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LITTLE LAWANDA ROCHELLE
...Ripe old age of three

LaWanda Rochelle Is Beauty Of Week

By Jeri Harvey
Post Staff Writer

At a ripe old age of three, the POST's Beauty of the Week, LaWanda Rochelle has big plans for the future. If all goes well we can expect to see her name in lights someday, because this young Virgo already dances like a little pro and belts out a song with as much feeling as a miniature Natalie Cole.

A natural born ham, she has requested a "real" microphone for her birthday in September, but in the meantime a spoon, stick, or anything at hand serves as a mike when she puts on frequent impromptu performances for family and friends or anyone who happens along. Last week she has acquired a guitar which she has, of course, incorporated into her act.

When she isn't practicing for the big time, LaWanda loves to "hang" with her big brother Greg, and often accompanies him to the park and basketball games and tries out new dance steps on him.

A real little clothes horse, LaWanda likes nothing better than to go shopping with big sister, Kathryn, and she never gets tired of trying on clothes and getting dressed up.

Our little beauty has participated in a number of baby contests, including "Tots on Parade," sponsored by the Purple Cross Nurses' Unit of Pisgah Temple No. 228.

She is attending summer camp at Christ Episcopal Church and also participated in Vacation Bible School at Mount Moriah Baptist Church, where she belongs to Ms. Ametta Lawrence's Sunday School class. This fall she expects to enroll in nursery school.

LaWanda enjoys "cooking" for her family and all her stuffed animal friends when she is not rehearsing for stardom, but her bwn preferences run to Big Macs and french fries.

So far, the high-light of the summer has been a trip to

Carowinds where she was still going strong when everybody else was dragging. Later this summer she plans to spend some time at the beach. LaWanda's parents, Dorothy McMurray and Dolph Davis, admit she's a handful but they are rightfully proud of this happy, outgoing little miss. As for us, we were worn out just listening to all the things she does and we think it is only fair that we send an advance warning to Broadway and Hollywood, because when this little package of dynamite explodes on the scene about fifteen years from now, there won't be any stopping her.

Post Shows Growth And Potential

By Hoyle H. Martin Sr.
Post Executive Editor

In the past 12 months The Charlotte Post has had a significant increase in its gross revenue, according to William (Bill) Johnson.

Johnson, a former sports writer for the Charlotte Observer and former manager of the Post, has been editor-publisher of Charlotte's only black-oriented newspaper for the past three years. He said, "We are indebted to the Charlotte business community and the reading public for their overwhelming support during these last 3 years. We are particularly grateful that this support has enabled The Charlotte Post to experience a 27 percent increase in gross revenue over the past year."

The veteran newspaper writer-editor-publisher continued, "Our indebtedness to the community causes us to re-dedicate ourselves to the fulfillment of an obligation that will enable us to offer a product that hopefully will continue to show improvement on a week-to-week basis."

In conclusion, Johnson said, "It is our endeavor to continue to provide the same high quality of news coverage that will make both the community and the Post better."

In reflecting on what he views as the significant factors that have helped to move the Post to its current level of operation and success, the quiet-spoken but articulate Johnson said, "First and most immediate has been the untiring dedication of our 17-member full and part-time staff members." Johnson then gave recognition to the contribution to The Charlotte Post's found-

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Black Heads North Carolina

Employment Security Commission

You Better Stick To Speed Limit

Secretary of Crime Control and Public Safety J. Phil Carlton announced this week he is ordering State Highway Patrol Commander John T. Jenkins to see that the 55 mph speed limit is strictly enforced.

Effective August 15, members of the State Highway Patrol "shall vigorously enforce the 55 mph speed limit on the public highways of North Carolina," Carlton's order said.

In making the announcement, Carlton said it has come to his attention that many members of the Highway Patrol may give various degrees of "tolerance" to motorists driving at speeds above 55 mph. I find no Patrol policy condoning this practice, Carlton said, but believe that it exists, nevertheless.

