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MISS CYNTHIA HOOVER
...Belk's sales manager

Lovely Cynthia Hoover

Is "Beauty Of The Week"

By Jeri Harvey
Post Staff Writer

Lovely Cynthia Hoover, The Post Beauty of the Week, credits daily jogging for keeping her body and mind in shape. "I run religiously every morning for at least a mile," she told us, "and more, if possible. I've been jogging seriously for the past four or five months and it's a wonder-

ful way to relieve tension and get my day started before going to work. After I jog my whole body feels alive and good and I enjoy putting on makeup and dressing for the day."

Cynthia is a native of the Queen City and is sales manager in the cosmetic and accessories department at Belk's in Eastland Mall. In that capaci-

ty she supervises a staff of 25-30 persons and is responsible for scheduling working hours, merchandise display "and anything that comes up," she said.

A graduate of North Mecklenburg, Cynthia studied fashion merchandising at King's College. She's been with Belk's for three years, beginning in the Jr. Sports department and moving into her present position about a year and a half ago.

She describes her job at Belk's as "fantastic." "I really get a kick out of helping women complete their fashion costume with accessories and makeup," she explained, adding, "After a woman has selected her basic outfit she must be careful to choose just the right finishing touches or the whole effect she was striving for will be ruined."

If she ever leaves Belk's our beauty said she'd like to be a traveling makeup artist. She recently met Gwen England, who travels for the Flori Roberts line, and frankly admits she "idolizes" Gwen.

Twenty-two year old Cynthia is the daughter of Mrs. Doris Withers and has an older sister, Ms. Doris Watson; a 16 year old brother, James; and an 18 year old brother, Melvin, who graduated from North Mecklenburg High this past spring. He's now attending Arizona State University on a full football scholarship and his big sister is busting with pride for him.

Cynthia attends Mount Olive Baptist Church and Rev. Max B. McIlwain is her minister.

NAACP Demands

Senate Delay

Retirement Bill

NAACP Executive Director Benjamin L. Hooks this week deplored the "unprecedented haste" in which Congress has been moving to amend the nation's mandatory age retirement law. He called for the Senate to postpone action for at least a year to permit "proper examination and study of the impact of these revisions."

He especially noted the adverse effects that changes to the Age Discrimination in Employment Act would have on efforts to implement affirmative action programs to provide minorities and women with job opportunities and also on teen-age employment. Mr. Hooks' comments were made at a news conference on Wednesday.

"We recognize that elderly people have special needs, and we are concerned about them," he said. "we also understand that they represent a rapidly growing constituency who need special attention. But these revisions are being taken without proper study."

TURTLE-TALK



FRUSTRATION is not having anyone to BLAME but YOURSELF.

Median Family Income Up; Poverty Population Drops

Why Young People Do Not Vote?

By Dannette Gaither
Post Staff Writer

The 18 year old was given the right to vote, but a majority of the young people don't exercise that right. At age 18 you are legally of age and can do most things any other adult can do. So why don't more young people register to vote?

In a recent survey conducted by the POST, the question of whether you are registered and if so have you voted in an election was asked of some young people. There were numerous answers given in response to the question:

M. Ann Gaitner, a 24 year old special student at J.C. Smith said, "I'm registered, but at the time of the presidential election it didn't make any difference. I felt God would let the best man win."

Tanya Scot, a 22 year old junior at J.C. Smith stated, "I'm not registered and it doesn't make any difference whether I vote or not, because I feel that the mafia runs the country anyway."

Michael Deese, another 22 year old junior on the campus of J.C. Smith, said, "I'm not registered because I wasn't into any of the candidates. I felt one would do just as good as the other." However, he did say he plans to register sometime in the future.

Out of the people interviewed the majority were registered and most had voted in some type of election. An unusually large number are not registered and do not seem to be interested in doing so.

