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Why Vote

Tuesday,
November 2

M. Carl Holman
President
National Urban Coalition

So you're not going to vote? You're sick of politicians and the way they behave. Turned off because of all those earlier promises that didn't pan out. Uninspired by the candidates. Out of work or too tired to care. It might rain or turn cold on Election Day. You can't get up that early or back home that soon and your lunch hour isn't that long. You can never remember where your polling place is. You certainly don't have the time or gas money to take other people to the polls. Don't have the time or gas money to see to it that your church or club house that day becomes a supervised play center for children, long enough for their mothers to go and vote. Besides, what difference will your one vote make when it's all said and done?

Tell that to Martin Luther King, Jr., to Medgar Evers, to Chaney, Schwerner and Goodman. But then, of course, they can't hear you. They died too soon. In Memphis, and Jackson and in that rural county in Mississippi where three young men who thought that the right to vote was important were bulldozed into a grave.

But then maybe they were not as smart as you. They didn't realize that it really doesn't matter who sits in the White House, or the Congress, the state capitol, the county court house, city hall, the committee rooms and agency offices. They didn't understand that it doesn't very much matter who decides whether it is easier or harder to get jobs, or houses, or money, or that uncommon commodity called justice.

Why vote? Because if you don't the record suggests that others won't. Bad habits, unfortunately, are catching.

Why vote? Because if you don't vote, many people not particularly interested in your well-being will. Maybe enough of them to make the difference.

Why vote? Because if you don't a lot more politicians will write you off, write off your concerns.

Why vote? Because if you do vote, there is the real chance that better laws will be passed and enforced, fairer decisions made, that better candidates will be encouraged to run.

Maybe there are some people who can afford not to vote. Who will not suffer, whose families will not suffer, whose neighborhoods will not suffer whether they go to the polls or not. But before you decide to let this harvest pass, be absolutely sure you really can't be helped or hurt by the outcome.

Frederick Douglass reminded us that freedom is not a gift: November 2, 1976 is not a good time to bet that Douglass was wrong.

Think about it. Then go to your polling place and vote. And take someone with you.

Explorer Post 259

Explorer Post 259 will present Terror Theatre and Dracula at Children's Theatre, 1017 E. Morehead, October 28-31.

TURTLE-TALK



FRUSTRATION is not having anyone to BLAME but YOURSELF.



MISS VERNAY PETERSON
...J. C. Smith junior

Vernay Peterson Is Beauty Of Week

By Melvetta Jenkins
Post Staff Writer

A pretty young lady with a lot to say, Vernay Peterson is our present Beauty of the Week.

Vernay, who is more used to being called "Coffy", is a Junior Communications major at Johnson C. Smith University.

She is a native of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and the only child in her family. Coffy says that her mother is the person who has had the most influence in her life, and therefore is the person she most admires.

"Without my mother's guidance and understanding, I don't think I'd have a purpose or goal in life, like I have now," Coffy said.

At Smith, Coffy is a member of the Kappa Sweetheart Group, which she joined in her freshman year. Also during that year Coffy reigned as Miss Carter Hall.

Coffy plans to secure a job in television broadcasting after her graduation in 1978.

"I don't have a particular place where I want to live or

Holshouser

To Talk To

The People

Governor James E. Holshouser, Jr., in an unprecedented move, has spent more than \$13,000 in personal funds to "talk to the people of North Carolina" on Monday and Tuesday nights.

The Governor declined to specify the subject matter.

Nine television stations will carry the special broadcast.

Six channels will broadcast the show at 7:00 p.m. Monday. They include WCCB-TV and WRET-TV in Charlotte; WTVD-TV in Durham; WFMY-TV in Greensboro; WXII-TV in Winston-Salem and WGHP-TV in High Point.

Two channels will air the program at 7:30 p.m. Monday. They are WITN-TV of Washington and WRDU-TV of Durham. WNCT-TV of Greenville will broadcast the film at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday.

The program was produced by Roger Ailes and Associates of New York, in cooperation with Century Studios of Raleigh.

Local Politicians' Dreams Will Be Tested Tuesday

Ingle To Support Fair Employment

RALEIGH—CCNS Ronald Ingle, the Executive Director of the North Carolina Human Relations Commission, says that he now supports a draft of the Fair Employment Practices Act to be introduced in the 1977 Session of the North Carolina General Assembly by Durham Representative H. H. Michaux and Guilford Senator Kathy Sebo.

