

Triple County Baseball League Umpires Strike

By Hoyle H. Martin Sr.
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Half of the umpires in the Triple County Baseball League have gone on strike. The action is the result of a vote by a majority of the league's team managers to overrule a league Disciplinary Committee action on the suspension of a player for allegedly bumping, cursing and attempting to further molest an umpire.

Chief umpire Lloyd Harris said, "five umpires, including myself, have ceased to call games for the Triple County Baseball League because most of the managers voted to reinstate a suspended player in direct violation of league rules 34, 38 and 39."

Harris noted that there has been no organized effort against the league as each umpire made independent and separate decisions to not call games.

The dispute arose out of an incident at a recent all-star game when Town and Country's first baseman, Luke Vasser, was called out on three straight strikes by umpire Hank Sarters. Vasser, a former Charlotte Hornet's player, reportedly called the umpire a liar, bumped and cursed him and had to be restrained by a police officer and two players as he attempted to physically attack umpire Sarters who

was walking away. Sarters is experienced and reportedly one of the best umpires in the 21-team league.

The controversy led to the postponement of at least three league games this past weekend. Among these was a Saturday contest between league leader Town and Country with a 19-2 record and the Hoskins Giants. The surging Giants have a 17-3 record including 9 wins in their last ten games with a recent vic-

tory over the highly regarded Morrisfield Rangers.

While refusing to put his talented team on the field Saturday without an official league umpire, Giant manager Sonny Berry said, "I support the umpires 100 percent. What's the use of making a rule if you are not going to support it?"

The rule or rules that manager Berry was referring to read as follows:

"7. It shall be the duty of the (league) President to preside at all league meetings to enforce all official league rules."

"34. The Discipline Committee shall rule on all disputes and protests. Its decisions in these matters shall be final."

"38. A player or coach must not touch an umpire while he is engaged in a heated argument with him such as push, shove, or strike. Penalty will

be suspension for the rest of the season.

"39. If a player starts a fight with an umpire he will not be permitted to play in the league for a period of one year."

It appears too that the league president Bill Cole was in violation of Rule No. 7 which requires that he "preside at all league meetings to enforce all league rules." Cole was not available for comment.



Lloyd Harris
Chief umpire

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GORGEOUS BETTY HORTON Photo by Jim Black

...Computer programmer

Vivacious Betty Horton Is Beauty Of The Week

By Jeri Harvey
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It's been said there's no better training ground for the game of life than the family circle, for within that arena one may gain the skills necessary to successfully cope with the larger world. The truth of this maxim is clearly evidenced by the POST's beauty of the week.

"Growing up in a family of 14 was one of the greatest learning experiences I could have had," Betty Horton said. "Things that might shock or disturb someone else don't faze me at all. I learned to stand up for myself, to share and to deal with a variety of personalities before I left the nest," she added.

A native of Lenoir, Betty is a 1975 graduate of Wake Forest University, now employed by the American Credit Corporation as a computer programmer. It's her ambition - no, her intention - to be a systems analyst within five years and there's little doubt she'll do just that, for this young lady is definitely not "just another pretty face." She's intelligent, academically prepared and exudes self-confidence and determination. Add to that the incidental fact that she's a Leo and you have a formula for success that's hard to beat.

It was while she was attending a dance at the Radisson that Betty was discovered by our photographer and of course

she thought it was just another line when he approached her about being a POST beauty. Even after discovering it was on the up and up, she still had misgivings up to, and including, the beginning of the interview; but soon her natural friendliness and sense of humor took over and she opened up to share her views on several subjects.

Clothes: "In the first place, everyone should realize that not every person can look well in every new style that comes along. I don't go in for fads too much. In fact, I aim for a classy look when I really dress up; more sophisticated than flashy or sporty."

Most admired person: "My mother. Look, how can I help but admire a woman who has successfully survived the rearing of 14 children and through it all had enough knowledge, patience and love to go around? She's just like a ready reserve bank account - always there to take up the slack when things get shaky."

