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VIVACIOUS VERONICA KEY
...Outspoken young Pisces

Miss Veronica Key Is Beauty Of Week

By Jeri Harvey
Post Staff Writer

Veronica Key's friends did not believe her when she told them she was going to be a POST Beauty of the Week but now they know she wasn't fooling. Selected as one of our back-to-school beauties, Veronica is the 11 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roosevelt Black and is in the sixth grade at Tuckaseegee Elementary School.

The highlight of her summer has been a family reunion which Veronica and her family recently attended in Laurinburg. "We had a real good time," she told us. "We played games and had a dance and there were all kinds of good food, and lots of cousins and aunts and uncles."

Now, however, this outspoken young Pisces said she is more than ready to go back to school because "staying home is boring." She doesn't know who her teacher will be this year but hopes whoever it is will be "as nice as Mr. McDonald," who taught her last year.

Veronica's hobbies include swimming, which she learned to do this year, softball and kickball. She also likes to cook and says she sometimes cooks and lets her mother relax. Cleaning house is something she likes to do when she's "in the mood," which she says isn't often.

The Sylvers and the Emotions are Veronica's favorite recording artists and Happy Days is the TV show she likes best.

When asked what she'd like to be when she grows up, the unhesitating answer was, "A nurse, because my grandmother is one and I'd like to be just like her." Mrs. Anise Magee is Veronica's grandmother and works at Memorial Hospital.

Veronica's father works at Woonsocket Spinning Mill and she has one sister, Sharon, age 12.

This week our beauty is busy getting ready for an exciting new year back in

school. She says Tuckaseegee is "a nice school" and she's found that if you "treat people nice, people will be nice back." A pity some older people don't have that kind of insight.

GETo Aid

Minority

Business

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., - To aid in increasing the number of minority business leaders in this country, the General Electric Foundation has granted \$146,000 to two predominantly black business schools.

The GE Foundation has granted \$75,000 to the School of Business and Industry at Florida A & M University, Tallahassee, and \$71,000 to the School of Business and Economics at North Carolina A&T State University, Greensboro.

Both schools will receive the money over the three year period 1976-78 inclusive.

One important reason for the grants will be to help these business schools gain accreditation from the American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB).

"The General Electric Foundation's grant comes at a crucial stage in our development, at a time when we need help to meet the demands of an increase in the number of outstanding students," said Dr. Sybil C. Mobley, Dean of Florida A&M University's School of Business and Industry.

"The GE Foundation grant is helping us to engage outstanding visiting professors during our period of rapid development. Thus we are able to move ahead without lowering our standards. The GE Foundation has been a source of meaningful support for many years," she added.

"The General Electric Foundation grant is helping us in a number of important ways," said Dr. Quiester Craig, Dean of North Carolina A&T University's School of Business and Economics. It helped us to expand our learning laboratories where we supply student tutors to help others over classroom hurdles. It is also helping us to increase our faculty by two persons, one in finance and one in accounting. This, in turn, made it possible to reduce class sizes. The funds from this grant have also sent some faculty members back to school to get their doctorates."

The GE Foundation is an independent trust established by the General Electric Company in 1952.



The only thing that you can get for a DOLLAR these days is CHANGE.

Dr. King Fund Drive Nears Goal

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NAACP Offers To Help With Welfare Reform

NAACP Pledges Support Of "Meaningful Bill"

Mrs. Margaret Bush Wilson, chairman of the NAACP National Board of Directors, said that the Better Jobs and Income program outlined by President Carter on Saturday, August 6, was "encouraging" and pledged the support of the NAACP in working to achieve the enactment of a meaningful bill in Congress. In a statement, Mrs. Wilson said:

The proposed program for Better Jobs and Income outlined by President Carter on Saturday, August 6, seeks to eliminate the negative aspects of the present welfare system while striving to provide a minimum income for the poor. The proposal is encouraging in that it seeks to provide:

- (1) Jobs for those in need and who are able to work;
- (2) Income support, such as part-time jobs for those unable to work full-time;
- (3) Earned income tax credits as incentives for the working poor.

