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ATTRACTIVE CONNIE HARRIS
...Quail Hollow student

Miss Connie Harris

Is Beauty Of Week

By Melvetta Wright
Post Staff Writer

Fourteen-year-old Connie Harris, an eighth grade student at Quail Hollow Junior High School, is this week's Beauty. Connie, a first year Falconette Cheerleader, is a gymnastics enthusiast. She holds the title of "Miss Homecoming 1976-77" at Quail Hollow and was the third place winner in the Miss Social Status Club contest last November.

Presently her favorite subject is Math - because she "likes working with figures" - and her favorite teachers are Miss Bowie, her Math teacher, and Mrs. Anderson, her home-room teacher. She's a good student when it comes to English, Math and Spelling, but it's been said that Connie doesn't like Science, so consequently doesn't do as well in that subject.

Our Beauty's hobbies are cheering, dancing, swimming, rollerskating, and baking cakes. She has recently been accepted by Jan Thompson Agency as a model and is sure that modeling will be her life's work.

Connie and her family, which included her parents Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Harris and her two younger brothers, attend First United Presbyterian Church, where Connie used to sing on the choir, work on the Usher Board and participate in the Girl Scouts.

Being the only girl and the oldest child, Connie has some definitely strong opinions about her situation. She said that she "doesn't feel right being the only girl" and that what she really wants is to have a sister. She's a bossy big sister to her brothers, age 11 and 6, who she says "aggravate" her sometimes when

she has company. Connie's list of favorite things and people include Belinda Tolbert (of the Jefferson's), the color baby blue, the television show "What's Happening" and the actor who plays Dwayne on the show, stuffed animals (of which she has four), the Funkadelics, Brass Construction, the Commodores, and Graham Central Station.

Our Beauty was born April 12, 1963. She's a congenial Aries who does have a fiery streak in her personality. She tends to be independent and likes to take the lead in situations.

She seems to be a well liked person who tends to be free-hearted (sometimes too free-hearted) and she likes helping around the house. Her mother says that Connie is easily taught new things and that her room is the cleanest in the house, and that may be because she doesn't allow them (her family) to go in there.

She hasn't thought much about going to college, but then Connie has a few more years ahead of her to consider that decision.

The Post introduces this week's Beauty, Miss Connie Harris, and asks all to join us in wishing her the best of everything.

Omega Annual

The Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. is having its annual Omega Talent Hunt Program on Sunday, March 27 at 7:30 p.m. in the Memorial United Presbyterian Church, 2600 Beatties Ford Road.

This musical event which will emphasize classical music, is designed to give students, who might not get a chance to perform publicly, an opportunity to do so.

The Omega Talent Hunt which was started in 1946, is set up so that each participant receives a certificate of appreciation, plaques to the first, second, and third prize winners, and scholarship for the winner to further his or her musical education.

The contestants are divided into a junior high and senior high school divisions, entering students in many areas of music.

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Black Community Bears Unequal Share Of Unemployment Burden

Shaw Bars

Stokely

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Chapel Hill (CCNS)-Stokely Carmichael, once chairperson of the Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee, (SNCC) that raised across the South and the nation demands for Black Power in the mid-nineteen sixties, lectured to an All-Black group of students and some community people at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill last week. His Chapel Hill speech followed his being denied permission to speak at Shaw University in Raleigh.

Denouncing capitalist exploitation and predicting the eventual overthrow of U.S. imperialism by its workers, Carmichael lectured on the advantages of life under socialist government as opposed to "profit by any means necessary under capitalism."

Giving an example of 1956 cars being built better than 1977 cars, although technology to produce more efficient and longer lasting cars has improved, Carmichael said "technology and science are now used to exploit rather than serve our people."

He said that under socialism the objective of government is "service to humanity" "through people owning and controlling the means of production."

Carmichael criticized as liberal theories that socialism and capitalism can co-exist and develop simultaneously without conflict. He consistently told his audience that complete liberation would come as "Afirkans" the world over united against U.S. corporations that he said exploit the world.

Often saying that multi-racial organizations would not work toward the liberation of Black people, Carmichael said that whites had no place in the All African People Revolutionary Party (AAPRP). The AAPRP, he said, is organizing in several countries in the Caribbean, South America, Africa and the U.S.

Several students and faculty disagreed with Carmichael's analysis of "Roots" saying that Haley's book had been exploited and the play was perversion of the slave family.



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For Low Income

Motion, Inc. To Break Grounds For \$Million Housing Project

By Deborah Gates
Post Staff Writer

A ceremonious turning of the spade will take place on the project site directly in front of the Greenville Neighborhood Center, 1330 Spring Street on Friday March 25 in recognition of the new Greenhaven Townhouses being constructed in the Greenville Urban Renewal Area.

Motion Inc., a non profit organization under contract with the Charlotte Community Development Department is in charge of the construction which is scheduled to have the first project building completed on or before December first.

Area Director of the Department of Housing, and Urban Development R.B. Barnwell will be the guest speaker at the ceremonies and Mayor Belk, the City Council, County Commissioners, and Federal Officials have agreed to participate. Also, local residents have been invited to participate during the occasion.

The construction, when completed will be a 49 unit

apartment complex being available to families with incomes from \$5,000 to \$14,500 annually and with rent being based upon income. The project will be built with a 90 percent Housing and Urban Development (HUD) insured mortgage loan and 10 percent private investment, being one of few No. 236 projects to be built in the country by non-profit housing developers. Motion, Inc. recently completed a 42 unit complex called The Orchard which is located in the Third Ward Area, and was also financed with a HUD mortgage loan and private capital.