Happiness: "A person can find happiness only after determining his own definition of it. There are certain mores and norms dictated by society which influence our lives but there is still enough room for each of us to find our own means of achieving happiness. Our environment is not so rigidly structured that the meaning of happiness must be the same for everyone. Personally, for me it is found in doing for someone else and only through their contentment can I be allowed to be made happy."

Women's lib: Black women have always been liberated, per se. We don't have to struggle to get out of our kitchens into the work world. We've been out there all the time. Our struggle would more reasonably be to get back into our kitchens. As far as equal pay and opportunity for equal effort and ability, I'm all for that but on a personal level I never want to give up that special treatment that I enjoy receiving from men. I definitely don't want to be 'one of the boys.' Let me know you know I'm a woman and treat me that way."

In a lighter vein Betty said she loves disco dancing, likes to play basketball and shoot pool, enjoys reading and an occasional movie and yes, there is a special man in her life who shall remain nameless.

Summing up my impression of Betty, I came away with a feeling of having met a new "old friend."

Conference

Set For

Minorities

Business developers and assistance specialists from the eight southeastern states will meet July 25-29, in Asheville, North Carolina, at a regional conference to chart new efforts and strengthen an existing program of business assistance.

The conference is sponsored by the U.S. Commerce Department's Office of Minority Business Enterprise (OMBE) Atlanta Regional Office.

Ron Leeper To Seek Council Seat

By Jacquie Levister
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The field of Black candidates seeking election to the Charlotte City Council was increased this week with the announcement of Ronald (Ron) Leeper's candidacy. Leeper is seeking to represent District 3 under the new district representation plan. (District 3 is the area bounded by South Boulevard and Wilkinson Boulevard).

A member of the Black Political Caucus, Co-Chairman of the Voter Registration and Education Task Force, an organization he founded, Leeper has worked diligently in the campaigns of other democrats seeking election and/or re-election on both the local and statewide levels. He is also president of the 65 member Colony Acres homeowners association. While announcing his candi-

Minority Employment Increases

The Civil Service Commission recently reported that minority employment in the year ending May 31, 1977, increased by 2,801 jobs in spite of a decline of 13,296 jobs in total full-time Federal employment.

As of May 31, 1977, minorities held 512,715 jobs (21.1 percent of total Federal employment), up from 509,914 (20.9 percent) in May 1976. Total full-time employment as covered by the survey showed 2,424,772 jobs in May 1977.

Both the number of minority group employees and total full-time employees continued to increase in the white-collar (General Schedule and similar) pay systems. Minorities gained 10,004 additional General Schedule (GS) and similar jobs, up from 235,865 (17.1 percent) in May 1976, to 245,869 (17.6 percent) in May 1977.

Other major pay systems showed fewer numbers of minority and total full-time Federal workers during the one year period. However, minorities continued to experience net gains in supervisory and leader positions under wage systems.

Employment of Blacks continued to increase under the GS and similar white-collar pay systems (up 4,526 from 174,063 - 12.6 percent to 178,589 - 12.8 percent). The overall number of Federal jobs held by Blacks declined by 1,939, from 387,043 to 385,104 (a constant 15.9 percent).

OMBE funds over 40 business assistance organizations throughout the southeast area.

dacy, Leeper expressed major interest in two areas: Transportation and equitable distribution of appointments to commissions and committees making recommendations to be implemented by the city.

"I see the need for a mass transit system in our immediate future if we are to abort Charlotte's becoming an asphalt jungle. In the interim we need to devise some means of upgrading a public transportation system that has steadily declined and thus contributed to the usage of individual automobiles," stated Leeper. He continued by saying, "we need to eliminate the over-representation of certain geographical sections on the commissions and committees appointed by the council. As long as the input of these bodies remains one-sided the end result will always be weighted against our non-represented

UNCC To Expand Effort To Get More Black Students

Complies With HEW Guidelines

By Hoyle H. Martin Sr.
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The University of North Carolina at Charlotte plans to increase its efforts to recruit minority students and faculty in an attempt to comply with new HEW desegregation guidelines, according to Chancellor D.W. Colvard.

At a press conference on Friday Colvard said that while he found substantial inconsistencies in the guidelines and some "goals may be difficult to achieve we are nevertheless moving in that direction." He added, "our major focus will be to expand and work on things we have been doing."

