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CERETTE AND CELLETE BELL

...West Mecklenburg juniors

Identical Twins

Cerette And Cellete Bell

Are Our Beauties This Week

By Jeri Harvey
Post Staff Writer

POST readers are in for a double treat this week because we have not one, but two beauties. Cerette and Cellete Bell are the seventeen year old identical twin daughters of Evangelist Catherine Bell. Cerette, who describes herself as "the quieter one" said she likes all kinds of sports, sews all her own clothes and is

very fond of children. After high school she hopes to enroll in a child care program but hasn't decided where.

Cellete likes sports also, enjoys cooking and plans to enter UNC-C or Belmont College to major in accounting.

Both now attend West Mecklenburg where they are juniors. They aren't in the same home room but they get pretty much the same grades and

school mates and faculty have a hard time telling them apart.

Being confused with one another is something they've learned to live with over the years. Sometimes it's funny - for instance when boyfriends get them mixed up, and sometimes it isn't - such as being blamed for something the other one did.

The twins say they get along together very well, probably better than they would if they were merely sisters and their taste in clothes and most other things is very much alike. They still dress alike and hope that when they marry they'll be able to live close by one another.

Their mother said having twins was double everything - "double trouble but double fun too" and she reported an interesting sidelight. "Often when one feels a pain the other will too," she said, "even though they may not even be in the same place." I've seen it happen many times so I know it isn't coincidental."

Both young women attend First Mount Zion where they sing in the Gospel Choir and teach vacation bible school each summer. The pastor is Rev. C.B. Owens.

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SCLC Requests Recognition Of Dr. King

ATLANTA - The Rev. Dr. Joseph E. Lowery, president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, sent a telegram to Pete Rozelle, commissioner of the National Football League, Wednesday urging him to honor a request from the New Orleans SCLC Chapter for a moment of silence at the beginning of the Super Bowl football game in memory of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Dr. King, whose birthday we celebrate January 15, the day of the Super Bowl, was elected founding president of SCLC in New Orleans 20 years ago.

"No American has contributed more to the goals of brotherhood and justice," Dr. Lowery said. "It seems altogether fitting that this national event, the Super Bowl, should honor this great apostle of nonviolence on the celebration of his 49th birthday."

Among other things, Leeper reported to the gathering a request he has made to the council that all boards and committees be studied carefully as vacancies occur, to determine if blacks, other minorities and women are fairly represented, and to make new appointments based on those

In Statewide Survey

Blacks List Economy As

State's Greatest Problem

Students

Relate To

Dr. King

By Cynthia Bell
Post Staff Writer

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King was a man who impregnated his belief into the minds of many Americans. A man with a tremendous amount of will, King could move mountains from his path. His most famous and effective weapon was philosophy of non-violence, which was a change from the ordinary way of doing things.

He was a man that many people viewed as their new leader. Some even thought of him as a Twentieth century Moses who was placed here on this Earth to lead his people out of bondage. Of course there were those who thought of him as a radical whose main objective was to create a disturbance.

It was his dedication to the cause that made his followers feel that he had been chosen by God.

Now, that he is dead, his beloved memory and teachings linger on in the minds of many Americans. It is time to turn the other cheek of mourning his death to rejoice and celebrate his birth.

There are many comments and views on the life and death of Martin Luther King. Here are a few of the views of the students at Johnson C. Smith University.

Yvonne Edwards, Senior, majoring in Accounting - He was undoubtedly one of the greatest men to ever live. He was handsome, intelligent, showed a lot of leadership qualities, and his courage and guts was out of the question.

I admire his faith in God and strongly believe that he knew he was going to die, but was brave enough to go on when he

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City Councilman Ron Leeper

Reports To District Representatives

By Jeri Harvey
Post Staff Writer

Representatives from each voting precinct of District 3, as well as other interested persons, were among a crowd of approximately 60 people who met with newly-elected city councilman, Ron Leeper last Thursday night. The meeting, at Amay James Community Center, served several purposes, according to Leeper.

"It gave me a chance to bring the people of my district up-to-date on what's taken place in the council since election time and allowed them a chance to voice their concerns to me about issues I may not already be aware of. We also took our first steps toward organizing the district," he said.

Among other things, Leeper reported to the gathering a request he has made to the council that all boards and committees be studied carefully as vacancies occur, to determine if blacks, other minorities and women are fairly represented, and to make new appointments based on those

findings. He also emphasized that close attention should be given geographic representation in view of the redistricting.

Leeper reported, too, that "council has already approved sidewalks for Clanton Road which, hopefully, will be completed by late summer. Westerly Hills is one of the next sections slated for sidewalk construction as soon as funds are available," he added.

Proposals for improving the city transit system will be presented jointly, by Leeper and Bob Carroll, at the next meeting of council. "That was one of the main concerns I heard as I campaigned," Leeper said, "and I've done a lot of talking and listening to people since then, trying to come up with ways to make the system better serve the needs of the present riders and to encourage new riders in order to eliminate congestion in the downtown area."