"There must be a lack of interest in politics on the part of the young people. Or the politicians just aren't reaching this percent of the population. Whatever the reason, it's time the young people took an interest in the way things are being handled. Even though they don't vote, the decisions that are made concern them also. Another thing is that if they don't vote, they won't have the right to say anything about the decisions that are made, even if they do concern them." is the consensus.

The youth of today are the leaders of tomorrow, if this is the case, with the lack of interest in politics on the part of the youth, where will the leaders of tomorrow come from?



Fireman are shown at a recent blaze that destroyed an abandoned house near Derita. The fire was of undetermined origin. A spokesman from the Charlotte Fire Department said it was out of control when discovered by a passerby and little could be done except contain it. There were no nearby buildings.

Photo by Douglas Thompson

Write-In Candidate

Bozo Says He Will Install

Windmill Atop NCNB Building

By Jeri Harvey
Post Staff Writer

He prefers to be called "Bozo" and says if elected mayor of Charlotte one of his first official acts will be to install a windmill atop the NCNB Building as an emergency source of energy in case of a blackout such as the ones New York City has experienced. After that he'll get busy doing away with all city property taxes and reorganizing city government.

Bruce Eugene Burleson is campaigning for the mayor's job as a write-in candidate and admits he may be behind because of scant media exposure but he's dead serious about the whole thing and talked freely in an interview on Monday afternoon about his plans for Charlotte, if elected.

"The main thing I want you to write," he said, "is for people to slide the Number 1 write-in cover back when they go in the voting booth, and write in 'Bozo'. Some of them might not understand you can write in the name of somebody not listed on the

board, so you make that clear to them."

After explaining how he could be voted for, "Bozo" went on to explain a few plans he has for the city, including how to finance the government by eliminating property taxes.

"I'd finance it by putting liquor and cigarettes in the drugstore where they belong," he said earnestly. "They're drugs aren't they?"

When nobody disagreed, he continued, "That way all revenues from them would go directly to the city without the Federal government, the state and the county getting a cut," he reasoned.

As for city government, he'd do away with payroll department and "let the banks handle the money like they're supposed to."

Next to go would be the personnel department, with all hiring being handled by the Employment Security Commission thereafter. His reason? "It would put a stop to the 'buddy system' of hiring. 'You hire my buddy and I'll hire yours,' isn't fair," he

said. "That's why blacks and poor whites can't get good jobs, they don't have no buddies in personnel."

Bozo has a solution or an idea for just about any problem one can imagine, and doesn't hesitate to expound on them. He has experience in a wide variety of occupations, including sales representative, bricklayer, carpenter, engineer, road worker, machine operator, professional wrestler, to name only a few.

Often a candidate - representative, sheriff, mayor, governor of North Carolina and President of the United States - "Bozo" has been successful only once. In 1967 he was elected constable of Mitchell County.

He says of that job, "My trying to keep \$3 1/2 million in Mitchell County to get a road built and good quality government, resulted later in the Governor Dan K. Moore getting a law passed doing away with the constables in North Carolina. As constable, I got slot machines out of the county, raided five stills, and a doctor examine prisoners beat up by the high sheriff and his deputies, and had a woman assigned to search female prisoners. I initiated a lot of programs which weren't accepted then, but were later adopted and are being used today."

At a recent clergy meeting where mayoral candidates were invited to speak to the ministers, "Bozo" claims another candidate "hogged all the time" so he didn't get a chance to talk much, but figures he let them know he's a serious candidate.

Serious, he is, and sincere. "After all," he offered, "if I can let a few people know that here's a little man who understands the problems of other little people, maybe they'll figure I could help them. Anyway, I got to try."

A 1951 graduate of Western Carolina College, "Bozo" and his wife, Nancy, have three children - Rebecca, David and Bruce Jr. He is employed with Pneumafil Corporation.

Median Income Was

\$14,960

Family income last year increased more than enough to overcome inflation and produce the first real annual gain for American families since 1973, the U.S. Department of Commerce's Bureau of the Census says in a new report.