Clearly, in a program of this complexity, President Carter sought to stress the positive aspects of his proposals. He

Alphas To Raise \$1

Million For NAACP

A plan to raise \$1,000,000 over the next two years for the NAACP, National Urban League, and the United Negro College Fund was unveiled last week by James R. Williams, General President of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

The \$1,000,000 drive, undertaken by the nation's oldest black Greek letter organization, was announced at the public meeting of the Fraternity's 71st anniversary convention this week in Georgia at the Atlanta Hilton Hotel. Attending the convention was Benjamin L. Hooks, NAACP Executive Director.

J.C. Smith Alumnus

Hayden Renwick Appointed Special Assistant To UNC-CH Chancellor

Assistant To UNC-CH Chancellor

By Gale Jones
Special To The Post

CHAPEL HILL - Hayden B. Renwick has been appointed special assistant to the chancellor at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill for the 1977-78 academic year, Chancellor Ferebee Taylor has announced.

In making the announcement, Taylor indicated Renwick's responsibility will be "to advise and assist the chancellor in the implementation of Phase II of the Revised North Carolina State Plan for the Further Elimination of Racial Duality in Public Higher Education which is expected to be adopted by the Board of Governors on Aug. 22."

"The main thrust of my job will be recruitment," Renwick says, "but I'll also be working to keep students in school once they get here, possibly using special counseling and tutoring when necessary."

Recruiting black students is becoming increasingly difficult, Renwick says. "In 1969, I

also sought to blunt the attacks of those who are adamantly opposed to any form of public assistance programs.

The NAACP, however, perceives a real danger in just such an approach. The danger is that, in attempting to scrap the old system, Congress will devise one that increases the burden of poverty on the most disadvantaged segments of society.

Work incentives, therefore, should not penalize the poor. They should instead relieve the burden of poverty while providing meaningful jobs for those able to work. The need for readily available daycare centers for mothers wanting to work should be adequately met.

The proposal to reduce the burden on local governments is praiseworthy. But it does not go far enough. It should completely relieve local governments of the responsibility for income support payments. The states should be made to assume this obligation.

There is also the danger of robbing Peter to pay Paul. Income support benefits in one area of the country should not be reduced just so that assistance to the poor in other regions can be increased. The essential benefits of the present food stamp program should also be maintained within the Better Jobs and Income program.

The NAACP especially wishes to commend the President for recognizing the stigma that is attached to welfare and for seeking to eliminate this negative aspect of the program. We also commend the President for wanting to strengthen the family structure.

The NAACP is prepared to work with the President to achieve the enactment of a meaningful Better Jobs and Income Program.



TAILOR JIMMIE GRIER
.....Discusses Fitting With Nestor LaVeau

Grier Becomes Master Tailor

By Jeri Harvey
Post Staff Writer

When Jimmie Grier was 12 years old his father bought him a new suit which Jimmie promptly cut up and restyled with a belt in the back. That episode resulted in the worst whipping he ever got in his life but it proved to him that he was good with scissors and needle and started him on the path to becoming a master tailor.

"I've always liked clothes," Jimmie said with a smile, "and I found the only way to get the look and the fit I wanted was to learn to do it myself."

"Dave Moore had a tailor shop in the Arcade in downtown Charlotte and he was kind enough to let some of us come in and train under his expert eye. (Older Charlotteans will remember the Ar-

cade as a small shopping center for blacks located between College and Brevard). By the time I was 17 I was an expert at bushelling," he added. For the benefit of those who, like me, don't have the foggiest notion what bushelling is - it means "altering or fixing clothes," especially men's clothes.

After high school at Plato Price, Jimmie went off to Hampton Institute to study tailoring but, after a year, decided to enter Lovings School of Tailoring in Richmond, Virginia. "The only way to learn tailoring is by doing," Jimmie pointed out. "I was wasting my time with books. At Loving, the instruction was combined with lots of practical experience and I left there feeling confident and sure of myself. I came back to Charlotte and went to work for

Robert Hall, doing alterations and stayed there for 18 years before I opened this shop."

