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When Exactly Is Veterans' Day?

Friday, November 11 has been proclaimed Veterans Day in North Carolina and it is an official state holiday.

But the federal government observed Veterans Day on October 24. This may confuse people in Mecklenburg County about exactly when Veterans Day is, but according to state officials, the confusion will subside in 1978.

Next year there will be but one official day nationwide to observe as Veterans Day - November 11. According to Charles Beddingfield, Assistant Secretary for Veterans Affairs, that date was traditionally recognized as Veterans Day until several years ago when the federal government changed most holidays to Mondays to give federal employees three-day breaks. "The fourth Monday of October was designated Veterans Day and most states, including North Carolina, began to observe it on that day," explained Beddingfield.

Veterans organizations expressed much discontent over the change and individual states began to change their observance back to the traditional date. The North Carolina General Assembly changed it back to the November 11 date in 1975. This year, all states except the District of Columbia, Mississippi and South Dakota will salute veterans on November 11.

Veterans Day commemorates the signing of the Armistice, which ended the fighting of World War I, at 11 a.m. November 11, 1918. The special day has become a time for all veterans to be honored. In proclaiming Veterans Day this year, Governor Jim Hunt called on the citizens of the state to honor the veterans of all wars, who "have served our State and Nation with honor and distinction."

Veterans organizations including the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion, AMVETS, and Disabled American Veterans, usually join together in local communities to observe Veterans Day. 30

NAPFE Members

To Hear

Robert White

National President Robert White will be the speaker November 12 when Charlotte Local No. 311 of the National Alliance of Postal and Federal Employees celebrates Alliance Day with a dinner dance at the Holiday Inn-North, 3815 North Tryon Street at 7 p.m.

White is considered by many to be one of the most outstanding labor leaders in America and some years ago he was named as one of the most influential black men in the United States by Ebony Magazine.

While the National Alliance is an independent organization with sub-groups organized around the membership of the union, the Union is affiliated with the Black Labor Council and the National Council of Negro Women.

Mrs. Mattie P. Caldwell is president of the local Alliance chapter.

TURTLE-TALK



One girl to another: "Of course I had to tell her she looked like a MILLION - and I mean EVERY YEAR OF IT!"



ATTRACTIVE DEBORAH TREULL
...Engaging young lady

Deborah Truell Is Beauty Of Week

By Jeri Harvey
Post Staff Writer
West Charlotte High Senior, Deborah Truell, is the Post Beauty of the Week.

This engaging young lady is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Coleman Crowder and has five brothers and three sisters. Commenting on her large fa-

Black Mayors

Endorse Carter's

Energy Plan

The National Conference of Black Mayors has endorsed President Carter's proposed National Energy Plan, stating that "This Nation cannot put off difficult choices and sacrifices in the hopes that the energy problem will dissolve."

The President commended the Conference, which met in Washington, for adopting a resolution supporting the Plan, calling it "an important statement of support from an organization of leaders representing a sizeable constituency in America."

"The mayors have shown that they recognize that a failure to face up to our energy problem will most adversely affect poor people and black people. It shows recognition that passage of the energy program is not a contest between the branches of government - that, instead, it is a test of our national will. It is my hope that this action by the mayors will add momentum to passage of the National Energy Plan," the President said.

While supporting the President's plan, the Conference also urged Congress - now considering it - to include provisions "which address the unique needs of cities and communities which have large concentration of the poor as residents."

The resolution also said that "the cities are the Nation's economic and population centers and thus greatly need an energy policy that is equitable to all regions, sectors, and income groups that encourages high levels of employment and production."

Durham College

Sets Thirtieth

Founder's Day

Durham - Durham College will observe the thirtieth Founder's Day Celebration on Friday, November 11. Festivities will begin with an 11 a.m.

mily, she said, "Well, there's no such thing as being by yourself in my family because there's always somebody around. But I wouldn't like it any other way," she continued. "Because I love to talk and be around people."

At West Charlotte Deborah is a Letter Girl and a member of the NAACP. Her favorite subjects are history and English and she names her art instructor, Ms. Nowlin, as her favorite teacher. Asked why, she answered, "She's very understanding. I get along with her on my good days and my bad days because she doesn't bug me."

After high school Deborah is thinking of going to Spellman College in Atlanta and her ultimate goal is to be an airline hostess. She thinks she'd enjoy the excitement of travel and especially meeting new people all the time.

This vivacious Libra is 5'10" and weighs 110 pounds. Her hobbies are photography, camping, ice and roller skating and drawing. Practicing Letter Girl routines, dancing, listening to music and watching sports events take up a lot of her spare time but she says she's "a great cook" and specializes in steak, peach cobbler and pound cakes.