According to Bob Acree, Director of Housing Information at Motion, Inc., the construction is extremely beneficial to the Greenville area. "The city of Charlotte is showing good faith by putting green back into the Greenville area," Acree said. He added that the city officials are committed to the building of new housing in the inner city.

A waiting list for occupancy for the project has been filled but are continuing to accept

Asheville Mobilizes

For April 9 March

Asheville, (CCNS) - About 50 people attended a gathering in support of the upcoming April 9th Witness Against Executions in Atlanta, Ga., in a kickoff of the campaign to

build for the march. Held at the Asheville Junction, a coffeehouse that has long been the focal point for liberal and radical causes in Asheville, the program featured musical entertainment, speeches and meal of red beans and rice.

The program was organized by Kay and Andy Griffin, organizers for the Witness Against Executions and featured Judi Dod and Andy Cohen, who provided musical entertainment. Remarks were given by the Rev. David Dod of the Craggy Prisoners Support Group, based in Asheville, Rick Gunter, associate editor of the Asheville Citizen, the Rev. Robert Wiltshire, of the Asheville Buncombe Co-operative Christian Ministry, and Jim Grant, of the North Carolina Alliance and the North Carolina Coalition Against the Death Penalty.

In closing, Kay Griffin reminded the people of the need to get together again to finalize plans for the trip to Atlanta.

The Demonstration, which will begin at the Martin Luther King Memorial, will feature such Black spokesman as Julian Bond and Ralph David Abernathy, along with John Lewis.

Black Jobless Rate Hits

Staggering 55 Percent

By O. I'Mani Uhuru-Aka
(V.W.P.)

The consensus of a recent survey made by the Charlotte Post in a three county area reveals that leaderless Black communities bear unequal share of the unemployment burden.

During the past 6 to 8 years, unemployment has been one of the most critical areas of national concern.

The level of unemployment during this period has hovered between 6 to 9 percent of the total work force across the United States. Latest government figures show that the present level is around 5 percent, nationally.

The cry for jobs among the nation's unemployed, was also a major issue in the recent Presidential elections. President Carter appears committed to honor his campaign promise of providing jobs for the nations' jobless. He recently sent to the Congress proposals aimed at creating public works jobs and also stimulating the private sector into more liberal hiring practices. It may take time for these proposals to be converted into jobs that mean spending cash for the unemployed, so for a while longer at least, idle time will remain the only item the unemployed have to spend.

A check with the Job Services Bureau at 112 West First Street reveals that figures on the jobless rate for the surrounding three county areas. Ms. Sidney Armstrong of Job Service informs, "the present rate of unemployment locally is holding at 5 percent" which is also the current national level.

She continued, "Of a total work force numbering 291,400, 5 percent unemployment converts into 15,300 people out of work. The only figures available for the rate of minority unemployment in this area are from 1975." During which time, minorities comprised around 8.6 percent of the areas' total work force. This 8.6 percent translates into 25,800 persons. According to Ms. Armstrong, the rate of unemployment for minorities in 1975 was 14.3 percent of the 25,000 black and minority people making up that 8.6 percent of the areas' total work force, 14.3 percent of them were out of work in 1975. This 14.3 percent of 25,000 people, represents 8,420 out of work. Now if the jobless rate for minorities has held steady for the past two years, these 8,420 people are still out of work and are making up a part of the areas current 5 percent unemployment rate.

But what part? The 5 percent unemployment, converts into 15,300 of a total work force of 291,400, means if these 8,420 people who were out of work in 1975 are still jobless, they constitute a staggering 55 percent of the areas' total unemployment 55 percent of the total unemployed are black and minorities. These same people represent only 8.6 percent of the areas' total work force!!! This is based on the 1975 figures holding steady up till the present!

Ms. Armstrong explained, "the unemployment situation is getting better, but it is decreasing slowly. Overall, most of the industries in the area are beginning to hire again."



Mr. and Mrs. Danny Gaddy
...Unemployment victims

In order to get a better understanding of the situation, this reporter talked to Mr. Robert H. King, an unemployed Viet Nam war veteran, Mr. Marshall Anderson and his attractive wife Francis, who are also experiencing the pangs of unemployment. Mr. Benny Gaddy and his lovely wife Gaynell, who have also had their problems; and Mr. Howard Johnson, who has refused to back away from the responsibility of earning a decent living. When asked about coping with unemployment, they gave very revealing insights.

Mr. King stated, "I know how it feels to have doors slammed in your face. It's disgusting, you feel as if you are not contributing to the household. You feel less than a man, watching your Black Woman work while you are being denied. The white man must feel as if he's king of the world. The only thing black leaders have done, is the removal of a fence separating the black and white grave yards, by Fred Alexander, now they have Interstate 77 where the fence use to be."

The Marshalls related "the utter boredom" of unemployment, I wish he had something, but I'm going to stay behind my husband because we're in this together for as long as it takes," promised Mrs. Marshall. "My wife does not mind helping, but I feel responsible for the total welfare of my family," Mr. Marshall continued.

"The unemployment line is one experience I'll never forget. You make friends in the unemployment line. You also meet shame on the faces of some of the people you see there. Fighting depression and the call of the lawless city streets was my biggest problem," explained Mr. Benny Gaddy, who has just started back to work after an 11 month layoff.

Mr. Howard Johnson, also without fulltime employment, said, "everything is tight and everyone is uptight. It's rough, getting the runaround from one government agency after another, hoping you'll find some work before your benefits run out."

When asked what would they request of the Black Leadership in way of response to their plight, they all echoed the same sentiment. "The Black Leaders should get out on the corner and ask the people what their needs are, and see to it that they do everything in their power, as the peoples representatives, to see that these needs are met!"

TURTLE-TALK



A woman doesn't mind seeing a man make a fool of himself so long as some other woman isn't helping him.