One suggestion Carroll and Leeper plan to make is that the downtown business community be asked to become involved in a rebate plan



CAF DIRECTOR SAM KORNEGAY

...Seeks community support

Low Income People

CAF Basic Mission Is To Help

By Chase Vance
Post Staff Writer

The basic mission of The Charlotte Area Fund as director, Sam Kornegay sees it, is to "do things to enable low income people to have an opportunity to improve their lives."

This ranges from helping them find food to eat to winterizing their homes helping to improve the heating system.

Kornegay has been with the federal agency for seven of its 13 years.

"We assist low income people in the community by helping to improve their lives by concentrating on census tracts that have poor median incomes. These areas are classified as poor. We provide facilities in these neighborhoods where people can have easy

contact with us," he said.

When someone is having a problem with financing or getting money for heating to solve heating, hunger, or other problems, all he needs to do, said Kornegay is to contact one of the centers.

The main one is at 213 East Morehead St. The others are at 823 Seigle Ave., 513 Brookhill Road, 1222 Oaklawn Ave. 2624 South Tryon St., and 3100 West Boulevard.

In recent weeks, the Area Fund has come under close scrutiny by politicians in the Charlotte area, some who go so far as to say the agency is not needed.

Kornegay believes there is a logical explanation for all the criticism.

"I think there are several reasons," he said adding that, "nationally, community ac-

tion agencies have lost support in the last five years."

"Beginning in 1964 when they were started to eradicate poverty, the community action agencies received much support," he said. "But in 1968, the support began to decline and as a result other federal programs were implemented to do similar things such as Revenue-Sharing and the Community Block grants."

"But these grants were in the hands of the system and the poor people did not share in the administrative level," he continued.

"For a program such as ours to be successful we need the support of the community. For instance, the local government has to match the funds we get and as we get more funds the matching has to increase."

The Charlotte Area Fund is structured with one-third of the board being representatives of the poor, one-third being elected officials and one-third being in private industry.

Now, he said, we have basically only the support of the poor.

"It makes it difficult to operate," he added.

But Kornegay believes The Charlotte Area Fund will live on despite its critics primarily because it is a program that offers direct assistance to the poor.

"We have the only program that provides the poor to have input and the only one in which they have a say," he explained.

Two of the major programs are Head Start which serves 380 low income pre-schoolers in the city and county and CRISIS by which up to \$150 in emergency assistance towards restoration of heating and other housing necessities can be granted.

Sam Kornegay invites anyone who has any questions concerning the Charlotte Area Fund and the many programs that it sponsors to come by his office, or one of the many centers to pick up a brochure on its many programs.

Welfare Also

Mentioned

Frequently

Of the 101,358 "North Carolina Tomorrow" survey forms received statewide, about 20 percent - 19,896 - were sent by black North Carolinians.

And of these black respondents, the economy was listed as the greatest problem facing the state by five to one.

The survey, sponsored by Gov. Jim Hunt and the State Goals and Policy Board, was conducted this fall throughout the state to give citizens an opportunity to participate in the state government decision-making process. As the chief citizen advisory agency in state government, the Board will make recommendations to the governor for short- and long-range solutions to the problems based on survey results.

The questionnaire asked respondents to name the biggest problem facing the state, and to explain what state government should do to solve that problem. The survey also dealt with satisfaction with service delivery, taxes and the overall quality of life in North Carolina.

Thirty three percent of all blacks volunteered the matter of jobs, unemployment and the economy as their major concern. This percentage compares to the 18.2 percent throughout the state who listed the economy as the top problem. As solutions to this problem, blacks suggested creating more jobs, bringing new industry into the state, and paying better wages.

The next most frequently mentioned problem among blacks who participated in the survey was welfare, which was still listed by only 6.3 percent. Top solutions were eliminating unqualified recipients and putting people to work.

Education was ranked third among blacks respondents, with 5.6 percent. This percentage is compared to the 13.9 percent seen statewide on the problem of education, making it the second most frequently listed concern. Blacks suggested stopping busing, better funding for public schools and teaching basic skills as primary solutions.

Other problem areas often mentioned by black North Carolinians were crime-law enforcement (4 percent), taxes (3.5 percent) and housing (3.1 percent). Housing was listed about three times more often by blacks than whites.

Like other North Carolinians who completed the survey, many blacks expressed strong dissatisfaction with welfare. Twenty-two percent of all blacks indicated strong dissatisfaction with housing, as well, compared to only 12 percent statewide. Like others across the state, they showed satisfaction with community colleges, but noticeable satisfaction with no other single service area.

On tax issues, the opinions of blacks differed. They favored maintaining the taxes on personal income, business income and business inventories at their present levels, as well

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TURTLE-TALK



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