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Black Firm Gets State Contract

Baron Oil Company, a minority firm based in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, has been awarded an oil contract by the State of North Carolina. The company will supply 153,000 gallons of fuel oil and diesel fuel oil to State facilities in Forsyth County. According to Ike Howard, President and General Manager of Baron Oil Company, "this year will be the company's largest revenue year because of contracts secured with the State government and commercial firms."

Howard went on to say that the new contracts are a result of company efforts to expand operations into new market areas. Baron Oil Company began operating in 1957 primarily serving the minority communities in and around the Winston-Salem area. Servicing homeowners with heating fuel has been the company's life-line for almost 20 years. As part of their new marketing program, Baron Oil plans to offer its customers complete energy supply services for home insulation, heating and cooking, and solar energy.

Through its association with the Mid-West Piedmont Development Organization and the North Carolina Office of Minority Business Enterprise (OMBE), Baron Oil developed business visibility and exposed its services to a wider market via the Minority Purchasing Councils. Minority Purchasing Councils are consortiums of corporate purchasing officers who are interested in increasing business activities with minority firms. The State contract awarded to Baron Oil Company was, in part, a result of the company's effort to qualify as a bidder on the North Carolina State bid list.

Firms must satisfy requirements set by the Office of State Purchase and Contract before they can be listed and thus eligible to bid for State contracts. The Office of State Purchase and Contract and the North Carolina OMBE have joined forces to determine ways and means of getting more minority firms involved in the State bidding process. OMBE Director, Jerry Dodson, feels positive about the joint effort.

Dodson said, "should these efforts prove successful then ultimately minority owned enterprises will receive a large share of State contracts." The Office of State Purchase and Contract will be able to identify minority contracts and purchases through their computerized recordkeeping system. The information will be used by State field offices to encourage minority participation in the State bid process.

Julian Carter Named Director of CMS

Julian G. Carter has been appointed maintenance director for Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools. He works in the Auxiliary Services Department. A graduate of Western Carolina College, he is working toward a master's degree.



HEREDITY is something every MAN believes in until his own...



ATTRACTIVE FAYE BARNETTE
...Always loved clothes

Miss Faye Barnette Is Beauty Of Week

By Jeri Harvey Post Staff Writer
Faye Barnette, the POST Beauty of the Week, says she's known what she wants to do with her life ever since she was a little girl and so far her plans seem to be right on schedule. "I've always loved clothes," she said, "and always wanted to work in the field of fashion. Being only five feet tall, I'm too short to be a model and I don't think I'd like the life of a model anyway, so I decided to go into the merchandising end of the business."

On September 1, which was her nineteenth birthday, Faye received an associate degree in fashion merchandising from the American Business Institute of Fashion here in Charlotte and began work for Susie Casuals at South Park, as their first black assistant manager in the southeastern district.

"I can't think of anything I'd rather be doing right now," Faye said. "The work is hard and you have to have the right attitude. Working with the public requires that you smile

even when you're tired and your feet hurt. You have to be level-headed and even tempered in order to get along," she continued.

Faye is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.E. Barnette and has one older sister, a set of twin brothers and a younger sister. She attended North Mecklenburg High, where she began career preparation by concentrating on fashion courses. Her hobbies are "buying clothes and attending fashion shows" and for fun she's taking a karate course. The spare time left is spent listening to music and reading.

"Marriage is not in my plans," this serious young lady told us. "Eventually I'd like to be a buyer," she said, "which requires a lot of travel, and I think marriage would interfere with my career. Later, when I've achieved some of the goals I've set, will be time enough for me to think about getting married." We congratulate Faye on her past achievements and salute her as one more young, beautiful black woman who is determined to make her dream come true by working at it.

County Garage Will Hold Public Vehicle Auction

The Mecklenburg County Garage will hold a public vehicle auction Saturday, October 8, in the County Parking Facility at East Fourth and South McDowell Streets. The auction will begin at 11 a.m. Approximately 50 vehicles, including cars and half-ton trucks, will be sold. The vehicles will be parked on the fourth level of the Parking Facility and available for inspection, beginning at 8 a.m. the day of the auction. Free public parking will be available on the first, second, and third levels.