Evidence is conclusive that strict adherence to the 55 mph speed limit, now both the state and national maximum speed, reduces accidents, saves lives, and conserves petroleum products. Carlton added that federal officials have also warned that failure of a state to enforce the 55 mph limit could result in loss of certain federal monies for state use.

The order will be discussed later this week at meetings of Highway Patrol officers scheduled to be held Wednesday and Thursday. On Wednesday, July 27, Governor Hunt, Secretary Carlton and Commander Jenkins will meet with officers in the western part of the state at Troop F headquarters in Hickory. On Thursday, July 28, they will meet with officers in the eastern part of the state at Troop C headquarters in Raleigh.

President Carter Fulfills Pledge

President Carter, continuing to fulfill his pledge to place more blacks within responsible positions in the nation's judicial system, has appointed Hubert H. Bryant of Tulsa, Oklahoma, to be U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Oklahoma.

At Northwest Junior High

Mrs. Eva J. Shadd Named Principal

By Jeri Harvey
Post Staff Writer

Mrs. Eva J. Shadd has been appointed principal of Northwest Junior High School, replacing James V. Cockerman who was named principal at McClintock Junior High.

With the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools since 1951, Ms. Shadd has served as a teacher at West Charlotte High and Northwest Junior High; curriculum coordinator; assistant to the principal at Northwest Junior High; and curriculum coordinator for the Harding Feeder Area.

Ms. Shadd was born in Spartanburg, S.C. but moved here at such an early age that she considers Charlotte her home. She was educated in the local public schools and received her undergraduate degree at Bennett College in Greensboro, her M. Ed. at New York University and her



PHYLLIS ANN HILL AND PRINGLER KEMP

...Chat During Disco For Family

Thursday, July 21

Camp Greene Center Was

The "Happening Spot In Town"

By Deborah Gates
Post Staff Writer

Camp Greene Advancement Center was the happening spot in town for all its inmates and their many visitors Thursday, July 21 at 5 p.m.

According to James C. Neely, program assistant for the North Carolina Department of Correction at Camp Greene, it was the first of such activity at the camp. "We hope it will be a success so we can do it again," Neely said as the party was kicking off to a good start.

According to Neely, Camp Greene is divided into three main sections, work release, study release and pre-release. "We are the cream of the crop," Neely said admiringly of the inmates. He said that location at Camp Greene is the final step before an inmate's release. "There is a waiting list of inmates who want to come here," Neely said. He said the institution presents more of a counseling than a custody situation.

Neely said the idea of the disco lawn party came up before July 4, so a date was set and the party began. "It's been so hot," Neely said, adding, "The dorms are not air conditioned and this type function releases tension from the inmates."

The party turned out to be a very successful event, and many local organizations donated their time and services to help make sure the inmates, their families and friends enjoyed every minute of it. Neely said many civic organizations helped by donating food, equipment, music, and other necessities that made the event a joyous one. Soul Radio WGIV provided music for the hour and Johnson C. Smith University sent players to entertain in a basketball game.

Neely said the inmates are basically a good group. Many of them that leave the camp daily to attend school or to work, "are under a lot of pressure by being on their own

for they must fight temptation," Neely said but quickly added, "Most of them handle it well."

Pringler R. Kemp, who is serving time at Camp Greene for five weeks, thought the party was "nice." "It gives us something to do that makes us feel we are back out in the world," he said. He emphasized the point that this type activity for the inmates "gives us a chance to see our families and friends in a good atmosphere."

Visiting Kemp was Phyllis Ann Hill, who said it was her first time at Camp Greene but said she had visited him at the correctional institution in Huntersville last month. "It wasn't that free to walk out because it was fenced in. It did not give visitors a relaxed feeling," Ms. Hill said. She said that visiting at Camp Greene during the party gave her and her friend "more freedom of movement."

Ms. Hill said that while at the correctional institution in See CAMP on Page 10

Claudie Lewis Jr. Manages Charlotte Office

By Hoyle H. Martin Sr.
Post Executive Editor

Claudie Lewis Jr., 44, has been promoted to the position of Manager and head of the Charlotte Office of the North Carolina Employment Security Commission (ESC).