HEW advised the University of North Carolina system with 16 campuses and 105,000 students last week that the number of blacks on traditionally white campuses must be increased and the academic programs at predominantly black campuses must be significantly strengthened.

Noting that while only 7.5 percent of UNCC's enrollment is black and that they receive 20 percent of the financial aid, Colvard said, "We will make a good-faith effort to achieve the goals," that is, the recruitment of more blacks, by the following methods:

- Hiring a second black admissions counselor to seek out and recruit black students; broaden the quality of the tutorial program; aid black faculty members in their quest for Ph.D. degrees; encourage community college students to enroll at UNCC; spread the good word about the Black Student Union and similar black oriented programs on campus.

Colvard expressed considerable concern about the conflicts in the guidelines which he said would present the 16 institutions with difficulties. For example, the guidelines require a unitary system on the one hand and the preservation and strengthening of the predominantly black institutions on the other. The dichotomy of these goals presents some problems but the educator said quite clearly that he supports the preservation of the black institutions.

"Another problem is recruiting on a segregated basis," Colvard said.

Chancellor Colvard noted also that a letter will be sent to the university system's President William Friday spelling out UNCC's good-faith effort, much of which is already included in UNCC's affirmative action program submitted in 1974. The material sent to President Friday will become a part of Friday's reply to the HEW guideline requirements.



Photo by Martin Chisholm

The modern, spacious home of Charles Williams, 3414 Sargeant Drive, was destroyed by fire last week. Mr. Williams, owner of the popular House of Charles Barber Shop and

TOTAL LOSS

Salon, 2311 LaSalle Street was unavailable for comment on the extent of the damage when the POST went to press late Wednesday.

Hunt Modifies Stand

"10" Support Mushrooms

RALEIGH (CCNS)--While support for the release of the Wilmington 10 defendants mushrooms in North Carolina, some very significant events have taken place which indicate that some of the key political leadership in the state may have a good chance to push for a pardon or commutation from Governor James Hunt.

Recently, some of the closest political allies to Governor Hunt in the Black community have told Hunt that something should be done about the Wilmington case.

Hunt had maintained until Wednesday, July 6, that his position on a pardon for the Wilmington 10 was one of "not intervening in cases before the courts."

But on Wednesday, July 6, after his weekly press conference, Hunt stated to a reporter, "I have the responsibility of considering this matter very seriously. I am not trying to make any snap decisions. I am going to meet with their attorneys as soon as my legal counsel is out of the hospital, well and able to be with us."

Key Blacks within the state's democratic party have

begun to speak out for the release of the Wilmington 10. The most representative of those utterances came at the July meeting of the North Carolina Black Democratic Caucus which met in Soul City, N.C. H.M. Michaux, Representative from Durham County and U.S. Attorney-Designate, told the group that he thought that "an injustice has been done in the Wilmington 10 case and Governor Hunt should pardon the Wilmington 10." Michaux compared the 10-year sentence of Leroy Gibson, head of the Rights of White People (ROWP) to the 34-year sentence of Rev. Ben Chavis, saying, "Is this justice?" Gibson organized numerous demonstrations of white vigilantes which directed violence at young school children in Wilmington and eastern North Carolina. These actions were more violent than any of the Ku Klux Klan at that time. Gibson was convicted and is now in prison.

There was no opposition to a resolution for the Caucus to send a letter to Governor Hunt stating, "The Black Democratic Leadership Caucus urges the Governor of North Carolina, James Hunt, whom we all supported and campaigned for, to intervene and grant a pardon to the 'Wilmington 10.' We sincerely believe that the Wilmington 10 are victims of injustice of the Courts of North Carolina." The vote for the resolution was unanimous.

For some time supporters of the Wilmington 10 have had no precedent on which to base their request for pardon for Governor Hunt.



Ron Leeper

...Works diligently communities."

Leeper stated that his only political ambition is to serve the total community. "I worked hard to aid the passing of the district representation plan. Now that it has passed I want to be a part of the group

TURTLE-TALK



Growing old is a question of MIND over MATTER. If you don't MIND, it doesn't MATTER.