The auction will be conducted by Lawing Auction Company. The following County vehicles will be sold: Seven 1973 American Motor Corporation (AMC) six-cylinder Matadors; seven 1973 AMC eight-cylinder Matadors; two 1972 AMC eight-cylinder Matadors; and two 1971 eight-cylinder Dodge Coronets; five 1974 Ford half-ton trucks; three 1974 Ford 12-passenger vans; two 1974 Ford Torinos; one 1974 Ford Custom 500; seven 1969 Ford Fairlanes; seven 1970 Ford Fairlanes; and one 1962 Dodge 48-passenger bus.

These police-equipped vehicles will be sold: one 1972 Polara; two 1974 Ford wagons; and four 1974

Ford Custom 500's. For more details about the auction, telephone 374-2592.

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Whittington Tops Black

2 Black Candidates Win In

Historic District Primary

Carter To Enforce Rights Laws

President Carter last week issued a statement reiterating his Administration's strong determination to enforce all Federal civil rights laws. The President said, "I am determined that my Administration will remain committed, in both spirit and action, to the enforcement of the civil rights acts that defend the individual freedoms of all our citizens."

In his message, commemorating the 20th anniversary of the creation of the Civil Rights Commission in 1957, President Carter affirmed his commitment to expanding equal opportunity for all Americans and ending all discrimination in American life.

Clarence Mitchell, Washington Director of the NAACP, read the President's message today in Washington, D.C., at a news conference sponsored by the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights. Also present for the news conference were the organizational membership of the Leadership Conference and the members of the Civil Rights Commission.

President Carter has directed all Federal executive departments to double their purchases from minority firms during the next two fiscal years, stating that "it is the policy of this Administration to promote the development of minority business enterprise."

The President announced his directive during a meeting this week of the Interagency Council for Minority Business Enterprise, a group authorized by Executive Order in 1971 and which President Carter has reactivated.

The Interagency Council will serve as an oversight group to assure that the President's efforts to assist minority business enterprise are carried out. "This Administration will actively support minority business development, and we strongly encourage the private sector to increase its involvement in this area," the President said.



REV. RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY
...With Rev. James Palmer

Rev. Abernathy Says

Charlotte's Blacks Are Not Aware Of Their Own Power

By Jeri Harvey Post Staff Writer

"Charlotte's blacks are not aware of their own power. Banded together in a common cause, the black people of this city could attain any goal they wished to achieve, from the naming of boulevards, to the election of officials who will compassionately and intelligently work for the good of all the city," said Rev. Ralph David Abernathy last week.

In Charlotte to lead a revival at University Park Baptist Church, Rev. Abernathy spoke of his relationship with Martin Luther King Jr., the work of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference after King's assassination, his defeat as a candidate for the congressional seat vacated by Andrew Young, and gave his views on several other topics.

Explaining that he met King first in 1951, Abernathy smiled and said, "I was in Atlanta

and he was home from school visiting. We were both interested in the same young lady at the time so we had little reason to become friends. However, in 1954, on his first visit to Selma, Alabama to preach at Dexter Avenue Baptist Church, King had dinner in my home and we began our association.

VERY PERSUASIVE

"Dr. King was a very persuasive and very dynamic person, and it would have been impossible to be as close to him as I was without being influenced by him. However, I'd like to think I influenced him too. We were in agreement from the beginning on the basic issues confronting us and the methods to use to bring about change. He was very calm and had a very even temperament. He seldom displayed anger and was committed to the teachings of Jesus. Both of us saw non-violence as the only effective

means to deal with the injustices being committed in this country," Abernathy continued.

Bridling at what he termed "inaccurate reporting," Rev. Abernathy denied there was a decline in the achievements of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference under his leadership. "We never ceased to be effective in the areas of voter registration and voter education. I also continued to carry out Dr. King's program of exposing poverty and organizing poor workers," he declared.

Gesturing around his room at the Radisson Hotel, he continued, "What does it matter if we have the legal right to stay at a place like this and to ride in the front of the bus if we don't have money to do it with - and most blacks and many whites do not. That's what the 'Poor People's March' that I organized was all about - spotlighting for the American public that all citizens are not sharing the economic pie."

"The most powerful force on the face of the earth is the tramp, tramp of marching feet," according to Abernathy. With this allegory, he emphasized his answer to the question of what direction the civil rights movement will take if the present course of negotiating through the system does not prove successful.