Deborah's father is a professional truck driver, she told us proudly, and her mother is employed with Lance, Inc. In spite of the family being large, she says the house work and cooking go easily because "everyone pitches in to do their share, from the youngest on up." The family attends University Park Baptist Church where Rev. James E. Palmer is the minister.

On Friday, November 11, all offices of the Charlotte City Government will be closed in observance of Veterans' Day. Normal business activity will resume at 8 a.m. on Monday, November 14, according to spokeswoman, Linda Wilson of Charlotte's Public Service and Information Department.

There will be no backyard garbage collection, due to the holiday. There will be two pick ups during the week. Pick ups will either be on a Monday and Wednesday or a Tuesday and Thursday schedule.

There will be no curbside trash collection on Wednesday. Leaf collection crews, however will work the regular Monday thru Friday schedule. The York Road landfill will be open from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Four Women, Three Blacks To Serve On New Council

Hooks Calls For Full Employment

The following is a statement by NAACP Executive Director Benjamin L. Hooks on the unemployment rate for October that was released by the Department of Labor this week.

"The continuing rise in the unemployment rate for black workers is a troubling trend that requires immediate remedy from Congress and the Carter Administration. The NAACP has repeatedly informed the Administration in meetings at the White House and through other forms of communication of our concerns over this crisis. Black unemployment now stands at 13.9 percent, double that for whites.

"The fact that the national unemployment average is now 7 percent, that is, much lower for whites, demonstrates most forcefully the adverse effect that current economic and social policies are having on black communities. Furthermore, when we look at the horrendous joblessness among teenagers, which is nearly 40 percent, then the extent of the social malaise that affects so many American communities will be realized.

"The only meaningful remedy has to be a commitment to a national full employment policy. We therefore call once more upon our national political leaders and lawmakers to begin taking seriously our demands for the enactment of the Hawkins-Humphrey Full Employment Bill."

Robert Collins Nominated For

District Judge

President Carter has nominated Robert F. Collins of New Orleans to be U. S. District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana. Collins is believed to be one of the first, if not the first, black to be appointed a District Judge in the South since Reconstruction.

The President has promised to bring more blacks into the judicial process.

Collins will replace Alvin B. Rubin, who was appointed a circuit judge in August.



Charles Dannelly
...Particularly delighted



Ron Leeper
...Political novice



Harvey Gantt
...Strong vote getter

Dannelly, Leeper, Gantt

Win By Convincing Margins

By Jacquie Levister
Post Staff Writer

The fear of having a city council "inundated" with blacks did not deter voters from electing three. And three elated and enthusiastic representatives they are.

With convincing margins, Charles Dannelly, Ron Leeper and Harvey Gantt won election and stand in a position of eager readiness for their work to begin.

Voters in District Two (a predominately black district) elected Charles Dannelly, Principal of Quail Hollow Junior High School, to represent them. A sedate and yet obviously elated Dannelly verbalized his reaction to being elected by saying, "I am particularly delighted over the large turnout in the district. Over 1,000 more people went to the polls than did in the primary, it shows that people are for district representation and intend to see that it works."

"Being elected from District Two means that I will, of course, be there (on the council) to register the concerns of my district. However, we all recognize that blacks are not the only ones with pains and a city council's responsibility is to serve all the citizens of the community," and articulate Dannelly concluded.

An emotional winner from district three, Ron Leeper, expressed belief that a precedent was set. "It has been exhilarating for me to see people who have never before participated in the political process taking an interest. Political novices are actively working to make things change to their satisfaction," volunteered Leeper.

"My first priority will be to

stay abreast of my community and their concerns and to see to it that those concerns are heard," Leeper offered as he began anticipating the work to be done on council. Then, for a fleeting moment his mood changed as he reminisced, "Boy, I was scared when the returns first began to come in, (his opponent took an early lead) now I'm just very happy."

Like his first race two years ago, Harvey Gantt proved to be a very strong vote getter in his bid for re-election (compiling the second highest votes of eight at large candidates). After all the votes were counted Gantt related what he felt was most significant about the election. "This election will allow for much more input from all segments of this community; and that includes

the black community. For the first time, approximately 30 percent (three of eleven) of the council will be black making a percentage very close to the make-up of the city's population. It was district representation that allowed that to happen."

"Of course I am happy with the results of the election," continued Gantt. "But now that the election is over, I am enthusiastically looking forward to going to work with this new and diverse group of council members."

The election is over. All three blacks surviving the primary are now officially elected. Now there is the wait for the final chapter which can only be written when the results of their effectiveness are tallied, hopefully sooner than later.

Land Development

Company Faces Civil Suit

The Department of Justice filed a civil suit today charging that black persons are discouraged from buying home sites in a new recreational land development in North Carolina.

