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## Bus Strike Has Crippling Affect On Uptown Businesses

**Few Blacks Get Swine Flu Shots**

Raleigh - CCNS - An official of North Carolina's swine flu program said this week that Blacks are not being immunized at mass inoculation centers and that a special mass media campaign, possibly using appeals from well-known Blacks, many get under way soon.

Frank L. Lewis, epidemiologist for the North Carolina Division of Health Services, attributes Black disinterest largely to widespread publicity given the deaths of persons vaccinated during the first week of the program. He explained that the deaths were not caused by the vaccine, but from other ailments.

Lewis said that for the past week figures received from local health departments showed that inoculations have increased despite setbacks in early October.

"From the figures that we have gotten from local health departments across the state for this past week it appears that the total number of doses given has increased rather well."

Saturday and Sunday mass inoculations which are expected to attract large numbers immunize few Blacks, Lewis said. He said that state officials are concerned that "in some areas where mass programs have been scheduled on Saturday or Sunday Black people have not shown up in very large numbers."

Lewis cited a western North Carolina center which on one day last month inoculated approximately 3000 persons, only 13 or 14 of whom were blacks.

The vaccine program has won mild acceptance by private industry health programs.



Among the first to congratulate President-Elect Jimmy Carter on his stunning victory was bandleader-singer Les McCann, who played for many pre-election rallies for the ex-Georgia governor. Don't be surprised if the Atlantic record star is one of the artists chosen to perform at the Inaugural Ball in January, judging by the smile of approval of Mr. President.

**4-Day-Old Strike Idles 132 City-Owned Buses**

By Hoyle H. Martin  
Post Executive Editor

There was no apparent end to the 4-day-old Bus Strike when the POST went to Press Wednesday night. According to R.H. Phillips of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Board, no date has been set for new negotiation sessions.

Mr. Phillips has not been available this week for further comment on the pending bargaining sessions.

Charlotte's 4-day old bus strike, the city's first in 18 years, has significantly affected approximately 10,000 daily riders commuting largely to and from their places of work and has put a serious damper on many downtown businesses.

The strike, which began at 6 a.m. on Sunday with the idling of 132 city-owned buses, was called for last week by a 97-21 vote of bus drivers and maintenance men. Specifically, the vote rejected the terms of a new two-year contract that had been approved by the strikers' United Transportation Union Local 1715, and their employer, City Coach Lines, Inc.

The bus company employees are paid hourly wages of \$4.51 to \$4.56. They reportedly rejected an offer of an immediate 44-cent hourly wage increase with a subsequent 30-cent an hour pay increase. Four bus drivers, who asked not to be named, told the POST that the contract proposal they rejected did not include the 5-cent cost-of-living raises that bus drivers got automatically four times a year as a part of previous contracts.

Concern over the impact of the strike has led city officials to encourage people to form car pools, and to make plans to provide at least limited transportation for the elderly and those needing to visit social services offices for assistance. City Manager David Burkhalter expressed concern about the bus service, but not noted, "the employees are the employees of the operator of the buses and not city employees."

The impact of the strike is directly affecting the city in at least four ways. First, many people cannot get to work because of the relatively high cost of taxi service and the unavailability of car pools. Secondly, the bus company employees and their families are without income until the dispute is settled. Thirdly, many Trade-Tryon Street area merchants are experiencing drastic losses in retail sales. For example, reportedly Eckerd's Drug Store's business is down by 50 percent, the Queen's Cafeteria is off by 100 percent. On the other hand, the Belk store reported no "appreciable change" in sales because most of their customers come from people who work downtown, not those who ride the buses. Fourthly, many elderly people needing medical service and those who need to visit social services offices are finding their very existence affected by the strike. It is for these groups

that the city is planning to provide some form of emergency transportation if the strike lingers on.

The City of Charlotte purchased the bus system from the Charlotte City Coach Lines in June of 1975, that firm was then hired by the City to operate the bus system. Contract negotiation to resolve the strike are therefore taking place between the City Coach Line and the bus driver's union. The City is not in fact cannot by law participate in any negotiations with the union. Therefore, city officials have had to pursue an official "hands-off" policy.

About 80 percent of the daily bus riders are black and approximately 70 percent of the 151 bus drivers and 31 maintenance workers involved in the strike are black.

**Governor-Elect Hunt Searches For Talent**

Raleigh - CCNS - A memorandum, and questionnaire has been sent to Hunt "Keys" following the November 2 landslide Democratic party victory as a part of a "talent search" to fill political jobs in state government and appointive positions on boards and commissions. The questionnaire was sent by Joe Grimsley, Hunt's campaign director. "Keys" are the top county staffers that participated in the Hunt campaign.

The questionnaire requests biographical data concerning education, past employment, political party affiliation, elective and governmental service, race, sex and references. Also requested is the job, board or commission sought by the "Key."

Applicants will also have to answer whether they have financial or business relations that might conflict with appointment to the board or commission sought. The conflict question is in keeping with a campaign promise made by Hunt four days before the election that prevent conflict of interest in his administration.