"We are ready," he said, "to employ every legitimate means to destroy the evil system of racial discrimination and injustice and bring the poor into the mainstream of American life. We will march and demonstrate whenever necessary if negotiation doesn't work. We are even now organizing and if there isn't soon substantial reversal in the unemployment rate we will probably find ourselves in the street."

Abernathy said he feels King was killed in Memphis because he had begun to "touch the sore spot of the system-economics." "Economics control this nation," he said. "As long as we addressed little social issues we were tolerated but the 'haves' are determined to see ABERNATHY on Page 7

Black Gets Surprising Support

By Hoyle H. Martin Sr. Post Executive Editor

In a history-making event, Charlotte's voters Tuesday, moved closer to possibly increasing the number of blacks on the city council as a result of district primary election victories by Charles Dannelly in District No. 2 and Ron Leeper in District No. 3.

Running in a district that is 65 percent black, Dannelly defeated Joe Ross by a vote margin of 2,006 to 532. Leeper beat Grace Bailey by a nearly two-to-one margin, 1,197 to 636 in a district that is only 50 percent black.

In related events, incumbents Betty Chafin and Harvey Gantt were the leading vote-getters in Charlotte's primary election on Tuesday. With a relatively low voter turnout of only 22,927 of the city's 120,361 registered voters, Ms. Chafin received 13,265 votes and Mr. Gantt received 12,869 votes. Former five-term city councilman Milton Short received the third highest total with 12,283 votes.

As expected, veteran city councilman Jim Whittington won the Democratic nomination for mayor with 11,876 votes. His nearest opponent, Jim Black, received 4,389 votes. Architect Jim Johnson and real estate man James Kaperonis finished far behind the front-runners with 2,632 and 420 votes respectively.

Black, a 29-year-old black radio personality, received overwhelming support from the city's 18 predominantly black precincts. Whittington was the majority vote-getter in the city's 60 other precincts. Black said, "I'll hold my head up high because I guess we did as well as we thought we might, but better than most others thought we could do." Black's comment is even more significant considering that the influential Black Political Caucus opposed him by endorsing Jim Whittington.

Joining Chafin, Gantt and Short on the Democrat ballot as at-large candidates for the November general election will be John Harding or James Pugh, pending a possible runoff election since neither candidate received a voter majority.

Black candidates, all Democrats, were involved in four of the seven district council seat races. Mrs. Willie Smith, an officer in the Black Political Caucus, was defeated in a bid for the District No. 1 Democratic nomination by Don Carroll, an articulate soft spoken young lawyer. Carroll received 1,322 votes to Smith's 982 in a district that is 70 percent black.

In District No. 2 Charles Dannelly defeated Joe Ross. Ron Leeper's sincere hard work in promoting voter education and registration efforts was rewarded for his effort by winning the District No. 3 Democratic nomination with 1,197 votes.

In a somewhat surprising development, Arthur Lynch, a black in a heavily white District No. 5, received only 382 votes compared to the front-runner Mrs. Billie Stickell's 902 votes, but he can call for a run-off since no majority was received by Stickell.

House Of Prayer Celebrates

50th Annual Holy Convocation

By Jeri Harvey Post Staff Writer

Bands from at least seven states will participate in the annual Marching Band Competition to be held at the Mother House of Prayer on

Beatties Ford Road Saturday afternoon. The band competition and the baptism Sunday morning of approximately 2,000 new members will be two of the main events closing out the 50th annual convocation of The House of Prayer For All People, in progress here this week.

Bishop Walter McCullough, spiritual leader of the 3,000,000 member sect, is presiding over the week long convocation and will speak at some of the services which begin each evening at 7:30 p.m.

According to Elder Claude Wilkerson, pastor of Mother



BISHOP WALTER MCCULLOUGH
...Spiritual leader

House of Prayer, more than 8,000 delegates from 19 states

are expected to attend. He added that, besides the nightly

music and preaching programs, there will be daily business sessions.

Bishop McCullough will baptize in the waters of the outdoor pool at the rear of the sanctuary on Sunday morning at 11 a.m.

The band competition will begin between three and four Saturday afternoon and bands from Georgia, Pennsylvania, New York, Virginia, Maryland, South Carolina and the District of Columbia will participate. This event is one of the highlights of the convocation each year.

The United House of Prayer was founded in 1919 by C.M. (Sweet Daddy) Grace. He was succeeded upon his death by Bishop McCullough.

Elder Wilkerson said that a number of public officials have been sent written invitations and that the general public is invited to all sessions