburg senior

Miss Shelby Rich Is Beauty Of Week

Broadminded, outgoing, unpredictable, independent, and pretty are only a few of the positive adjectives that describe this week's Beauty - Shelby Rich.

Shelby, the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. M.L. Rich who lives at 1649 Patton Ave., is the middle child in the family, bordered by two brothers.

Our seventeen-year-old Beauty is a Senior at East Mecklenburg High School who plans to attend Bethune-Cookman College in Tallahassee, Fla. next year to study medicine. She later plans to apply to Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tenn. Her professional goal is to be an Obstetrician. Shelby finds obstetrics an appealing field because it will allow her to deal with people and life. Her favorite subject is Math, "because it is logical." Her favorite teacher is Mr. Caskey, an algebra teacher at East Mecklenburg.

Conference On

Prevention To

Attract 300

The University of North Carolina at Charlotte will be hosting 300 participants in a state conference on primary prevention, October 3 through 5. The focus of the conference will be developing methods of preventing, rather than treating, emotional problems.

The Director of the conference, Dr. Johnnie Horn McLeod, Charlotte physician and educator, maintains "A gram of prevention is worth a kilo of treatment." By bringing together North Carolinians interested in prevention efforts, Dr. McLeod believes the conference will provide an impetus to positive mental health services.

Representatives will come from a cross-section of the state's mental health, educational, religious, and social service agencies and institutions. Local sponsors include Mecklenburg's Mental Health and Allied Services, the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools, the Public Health Department, the Youth Services Bureau, the Council of Aging, and the Council of Alcoholism.

The host agency will be UNCC's College of Human Development and Learning.

Shelby says her mother is the person she most admires. "My mother is very tolerant. I've got two brothers and wish I had the tolerance and patience that my mother has in dealing with three children," Shelby said.

Shelby said her favorite color is green and her favorite perfume is "Unforgettable", by Avon, because "It has a lingering scent, even though it's not strong."

When it comes to food our Beauty says she eats "practically anything." The fact that she is 5'4" and weighs 118 pounds tells us that she is one of those lucky people who can eat anything and not worry about a weight problem.

Shelby's philosophy about life may help her in her quest for furthering her education and reaching her goals. "I am optimistic," she says. "I'm not a religious fanatic, but I do believe strongly in God. I also believe in helping people."

Shelby was born on February 1 and falls under the astrological sign of Aquarius. We at the POST take pride in presenting to you our "Beauty of the Week," Miss Shelby Rich.

SBA No Longer

Accepts Applications

WASHINGTON, D.C., September 23--The U.S. Small Business Administration announced today that until further notice it will no longer accept applications under its Lease Guarantee Program.

Demand for assistance under the program has been declining for the past three years, and SBA's Fiscal Year 1977 budget does not include funds for the program.

SRC Report: 'Busing, White Flight May Not Be Related'

Ronnie Long Rape Trial Opens

Special To The Post
The trial of Ronnie Long began here Monday with jury selection. Long is accused of the April rape and burglary of Judie McKinley, the wife of a Cannon Mill executive. Several organizations and townspeople in the mill town contend that Long is innocent and is a victim of a racist frame-up. Demonstrations in front of the courthouse began this week and are scheduled for the duration of the trial.

The case of the prosecution is certain to rest heavily upon the credibility of its chief witness, Judie McKinley, the alleged rape victim, who contends that Long entered her home around midnight on April 25, 1976 by force and forced her to perform a sex act. She reported to police after the alleged attack that the rapist was Black and had a stocking cap over his head. She also reported that, during the rape and her struggle to resist, she scratched the rapist's face.

Mrs. McKinley identified Long as her assailant days later while he was defending himself in an unrelated trespass case in the Cabarrus County District Court, stating that she recognized his voice.

Long is being represented by attorneys Atkins and Fuller of the firm of Chambers, Stein and Ferguson of Charlotte. The manner of Mrs. McKinley's unusual identification of Long as well as the failure of arresting officers to find scratches on Long's face are certainly to be key elements of the defense.

Long has been in jail since his arrest because his parents and supporters have been unable to raise the \$100,000 bond set at a preliminary hearing. Long contends that his trial is a political frameup because he was outspoken and a civil rights advocate. In a letter sent from a jail, Long said the police had stopped him several times in the weeks prior to Mrs. McKinley's alleged rape and had asked him to be an informant for them in the Black community.

Concord's Black community has not been silent and a number of the people in this

town-white and black-have shown support for Ronnie Long. There have been demonstrations, fish fries, and protest marches. The most recent was a protest at Arvin Caldwell Park in Concord Saturday, September 25, which attracted over 300 persons. Several speakers attacked Long's trial as a scheme of the Klan and Cannon Mills to keep Black and White workers divided so that wages can be kept low and working conditions poor.

Wanda Witherspoon of Concord, representing the Ronnie Long Defense Committee, said at the rally Saturday that workers from Cannon Mills will fill the courtroom every day. Among the organizations that have taken up the defense of Ronnie Long are the Charlotte Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression and the October League.

34 Countries

To Participate

In Festival Here

Representatives of 34 countries will participate in Charlotte's All Nations Festival October 15, 16 and 17 in Freedom Park.

Food and drink, dances, music, crafts, costumes and fashions from the 34 nations will highlight the festival, the first of its kind ever held in the Southeast.

A special feature will be performances of LeGette Blythe's "Thunder in Carolina" on the Saturday afternoon and Sunday evening during the three-day festival.