According to the memorandum each "Key" received two questionnaires. One was for the "Key" and the second for a spouse or someone that "Jim Hunt ought to consider for future appointments."

**Education Board Will Conduct Public Hearings**

The Superintendent Search Committee of the Board of Education will conduct hearings for the public on November 16 and 18 at 8 p.m. at the Education Center. Individuals and representatives from organizations, institutions and business are invited to present their ideas regarding qualifications and characteristics.



MRS. CHARLENE JOHNSON  
...Mother of two

## Charlene Johnson Is Beauty Of Week

By Melvetta Jenkins  
Post Staff Writer

Born on July 31, our Beauty is a Leo. She says that Leos are intelligent people, but are also vain and subject to flattery. "That's true about me to a certain extent," Mrs. Johnson laughed. "But mostly we have strong leadership abilities, we get along well with other people and we are very ambitious."

Mrs. Johnson says that her husband is the person she most admires and it's not hard to understand why, for at least one reason-he's outstanding in sports (one of the things that Mrs. Johnson is an enthusiast of.) But there are other reasons. Mrs. Johnson states them simply by saying, "I admire him for all of the reasons that I married him. He does well in providing for his family, and most important of all, I love him."

Mr. Johnson is employed as a builder for Moss Supply Company.

Mrs. Johnson's favorite color is orange. She says that sweet potatoes must be her birthmark because she loves it so. "Stephen B" is her favorite scent.

"I believe in taking each day as it comes and in living each day to its fullest," our Beauty says. She believes that she has been successful in shaping her life and attitudes to fit that motto.

It gives us at the POST great pleasure to introduce Mrs. Charlene Johnson to the public as our Beauty of the Week.

**City Offices Close**

**For Veterans Day**

All offices of Charlotte City government will be closed Thursday, November 11 in observance of Veterans Day. Business will resume on Friday, November 12 at 8 a.m.

The City's Sanitation Division will operate on a Monday-Wednesday - Tuesday-Friday schedule for backyard service. There will be no curbside trash collection during the week although landfill operations will continue as normal.



One girl to another: "Of course I had to tell her she looked like a MILLION - and I mean EVERY YEAR OF IT!"

## Hearing Set For November 12 Perjury Decision Postponed

Raleigh - (CCNS) - Defense Attorney for the Wilmington Ten, James Ferguson, and Assistant Attorney General Richard League last week argued before U.S. Magistrate Logan Howell and a courtroom of about 250 persons whether the federal court had jurisdiction to amend the original petition for new trial with a more recent recantment of North Carolina's main witness against the Wilmington Ten. Allen Hall, the state's main witness, said in a statement to defense attorneys that he lied at the trial of the Wilmington Ten because of coercion from state prosecutors and federal agents.

Howell delayed decision until Assistant Attorney General Richard League could respond to defense memorandums filed the morning of the trial. Ferguson argued that the perjury claim was made based upon "recantation of the chief witness in the case and ought to be heard along with other related issues that we have raised in the case." Ferguson said that denial of defense motions to amend the petition would put the defendants in state courts and federal courts at the same time, an inconvenience and added expense for the defendants. The defense also argued that state law provided no remedy for overturning criminal convictions that were attained with perjured testimony and that to have back to the state courts with the pre-

## Johnson C. Smith University To Honor Dr. Henry A. Hill

One of several programs to be held during Homecoming at Johnson C. Smith University will honor this year's Distinguished Alumnus.

The honoree is Henry A. Hill, president and founder of Riverside Research Laboratory of Haverhill, Massachusetts. He is also president of the American Chemical Society.

A convocation for Hill is scheduled at 10 a.m., Thursday, November 11, in the University Church. He was a member of the Class of 1936, earning a Bachelor of Science degree. For his work in organic chemistry, Hill received a doctorate degree from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1942. Other academic credits include two honorary doctorate degrees.



Dr. Henry A. Hill  
...Member of 1936 class articles on his work in the field of elastomers, and has spoken widely on subjects in the areas of product safety and the role of the professional chemist in today's world.

Dr. Hill began his career in 1942 as a research chemist from Atlantic Research Associates, a subsidiary of National Dairy Corporation, where within two years he successively became research director and then vice president. He moved to Dewey and Almy Chemical Company in 1946 as a research supervisor. In 1952 he helped form and later served as an officer of National Polychemicals, Incorporated, of Wilmington, Massachusetts, manufacturer of chemical intermediates used in the production of elastomers and polymers.

Since 1961 Dr. Hill has been chief operating executive of Riverside Research Laboratory, Incorporated, a business enterprise to provide research, development and consulting services in several phases of organic chemistry, particularly of resins, rubbers, plastics and textiles.

He is also a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and an honorary member of the American Institute of Chemists. In the past he has served as a member of the National Commission on Product Safety, the Advisory Council Senate Commerce Subcommittee on Consumer Affairs, the American Association of Textile Chemists and Colorists, the National Motor Vehicle Safety Advisory Council, the Information Council on Fabric Flammability and the evaluation panel of the Institute for Applied Technology at the National Bureau of Standards. Dr. Hill is the holder of several U.S. and foreign patents, has published numerous