The report notes that the median income of all U.S. families in 1976 was \$14,960, an increase of 9 percent over the 1975 figure. After adjusting for the 6 percent rise in prices between 1975 and 1976, the 1976 median family income (in terms of constant dollars) increased by \$450 or about 3 percent.

Another piece of good news in the report: The 1976 poverty population declined 3.5 percent, or about 900,000 below that of 1975. The poverty threshold for a nonfarm family of four in 1976 was \$5,815.

The 3 percent increase in real median family income marks a sharp reversal from the downward trend that had prevailed since 1973, the report says. Real median family income decreased by 4 percent between 1973 and 1974 and dropped by 3 percent between 1974 and 1975. Thus, the 1976 median family income of \$14,960 is still lower—in terms of 1976 constant dollars—than the 1973 peak of \$15,440.

Reflecting the improvement of the economy during 1976, the number of persons classified as poor declined by approximately 900,000 between 1975 and 1976, from 25.9 million to 25.0 million. This was in contrast to the preceding two years when the number of poor went up by 2.5 million between 1974 and 1975 and by 1.3 million between 1973 and 1974.

The report is based on a nationwide survey of 65,500 households during March 1977 and also includes the following findings:

White families had a median income of \$15,540 in 1976 which represented a 3 percent constant dollar increase over 1975 following a 3 percent constant dollar decrease from 1974 to 1975. In contrast, the 1976 median income of black families (\$9,240) showed no statistically significant change in real terms either from the previous year or from 1974 to 1975. In 1976 the median income of families of Spanish origin (\$10,260) showed no significant statistical change from 1975 in real terms after a decline of 8 percent between 1974 and 1975.

Blacks

Facing

Lay-Offs

Blacks and other minority workers who have filled over 90 percent of the 15,000 new jobs created in shipbuilding since 1969 may face lay-offs next year.

After 1978, many shipyard facilities will have no guarantee for any work when existing orders expire - compounding the nation's unemployment problems as shipyard job lay-offs occur. Blacks and minority workers would be hardest hit, since many of them have been more recently hired and would have the least seniority.

"Free The Wilmington 10"

Rally Scheduled For Noon Friday

By Jeri Harvey
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A "Free The Wilmington 10 Rally" will be held "on the Square" at noon Friday, October 28. The rally, sponsored by the North Carolina People's Alliance, is being held to coincide with the Convention of the North Carolina Bar Association which will meet at the Radisson Hotel Friday.

It is expected that Attorney General Griffin Bell, Governor Jim Hunt and Judge Susie Sharpe will attend the Bar Convention and a spokesman for the People's Alliance said, "The rally will serve to remind them that the Wilmington 10 are still in prison."

The People's Alliance is described as "a statewide political activist, multi-issue or-

ganization with no affiliation with any national or international groups, whose primary purpose is to promote social and economic justice." There are reported to be chapters in Durham, Winston-Salem, Chapel Hill, Greensboro and Charlotte.

One of the scheduled speakers at the rally is Ann Shepherd Turner, the only woman and the only white member of the Wilmington 10. She was tried and convicted, along with Rev. Ben Chavis and eight other black males, of arson and conspiracy following racial unrest in Wilmington in 1972. Ms. Shepherd is the only member of the group to have been granted parole so far.

Other speakers inclusive in



Ben Chavis

this demonstration are members of the Charlotte Defense of the N.C. People's Alliance. Some Charlotte ministers will also speak at the rally. They

are: Rev. James Barnette, who spearheads the drive for erecting the Martin Luther King Statue here; Rev. Walter Cavers, President of the Black Ministers Alliance; Rev. Bob Walton, County Commissioner for Mecklenburg County; and Dr. Preston Pendergrass, who is the pastor of the Antioch Baptist Church on Skyland Avenue.

Dr. Helen C. Othow, sister of Rev. Ben Chavis, feels that the constitutional rights of our black population have too long been suppressed. "Justice is supposed to be for all, but somehow that of the darker complexioned man is always abused. Now is the time for the Black population to band together so voices can be heard, and feelings expressed."