Ingle previously had criticized the proposed draft to prohibit age, sex and racial discrimination, stating that it would "create more problems for the very afflicted parties which it is trying to serve than it will solve." The criticism was made in a letter sent to Senator Sebo, Michaux and Human Relations officials around the state.

Ingle changed his position following a workshop on the bill in Charlotte at the N.C. League of Municipalities on October 19.

Specific objections included (1) lack of power to gain access to employers records, (2) lack of power given to local human relations commissions to enforce and investigate employment discrimination, (3) the formation of a new commission to enforce the law would "negate the need for a State Human Relations Commission" and (4) implied placement of the Commission under the Department of Labor rather than the North Carolina Human Relations Commission which Ingle heads.

In an interview following the Charlotte workshop, Ingle said that "in effect" the proposed law allows whichever agency is designated to enforce the law to request voluntary compliance from the employer and if the employer refused the complainant could go before the commission for a hearing at which time subpoena powers to get necessary records would be available to the commission.

Ingle said that the local Human Relations Commissions would have investigatory powers which would depend on voluntary compliance with its orders. If an employer failed to comply, the complaining party could appeal to the N.C. Human Relations Commission for a hearing and record attainment.

Ingle admits that the law will need broad based support from civil rights groups to ensure passage. Similar legislation was deadlocked in committee until nearly the end of the legislative session before it was defeated.

"Best Way To Prevent Crime"

Hunt Proposes Repeat Offenders Program

By Sidney Moore Jr.
Post Staff Writer

"The best way to prevent crime," according to gubernatorial candidate Jim Hunt, "is to let the criminal know that he will be caught, he will be tried quickly and, if convicted, he will be punished."

Hunt made this statement in his press release concerning his proposed Repeat Offenders Program. He is offering this approach as one way to fight crime.

"I am proposing that we test this program for 18 to 24 months in two or three of the

large judicial districts in our state with high crime rates—perhaps Charlotte, Raleigh or Fayetteville," said Hunt's statement. "Then we can decide whether to expand it."

The program is aimed at individuals who habitually commit crimes.

"Stopping the repeaters must be a top priority of our system of justice," said a statement.

Such repeaters comprise a large number of the prison population of North Carolina, the statement indicated. This situation is bad for public



COUNTY COMMISSION CANDIDATE Robert "Bob" Walton, right, with wife, Cathy, child, and Campaign Manager Marshal Smith, center, speaks to crowd of supporters

at opening of campaign headquarters. Walton is seeking one of 5 County Commission seats in the November 2 election.

115,000 Expected To Vote In Presidential Election

By Hoyle H. Martin
Post Executive Editor

Approximately 115,000 to 125,000 county residents will vote in Tuesday's presidential election, according to information released to the POST Wednesday by William B.A.

Culp, executive secretary of the Mecklenburg County Board of Elections. While weather forecasts for election day are not yet available, Culp said heavy rain might reduce the expected voter turnout "as much as 10 percent."

Voters on election day will find 94 candidates representing five political parties and two non-partisans seeking 49 seats in offices ranging from the presidency of the United States to governor, to county commissioners to district court judgeships. Specifically, 47 Democrats, 31 Republicans, 8 American, 5 Labor, 3 Libertarian, and 2 non-partisans will be seeking election to the 49 public offices.

The polls will be open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. to accommodate the voters at 107 local voting locations.

Without a doubt the most important contest will be in the race for the presidency of the United States. According to a number of national polls released earlier this week, the race between Gerald Ford and Jimmy Carter will be extremely close, some observers

have said it will be like the 1960 election when John F. Kennedy received 50.6 percent of the popular vote as compared to Richard Nixon's 49.4 percent.

Considering the overwhelming number of registered Democrats in North Carolina as compared to Republicans, Jim Hunt, the candidate for governor, and the other Democrats seeking state-wide office should have little difficulty getting elected. Much of the competition for many of these offices was probably more evident in the party primaries than will be evident in the general election.