Lewis, an 18-year veteran with the ESC - the state agency responsible for assisting employers to locate workers and the unemployed to find jobs, is manager of the state's largest public employment office with over 100 staff members. In addition, Lewis is one of only two black ESC office managers in North Carolina.

A graduate of North Carolina Central University, Lewis came to Charlotte 18 1/2 years ago to accept a ESC position as an interviewer. From that position he has moved up to a supervisor of placement, assistant manager for the ESC Concentrated Employment Program, manager of the Work Incentive Program (WIN) and O-J-T coordinator before assuming his present post.

In responding to questions in an exclusive Post interview, Lewis said "ESC is no better and no worse than most state agencies in the promotion of blacks. Furthermore, my new position is in my view a matter of merit, nothing more and nothing less." With regard to what he views as his greatest challenge as an employment office manager at this time Lewis said, "to be sure that employers and clients get the best possible professional and courteous service that we can offer."

Mrs. Goodman

Wins 100

Gallons Of Gas

The 1948 class of West Charlotte High School held a raffle recently as part of a project to raise funds for the class. Winner of 100 gallons of gasoline was Mrs. Goodman of 316 Harrison St.

"I was both pleased and surprised when I heard I had won the prize," Mrs. Goodman said recalling the moment. "I bought two tickets from Edison French thinking I would be the last to win. I even sold tickets to others for French and told everyone that I hoped they won."

The sponsors of the raffle are members of the class of '48 interested in keeping a class relationship going. The drawing was held at the home of Myrtle Cathey who along with Mariann Blackwell and Rita Gabriel are on the special projects committee.

Other members of the class of '48 that were participants in the drive are: Doris Sander, Margaret Irby, Arthur Massey & Wife of Ohio, Cletelle Fisher, Leon Gormley, Amanda Graham, Miller Smith, Preston Grier, Willie Hemphill, Marie Robinson, Eugene Sanders, Champion Dolthus, Ervin Ferguson, Marcus Kirkpatrick, Rev. Samson Long James Linsey, Ruby Alexander Miller of New York, Hubert Tanner, Doris Thompson, and Morris Donald.

According to Mrs. Goodman I am saving my prize to be used when I go on vacation this summer.



Claudie Lewis Jr.
...18-year veteran

Lewis is a native of Red Springs, N.C. and is married to the former Margie Womack of Saint Paul's, N.C. They are the proud parents of two children: Dwight, 16 and Sherry 13. Lewis succeeded Dwight Leonard who retired after 32-years of service with the Commission.

EDA Approves

Grant To Aid

Neighborhoods

Approval of a \$106,399 grant to help expand a national program demonstrating the innovative use of community-owned credit unions to stimulate neighborhood economic growth was announced last week by Robert T. Hall, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

The grant from the Commerce Department's Economic Development Administration to conduct the national program will go to the Center for Urban Ethnic Affairs, 1521 16th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

The funds will be used to help pay the costs of a staff to plan and conduct the program in one rural area and in inner-city neighborhoods of four cities.

The goal of the program is to demonstrate the effectiveness of community-owned credit unions in financing housing repairs and new construction and in stimulating economic growth.

It will offer management and technical assistance to help the local credit unions expand by encouraging deposits by non-members such as industrial firms, banks and churches.

The program also will provide training to local officers in coordinating investments of credit union funds with plans for neighborhood development of businesses and for attracting job generating industry.

Assistance is now extended by the center to neighborhood credit unions, sponsored by Amigos Unidos in San Juan, Texas, and the Guadalupe Organization at Guadalupe, Arizona; and to the Casa Credit Union of Springfield, Massachusetts; the St. Joseph's County Community Credit Union of South Bend, Indiana; and the St. Peter's Credit Union of Hartford, Connecticut.

The Center for Urban Ethnic Affairs will provide \$43,790 to complete the \$150,189 total cost of the program for one year.

TURTLE-TALK



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