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SENIOR CITIZENS ENJOYING CHRISTMAS DINNER

.....Sponsored by businessman Olin Grier

Grier Sponsors Dinner For 50

Olin Grier, owner of G & M Supperette at 1215 Oaklawn Ave. in the Greenville residential section, sponsored a Christmas Dinner for 50 Senior Citizens of the neighborhood last Friday evening at Westside Neighborhood Center.

The elderly neighborhood residents enjoyed a dinner of Turkey, Ham, sliced barbeque and all the trimmings following a brief program which included a short speech by Mr. Sam Kornegay, Director of

the Charlotte Area Fund, and the singing of Christmas carols by the Huey Sisters of the Waves of Joy Baptist Church.

Mrs. Verona McIlwain is Director of the Westside Neighborhood Center where the dinner was held. Mrs. Willie Hart catered the food provided by Mr. Grier who also gave each of the Senior citizens a bag of fruit and a monetary gift to neighborhood resident Mary Allen who brings Grier and his assistant,

as Grier says, "Treats us like Kay Brown, breakfast and cakes from time to time and, she is our mama."

Grier sponsored a Christmas party for 300 neighborhood kids last Christmas and says he plans to make the Senior Citizen Dinner "an annual thing."

He is a member of McClintock Presbyterian Church, pastored by Rev. Deforester Baxter, where he serves as a Deacon and a member of the Gospel Choir.

Governor-Elect Jim Hunt Asks

169 Policy Makers To Resign

(CCNS)—Governor-elect Hunt's request for the resignation of 169 top state government policy makers only included positions held by three Blacks. Hunt said his "responsibility is to run the government" as he said that many of the career workers would be retained.

Hunt's move to require the top policy makers to resign and possibly be retained by him would allow him to "get control of the bureaucracy." The three Black policy makers within the 169 were Dr. Renee Westcott Hill, Director of the Division of Social Services of the Department of Human Resources; Harold Lilly, Manager of a Geographic Command Section within the Division of Prisons of the Department of Corrections; and Frank Bright, Field Operations Director of the Adult Probation and Parole Section of the Department of Corrections.

The positions asked to be vacated by the governor-elect

included 41 from the department of administration, 11 from the Corrections, 10 from Commerce, 10 from Cultural Resources, 27 from Human Resources, 15 from Military and Veterans Affairs, 7 from Revenue, 22 from Natural and Economic Resources, and 27 from Transportation.

Whether the three Blacks in top positions will be reappointed and more Blacks hired in policy making positions to replace the traditional all-white core of policy makers is yet to be seen. Gary Pearce, press secretary for Governor-elect Hunt, said that the appointment of Howard Lee, a Black, and former mayor of Chapel Hill and Dr. Sarah T. Morrow to first cabinet appointments indicated a "different perspective."

Most of the positions that Hunt asked to be vacated were management level positions. John Edwards, a member of the transitional staff of Governor-elect Hunt said recently that Blacks were much needed in top management level positions, and that an effort was being made to recruit Blacks

with management skills. Edwards said that Blacks with management skills do not want to leave the security of their jobs in business to take a job for four years. Pearce said that Blacks are being sought for management level positions to fill top cabinet level posts.

Blacks have been hired in policy making positions in scarce numbers by most administrations since the turn of the century when Blacks lost most of the electoral power attributed to the decline of the Reconstruction Era.

Most recently, the Democratic administrations which preceded the Holshouser administration had only one or two Blacks in visible positions as a sign of Black progress.

Governor-Elect

Hunt's Inauguration Set For Noon, January 8.

By Sidney Moore Jr.
Post Staff Writer

Governor-elect Jim Hunt will be inaugurated at noon, in Raleigh, Saturday, January 8.

The inauguration is the highpoint of a two-day schedule of ceremonies and events.

"We want this inaugural to be for all the people of North Carolina and I look forward to seeing the people from throughout the state at the inaugural," Hunt said.

Governor James E. Holshouser Jr. is scheduled to proclaim the beginning of inaugural ceremonies at 11 a.m. Friday, January 7. The inaugural ball begins at 8 p.m.

Three events precede the inauguration on Saturday. The ceremony will be followed by a 130-unit parade, which will

Radisson Plaza Hotel To Employ 350 Local People

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Government figures on the economy offer mixed views of how workers are getting along.

The figures show workers had more money to spend in November than in October. A report from the Bureau of Labor Statistics says the increase resulted from (1) an increase in average hours worked, (2) a rise in average weekly earnings, and (3) a slowing in the rate of inflation.

Rule Changes

In Social

Security Law

Rule changes in the social security law will benefit retired workers and result in higher taxes for the upper middle class.

Presently, retired workers can earn up to \$2,760 per year before social security payments would be cut off. The new 1977 limit will be \$3,000.

Under the old rules, a retired worker could earn up to \$230 in any month before a social security payment would be denied. That limit changes to \$250 in 1977.

Since the social security tax rate is still 5.83 of covered wages, most people will pay the same amount. Only those persons earning over \$15,300 per year will be affected, according to published reports. Previously, the government did not require social security tax payments on earnings greater than this figure. Now the government will require tax payments on income up to \$16,500.