In the 22nd Senatorial District, the 36th House District and the Mecklenburg County Commissioner races there will probably be a larger percentage of Republican winners when compared with state-wide office races. In these "local" elections party lines are less rigid, the Republican Party is stronger, and voters will tend to support candidates more on the basis of their records and personalities than on party identification.

With the possible exception of the presidential and gubernatorial races, local interest will probably be focused on the Mecklenburg County Commissioner's race for a number of reasons. These include the possibility of two blacks being

elected, Liz Hair's chance to retain the chairmanship, and the efforts of William H. Booe, the former controversial school board member now seeking a seat on the commission as a Republican candidate.

The highly popular and well respected Mrs. Hair will probably win re-election as will her Democratic Party colleague Peter. Foley. However, Mrs. Hair's chance to repeat as chairperson of the Commission may well rest on the success or failure of black candidate Robert Walton. Walton, a highly respected banker, minister and civic leader, appears to have wide support among voters and is probably the one candidate among the remaining Democratic hopefuls who can attract at least as many voters as the apparent Republican party front-runners, Ed Peacock and Thomas F. Moore.

Another interest in the Commissioner race will relate to how well Lewis C. Coleman, the other black candidate, can do after overcoming adverse published reports about his finances to get 10,925 voters in September run-off primary.

A final interest may be in how voters will react to Bill Booe's quest for a Commission seat after six years of creating controversy on the school board.

Three Blacks Seek Local Offices

By Sidney Moore Jr.
Post Staff Writer

Time, money and the dreams of local, state and national politicians will be tested Tuesday, November 2.

Lewis C. Coleman and Rev. Robert L. "Bob" Walton, candidates for County Commissioner, are two of the few black hopefuls on the ballots for the general election. The only other minority candidate is Fred D. Alexander, candidate for State Senate.

These three join 44 other Democrats for the contest.

The Democratic Party ticket is headed by Presidential candidate Jimmy Carter. His running mate is Walter Mondale. Arthur Goodman Jr. is running for Congress.

Jim Hunt heads the ticket of state office seekers. He is joined by James C. Green for Lieutenant Governor, Thad Eure for Secretary of State, Harlan E. Boyles for State Treasurer, Henry L. Bridges for State Auditor, Rufus L. Edmisten for Attorney General, James A. Graham for Commissioner of Agriculture, John Ingram for Commissioner of Insurance, John Brooks for commissioner of Labor and Craig Phillips for Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Other State Senate hopefuls are Craig Lawing, Jim McDuffie and J. Carlyle Rutledge.

Candidates for the State House of Representatives are Louise S. Brennan, Ruth M. Esterling, Gus Economos, Jo Graham Foster, Parks Helms, Joseph E. McMillan, Ben Tison and Fred W. White.

Other County Commission candidates are Peter A. Foley, Elizabeth G. "Liz" Hair and Harry A. McKinnon.

Associate Justice candidates are Joseph Branch and J. Frank Huskins.

Unopposed Democrats are shoe-in candidates for judgeships at four levels.

For the Court of Appeals is Gerald Arnold, R.A. "Fred" Hedrick and Earl W. Vaughn.

Superior Court candidates are Lynn Bradford Tillery Jr., Darius B. Herring Jr., Giles R. Clark, Ronald Howell and W. Kelly Johnson.

Candidates for the 26th District Court are Clifton E. Johnson, P.B. Beachum Jr., Larry Thomas Black, L. Stanley Brown, William G. "Bill" Jones and Chase Saunders.

Charles E. Crowder is the candidate for Register of Deeds.

These Democrats will face a Republican Party ticket headed by President Gerald Ford and his running mate Robert Dole.

Congressman James G. Martin is facing re-election, also.

Republican Senatorial candidates are Sam C. Cesena, Carolyn Mathis, Barry G. Miller, and James B. Rowe.

State House candidates are Steve M. Bingman, Marilyn R. Bissell, Bob Harkey, E. Alan Jaffre, David D. Jordan, A. Ray Mathis and LeRoy P. Spoon.

Local County Commission candidates are William H. Booe, William L. Griffin, Thomas F. Moore Jr., Edwin Peacock and Jerry Taylor.

Republican candidate for District Court Judge is David B. Sentelle.



Jim Hunt
...Gubernatorial candidate
posed by repeat offenders,"
said Hunt's statement.