Charlotteans, whose heritage stems directly from the 34 nations, have planned the festival to pay tribute to the first settlers of this country.

The All Nations Festival, part of Charlotte's Bicentennial celebration, will be like Festival in the Park, but with a foreign accent added.

Admission will be free and all Charlotteans of all ages are invited.

Hours of the cultural and educational festival will be 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Friday.

At Mt. Carmel Church

NAACP Officials Hope

To Raise \$5,000 Sunday

By Sidney Moore Jr.,
Post Staff Writer
NAACP officials in Charlotte-Mecklenburg hope to raise \$5,000 Sunday, at 4 p.m. at Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, 412 Campus Street.

A Mississippi judge awarded 12 Port Gibson, Mississippi merchants \$1.25 million in a damages suit due to a 1966 boycott by black citizens to their businesses. Since the national office of the NAACP does not have that kind of money on hand, said local officials, a national campaign has been launched to raise the judgement plus legal fees.

National NAACP General Counsel Nathaniel R. Jones of New York City is coming to Charlotte to speak at the "Save The NAACP" Mass Rally. Jones is expected to discuss the court decision. The attorney has been with



Nathaniel Jones
...General Counselor
the NAACP in his present position since 1969. An Ohio native, he has practiced law in his home state and he served as the Assistant U.S. Attorney in Cleveland from 1962 to 1967. Jones holds honorary Doctor



BISHOP WALTER McCULLOUGH
...House of Prayer leader

Sunday Morning

Bishop McCullough

To Baptize 1,900

By Hoyle H. Martin Sr.,
Post Executive Editor

Bishop Walter McCullough, leader of the more than 3 million members of the United House of Prayer For All People, will baptize 1,900 converts here Sunday morning.

The event, one of the two closing events of the 50th annual convocation, will end a week-long celebration of the church which began here Sunday, September 26.

Elder Claude Wilkerson, pastor of Charlotte's Mother House of Prayer For All People, site of the Convocation, and chairman of the state assembly of "Houses", told the POST in an interview on Tuesday that the annual event will bring approximately 8,000

delegates from 17 states where the religious sect's three million members reside.

Elder Wilkerson said further that the week-long celebration, includes daily business sessions and mighty programs of music and preaching. The gala celebration will conclude on Sunday, October 3, with a Mass Baptizing beginning at 11 a.m. and Marching Band Competition beginning at 2:30 p.m.

The local elder, pastor of the Charlotte "Mother House" for the past seven years, pointed out that the Church's spiritual leader Bishop Walter McCullough expects to baptize the new members on Sunday morning in the waters of the outdoor pool located at the rear of the sanctuary. Furthermore, nine marching bands and the Washington, D.C. Bugle Corps will appear in the band competition which will pass in review before Bishop McCullough and other church dignitaries.

Bishop McCullough, who is in the city to preside over the annual convocation and preach, will host the featuring of a "Candle Burning Service" by the General Council on Friday night. The council is composed of all state chairmen, assistant state chairmen and elders.

The United House of Prayer for All People was founded in 1919 by the late C.M. "Sweet Daddy" Grace. He was succeeded by Bishop McCullough.

Elder Wilkerson said that Bishop McCullough may preach at any of the nightly sessions but added he had no specific obligation to do so. The nightly programs of preaching and music begin at 7:30 p.m.

Wilkerson added that a number of city, county and state officials have been sent invitations to the celebration.

The general public is invited to attend all sessions of the Convocation.

Benefits Students Intergration

By Sidney Moore Jr.,
Post Staff Writer

Three academic studies sponsored by the Atlanta-based Southern Regional Council (SRC) say busing and "white flight" may not be related.

Migration patterns and differences in the birth rates between urban blacks and whites are factors many studies have ignored, said the study. It points out that whites were moving to the suburbs and blacks to the cities long before integration orders took affect. Also, once in the cities, younger black women produced more children than their older more settled white women counterparts.

"Such migration had taken place prior to court orders involving busing and likely would have taken place even if school desegregation were not an issue," said a SRC statement on the studies.

A random sample of 83 percent of principles in 139 southern schools "reported no drop in white enrollment caused by desegregation in their schools," said the council statement.

Initial apprehension over desegregation "tends to be resolved through time," reports the council.

It was also noted that "today more than half of the schools in the south are relatively free of segregation."

The studies indicate that desegregation has benefited students.

"While the academic performance of white children tends not to be affected by desegregation," said the council, "the academic performance of black children is tending to improve in desegregated classroom settings."

As to school problems, the council says "desegregation does not create problems in education, rather, it uncovers them."

Studies of white teachers attitudes strongly suggest a generally negative view toward minority children," is one such problem according to the council.

The most serious problem is that "today's progress is threatened by growing national reaction against implementation of school desegregation in various northern communities," said SRC.

Local Democrats

To Boost Their

Candidates

Democrats will boost their Tuesday, November 2, General Election candidates in Charlotte, Monday, October 18.

One of 27 rallies in this state will be held on Monday, according to a list of dates and places recently released by state Democratic officials and the Jimmy Carter Campaign. No further information as to the place and time of the rally was released.

Charlotte members of Democrats for Carter Committee were listed as Senator Fred Alexander, Louise Brennan, Flo Bryant, Julius Chambers, Luther Hodges Jr., Rowe Motley, Liz Hair, Milton Short and Arthur Goodman Jr.

Several Charlotte committee members joined more than 40 state committee members recently in Raleigh.

TURTLE-TALK



HEREDITY is something every MAN believes in until his own SON begins acting like a DARN FOOL...