About 19 million people will be affected by the change. Each will pay a maximum of \$70.20 additional social security tax during 1977. Self-employed persons may pay a slightly higher amount.

However, the figures also show that workers have less money to spend this November than in November 1975. The bureau blames inflation and recession.

Since 1967, economists at the bureau have been measuring the effect of the changing economy on workers. It is using these measurements to determine the value of money workers' earn and spend. From this information, the bureau reports whether the worker is better or worse off.

According to the bureau, workers have experienced slight increases in spendable earnings from July through November.

In addition to earnings, the bureau measures the effect of prices. This measure is called the consumer price index.

The index shows that prices have risen 173.8 percent since 1967.

During the recent recording period, the index shows a small decline in food prices. The rate was 0.3 of 1 percent. Prices for goods other than food rose about 0.4 of 1 percent. Charges for services also rose.

Lower overall food prices resulted from sharp decreases in the price of fresh vegetables and pork. Dairy products were also lower for the first time this year, said the bureau.

Food prices that increased include beef, fresh fruit, eggs and coffee.

Non-food goods with increased prices include furniture, tobacco products, apparel, used cars, gasoline, motor oil, fuel oil and coal.

Costs for services that increased include transportation, auto-insurance rates, parking fees and medical care.

An overview of these statistics seem to indicate that the economy in November was at a standstill. Slight increases in spendable income for workers was matched by increased prices for some foods, non-food goods and services.



MISS MARILYN DENISE TILLMAN
...Born under sign of Capricorn

Marilyn Tillman

Is Beauty Of Week

By Gardenia Dalton
Post Staff Writer

Miss Marilyn Denise Tillman comes to us as the CHARLOTTE POST'S Beauty of the Week. Miss Tillman resides at 315 East Meeting Street in Lancaster, South Carolina.

The daughter of Mrs. Alice Tillman and the late Henry Tillman, our Beauty was born under the sign of Capricorn on January 5, 1958. This outstanding young lady is now 18 years old.

A junior at the University of South Carolina at Lancaster Regional Campus, Miss Tillman is majoring in elementary education. She has been a cheerleader at the Regional Campus for three years and has served as head cheerleader for two years. She has received two trophies for cheering at this point. Along with cheering, Marilyn's interests are also centered on basketball. She is a member of the girl's basketball team at USC-Lancaster. She was selected "Miss Homecoming" by the men's basketball team for 1975-76. Her other interests and hobbies include meeting new people and participating in track.

In June of 1976, Marilyn Tillman competed in the "Miss Black Lancaster Pageant." She won the evening gown competition and also the title of Miss Black Lancaster. She also competed in the state pageant, held the following month. Says Marilyn, "I did not place in this pageant but I met some of the nicest people you could ever want to meet and some of the most beautiful girls."

Her plans for the future are to become an elementary school teacher and to live in Columbia, South Carolina.

Inn Prefers Experienced People

By Hoyle H. Martin Sr.
Post Executive Editor

Downtown Charlotte's first new hotel in 36 years, will open at the corner of Trade and Tryon Streets on or about February 1 with a staff of approximately 350 men and women recruited and trained from the local labor market, according to Harold Britt, personal director for the 15-story 381-room Radisson Plaza Hotel.

Britt said they are "accepting applications through the local Employment Security Commission office" and will begin interviewing applicants next week. Britt noted that the Radisson is "seeking applicants as much for their interest as well as having an aptitude" for hotel work. "Obviously," he concluded, "we prefer experienced people, however, others who show a strong interest may be hired and given on-the-job training."

Ms. Gail Anderson, an ESC applicant interviewer, confirmed that her office is giving initial interviews to job seekers responding to newspaper ads about employment at the new hotel. She added that Radisson company application forms are filled-out and appointments arranged for each applicant to be finally interviewed by Mr. Britt's office.

Except for a few key personnel transferred to Charlotte from the Radisson Hotel Corporation's Minnesota headquarters, all of the office and accounting personnel, bell service and housekeeping staff, and food and beverage employees will be employed from the local area.

The Charlotte Radisson, a reported \$17 million investment, represents the 15th to be operated by the Radisson Hotel Corp.

City Auto Decals

Go On Sale Monday

All owners of motor vehicles who live inside the city limits must purchase a city auto decal by February 15, 1977. The decals are \$1.00 each and may be bought at several locations. Beginning January 3, the decals may be purchased at the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles - License Plate Bureau at Freedom Village Shopping Center, 2949 Freedom Drive and 6050 E. Independence Boulevard. City decals will go on sale January 4 at various locations visited by the Mobile

City Hall and a window number one on first floor of City Hall, 600 E. Trade St. All offices of Charlotte city government will be closed January 3 in observance of New Year's Day.



Jim Hunt
People oriented leader stronger utilities regulation and a new thrust for economic development in the state.

TURTLE-TALK



Nothing is more depressing than to feel bad in the morning without having had any fun the night before.