

Will President Jimmy Carter Appoint A Black Man?

By Benjamin Hooks
Special To The Post

Will Jimmy Carter appoint a black man to the Federal Communications Commission to take my place? I know he will. I believe that President-elect Carter is highly cognizant of the fact that Blacks furnished his margin of political victory and will, some disbelievers notwithstanding, respond by not only naming a black to the FCC when I depart sometime in 1977, but will also appoint qualified black men and women throughout the hierarchy of government during his administration.

In several columns I have written of the number of commissions and agencies in Washington that touch every aspect of our lives, yet black people not only have not served on many of them but are unaware of their existence or the power and influence they yield.

In light of the heavy support Blacks gave Carter, I think it is worth mentioning again. But black support is not the crucial thing, I might add. I expect President-elect Carter as an eminently decent and humane man to be a President of all the people, black, white, red, brown, yellow.

Trade Commission, now a federal judge, Constance Newman of the Consumer Products Safety Commission, now of HEW, Howard Jenkins of the National Labor Relations Board, and a number of blacks, including four successive chairmen of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, have served on some of these bodies.

And there are a host of other commissions and agencies on par with or just slightly below the above-named in terms of power and status. These include the Energy Research and Development Administration, the Federal Aviation Administration, the National Labor Relations Board.

The list goes on and on, plus jobs in the State Department and with the Foreign Service, where Blacks are still employed in far too few numbers, and in positions that lead nowhere.

Not long ago, I remarked that some forty or fifty items may come before the Commission every week for resolution and most of those items in some way touch on Black and minority concerns.

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NEW MECKLENBURG COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
...At swearing in ceremony Monday

Walton Says Being A

"Public Official Is A Hard Job"

By Sidney Moore Jr.
Post Staff Writer

Community desires for publicly financed services, coupled with resistance towards higher taxes makes being a public official a hard job, according to County Commissioner Bob Walton.

The newly elected commissioner was referring to a request for \$75,897 from Charlotte Memorial Hospital in the Monday December 6 County Commission meeting. Action on the request was deferred.

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Commissioners' Last Action

Northwest Residents Win,

Lose In Zoning Request

Area Fund Will Help Poor People

A recently funded program of the Charlotte Area Fund (CAF) will help poor people protect themselves against cold weather.

Samuel H. Kornegay, CAF executive director, said \$20,290.72 was granted to his agency for this effort by the federal government. He listed two ways the money can be used.

Up to \$50 can be paid to utility or power companies on behalf of an individual or family "to prevent hardship or danger to health," said a statement from CAF. This "crisis intervention" payment is available to low-income, elderly or near-poor people.

Up to \$120 can be spent to make repairs on the dwellings of needy persons. First priority will be given to stopping the infiltration of cold air by repairing broken windows, patching roofs and walls, caulking cracks and joints, and weather-stripping doors and windows.

Second priority for repairs include insulation for attics, floors, walls, exposed heating ducts, storm windows and doors.

Persons interested in receiving help may call CAF at 372-3010, said the statement.

CAF first initiated the program last year. Records show 135 families received "crisis intervention" payments and 115 homes were repaired. A total of \$5,410.41 was paid to power and utility companies by CAF on behalf of destitute poor people and \$8,746.28 was spent to repair their homes.

Kornegay said additional money for this program is expected from the state.

Families applying for help must meet federal income guidelines.



MISS TAMMY ROSEBOROUGH
...Eighth grade student

Tammy Roseborough Is Beauty Of Week

By Melvetta Jenkins
Post Staff Writer

Our Beauty for this week comes in the form of 14-year-old Tammy Roseborough, a 5'5", 125 pound talented enthusiast.

Tammy is the daughter of Mrs. Mary Roseborough of 1713 Patton Ave. She is an eighth grade student at Piedmont Middle School where she is a member of the chorus and will participate in the school's

Variety Show as a singer and dancer. In the December 13 show, Tammy will do the "Charleston" and a tap dance, as well as sing "Old Man River."

Ice skating is only one of our Beauty's accomplishments and hobbies. Among others, she takes ballet and tap lessons, voice lessons, plays the piano and skis. She also enjoys her pet cat, Snowy, who is a white Persian - Siamese, her guppies, and her stuffed animals.

Citing science as her favorite subject and Miss Howard, a Language Arts instructor at Piedmont Middle, as her favorite teacher, Tammy goes on to say that she wants to be a medical technician later on in life. She plans to go to West Charlotte when she reaches the 10th grade level, but she hasn't decided which college she will attend.

Piedmont Middle School is an open school and Tammy says that she prefers an open school learning atmosphere to a traditional school because there is no pressure to make you learn. Tammy says, while describing Piedmont Middle, "My school is different from the rest. You work on your own level and don't always have someone telling you what to do. We go to a lot of places and met a lot of famous people."

The POST thanks young Miss Roseborough for bringing with her a "breath of fresh air" and invites you to enjoy her being Beauty of the Week!

Governing Agencies Give Mixed Responses

By Hoyle H. Martin Sr.
Post Executive Editor

In its last official action before going out of office, the Mecklenburg County Commission and the Charlotte City Council each gave mixed responses to the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Commission's recommendation to deny a zoning petition (76-60) request made by the residents of the Northwood Estates community in the vicinity of Beatties Ford, Hoskins and Capps Hill Mine Road area.

In separate actions on Monday, the two governing bodies each approved parts of the petition request. The Commissioners rezoned a residential area involving Fern Valley Drive, Plumstead Road and Northwood Drive all located in the Northwood Estates community. In addition they rezoned the tract of land on Beatties Ford Road where the McCrorey YMCA is located. The zoning change calls for allowing a lower level of dense development than in currently permitted. The end result of this action means that apartment complexes cannot be built in these areas. The City Council approved one zone change and sent nine of 24 neighborhood parcels back to the Planning Commission for further study and consideration.

The Northwood Estates Community Organization (NECO) had requested the zoning changes to protect their residential area from more commercial establishments and apartment complexes.

Mrs. Johnnie Evans, coordinator of NECO, told the POST on Wednesday, "we feel much better since the governing boards did give us fair and proper consideration instead of washing our request down the drain." Mrs. Evans' comment refers to the fact that her organization was upset over the fact that the Planning Commission, in their view, had refused to consider adequately the merits of the zoning petition as required by law before forwarding their recommendations to the governing bodies.

In addition to NECO's concern about population density in their area, Mrs. Evans told the POST as she had stated during a public hearing on zoning change request, "our group desires to continue to up-grade the zoning in our community. We have presented such a large area to be rezoned because we wanted you to develop an overall zoning plan for the area, instead of changing zoning piecemeal." Both governing bodies appear to agree with Mrs. Evans on this point, however, they would not agree to the extent of rezoning property of persons who did not agree to the zoning change. For this reason the county commission denied NECO's request as it related to 13 tracts of land owned by people not in agreement with the zoning change.

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Welfare Roll Shows Increase

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Do not expect that EVERYONE WILL THINK YOU ARE PERFECT: Be SATISFIED if you are ABLE TO FOOL ONE OR TWO PEOPLE.