The shop he speaks of is located in a small house on Seymour Drive. The front of the building, where he works, has a small fitting room behind a curtained doorway, three sewing machines, a pressing table and clothes, clothes, clothes everywhere. There are suits waiting to be altered, pants needing shortening or the waistbands let out or in, skirts to be hemmed and so on. Space is at a premium but expert workmanship abounds.

"My customers come from all over Charlotte," the youthful looking man with a slightly graying afro said. "They range from working class to millionaires and none of them mind coming over here to my shop. A few times it was suggested that I move to a more convenient location but why should I when my customers will come where I am? A couple of years from now when my two sons finish school we're thinking of tearing this down and building a place right here where we can go into the retail end of the business, with emphasis still on alterations, of course. But I don't intend to leave this location."

One of the two sons is studying at Belmont Textile School, and helps out in the shop now. The other is studying business law and will handle the financial affairs end when the new venture is under way. Jimmie and his wife, the former Ella Grant, also have three daughters and seven grandchildren.

Right now, besides his son, Jimmie is assisted by a charming young man from Trinidad, BWI by the name of Nestor LaVeau and by pretty Joyce Watt. Joyce has been sewing all her life and received her formal training from Belmont Textile School. She's a secretary at Industrial and Textile Piping and helps Jimmie part-time. Nestor began sewing as a hobby a few years ago and quickly found out he had a natural talent for it. It's truly awe-inspiring to see him take a piece of fabric, cut a shirt with no pattern and have the garment completed in an hour and a half.

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Hayden B. Renwick
...Native of Statesville

of Arts and Sciences. He has developed an advisory program to provide academic and personal counseling for minority students. He is currently active in a pre-orientation program for new black students.

"Beginning college is a big psychological change so we bring them in two days before the onslaught of 20,000 students and show them around

Blacks
Raise
\$24,372

By Hoyle H. Martin Sr.
Post Staff Writer

After a slow start and nearly 8 months of work, the drive to raise funds for the erection of a statue of the late civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King appears to be approaching a successful conclusion.

The Rev. James Barnette, chairman of the Mayor-appointed Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Commission, said Wednesday, "After a very slow start in terms of community response, we are pleased to report that our efforts have not been in vain. The black community-partly through their churches - has responded admirably by contributing \$24,375 in cash and pledges."

Barnette appeared to be particularly elated over the fact that the black churches had exceeded their original goal of \$15,000 by contributing \$17,000. The remain \$7,375 was contributed by individuals and families. Barnette pointed that a group of white churches have also pledged to contribute at least \$15,000. These churches are expected to report on their efforts on September 11.

The Rev. Barnette also announced a series of activities related to the memorial statue effort. These will be highlighted by a visit to Marshall Park, the site of the statue, by Ms. Selma Burke, the 76-year-old sculptor who will contract to make the statue.

Ms. Burke will visit Marshall Park on September 9 at 10 a.m. This will be followed by a brief visit with city officials and a 12 noon news conference at City Hall.

Among the other activities announced by Rev. Barnette are:

-A car wash sponsored September 10 by the Young Democrats with elected officials and candidates (hopefully) serving as washers. Location: NCBN Branch Bank on Kings Drive.

-A tea, sponsored by the West Charlotte Sr. High Class of 1960. Location: Mid-Way Lounge, Statesville Avenue.

-Record City Discount Store, 101 West Trade, and Disco Records on LaSalle Street will hold record sales with a portion of the receipts going to the MLK Fund.

-At Freedom Park: 7 p.m. a speech by Ms. Burke; at 8:30 p.m. a film: "From Montgomery to Memphis"

-Sept. 11 - Ms. Burke will be interviewed on Channel 18 (WCCB TV) at 11 a.m., September 11.

-A Gospel Program, sponsored by Barnette Promotions and Radio Station WGIV. Location: Crockett Memorial Park, 3 - 7 p.m.

-Fashion Show directed by Careliss Brown, 7 p.m. Location: Holiday Inn North, North Tryon Street.

-Radio Station WGIV will review many of these highlights on the show "Black Rap," 9:45 p.m.

"Money from these activities," Barnette concluded, "will also be added to the MLK Fund Drive."

Ms. Burke is expected to begin work on the bust in January of 1978.