Attorney General Griffin B. Bell said a housing discrimination suit was filed in U.S. District Court in Greensboro, North Carolina, against Lake Surf, Inc.; SCS Associates, Inc.; and Don Graves.

Lake Surf is a development of 1,165 lots near Voss, North Carolina. SCS Associates is the sales agent for the development. Graves is the managing sales officer.

No lot has been sold to a

black person, and all sales agents are white, the suit said. The suit charged the defendants with following a policy of racial discrimination in the sale of lots, which are priced within the means of persons of moderate income, including many blacks.

The suit asked for a court order enjoining the defendants from engaging in any racially discriminatory housing practice and requiring them to correct the effects of their alleged discriminatory selling and hiring practices.

The matter was referred to the Justice Department by the staff judge advocate of Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

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In a less noticeable item on Tuesday's ballot was the constitutional amendment giving the governor and lieutenant the right to run for a second consecutive term. Based on 85 percent of the state's precincts return, 263,465, or 52 percent, favored the amendment and 238,837 opposed it. Heavily populated Mecklenburg County reportedly contributed 7,000 votes to the succession amendment victory.

A luncheon will be held at 12:30 p.m. for Gold Star Mothers at American Legion Post 262 at 1940 Donald Ross Road. The Public is cordially invited to attend this luncheon.

The Military Veterans Ball will begin at 7 p.m. at the National Guard Armory at Douglas Airport. Tickets for this social are limited, but can be obtained through Ben Carter at 336-0322 or 374-2662.

A second luncheon is scheduled for 8 p.m. and dancing at 9 p.m. Musical entertainment will be provided by the Teardrops. Military and semi-formal dress are appropriate.

Council Will Also Have More Youth

By Hoyle H. Martin Sr.
Post Executive Editor

After 32-years, district representation returned to Charlotte City government on Tuesday. However, the new 11-member council is quite unlike any previous council in that it is comprised of four women, three blacks, and is considerably younger than any of its predecessors.

The new City Council can properly be described as more of everything - more blacks (3), more women (4), more Republicans (4), more Democrats (7) and more youth with the average age of office holders being only 42. In one significant way, the new council has less of something, that is, a declining percentage of influence by representation from south-east Charlotte.

The number of such representation remains at 6 like on the current council, but that number makes up on 55 percent of the new lawmaking body which currently represents 86 percent.

In the at-large council races, Democrats Betty Chafin (29,083), Harvey Gantt (27,588), Milton Short (24,470) and Republican Pat Locke (23,561) were the victors.

In the district council races the Democrats won four seats and the Republicans three. In all of the district races, except District 6, the winners-whether Democrats or Republicans - won by substantial margins. Democrats won in district 1, 2, 3, and 4 while Republicans won in districts 5, 6 and 7.

Republican Ken Harris, 42, who had reluctantly accepted his party's nomination as a candidate for the city's highest office, won a stunning landslide victory in defeating a political personality whose service extends over two decades. Harris won by a 3-2 margin with 30,768 votes to Whittington's 19,489.

Harris' only previous public service was as a councilman from 1973 to 1975. However, he has promised a number of major innovations in attempting to solve some of the city's pressing problems. Furthermore, as a strong supporter of district representation, Harris is expected to work closely with the new 11-member city council.

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Parade Will Highlight Veterans' Day Activities

By Cynthia Bell
Post Staff Writer

Monday thru Friday and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday. The Charlotte Animal Shelter on Toomey Avenue will be open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on November 11.

Several activities are planned for Charlotte's more than 63,000 veterans, according to Earl Kiker of Veterans Service. There will be a parade on November 11 at 10 a.m. The parade will begin at Stonewall and South Tryon, proceed north to the square, turn right, and continue to City Hall. The American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Fleet Reserve Association, Disabled American Veterans Association, and the Retired Officers Association are just a few of the 27 Veterans' organizations participating in the parade. The WBT double decker bus will carry the Gold Star Mothers, who are mothers of Military

men and women killed during the war. 11 Charlotte area high schools bands will participate in the parade as well as the marching Aggies of North Carolina A&T State University from Greensboro. The Army and Air Force will have their marching units in the parade as well as the ROTC marching units from several area high schools.

There will be a ceremony for veterans of all wars on the 11th hours, of the 11th day, of the 11th month, which is symbolic of the Armistice. Lieutenant Governor Jimmie Green and General Warner are on the program to speak. General Warner is designated by the White House to represent the President at Charlotte's Veterans' Day Celebration. Also present will be Rear Admiral Gilmore who is senior Naval officer in the Charlotte area.

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Liz Hair
...County Commissioner

Commander General Oliver of 108 Engineering Battalion, representatives from the veterans' organizations in the area, members of the Charlotte City Council, members of the Mecklenburg County Com-