

ETA Plans Campaign To Combat Black Unemployment

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MIAMI, FLA. - Speaking before the Mid-winter Workshop of the National Newspaper Publishers Association, Assistant Secretary of Labor Ernest Green said the Employment Training Administration (ETA) is intensifying its efforts to combat Black unemployment.

Green, one of nine blacks to integrate the high school in Little Rock, Arkansas, is presently Assistant Secretary of Labor for Employment and Training. He controls a \$13 billion budget.

Focusing on the NNPA Mid-winter Workshop theme of "The Black Press and the Unemployment Dilemma," Green told NNPA members, "I need all the help you can give me in this area of severe black joblessness. I need you to be eyes and ears in the communities whose roots I share and whose concerns you understand and reflect so well. I need you to take part in the Employment Training Administration programs and to disseminate information about them to potential beneficiaries. I'm even going to give you my phone number right now so you can call me. The stronger our lines of communication, the more we can do to meet the employment and training needs of your communities."

In discussing new policies, programs and initiatives to combat black unemployment, Green said, "Our top priority in reauthorizing the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA) is to target, more effectively, our activities toward those work force segments which have been hit hardest by severe unemployment and underemployment - minorities, particularly minority youth, obviously are in this category."

"We propose to change allocation formulas to give greater weight to the intensity of employment problems and to limit eligibility to economically disadvantaged people who are jobless or underemployed. We also propose to provide far more geographical targeting, both urban and rural, and to provide the Secretary of Labor with increased authority to set target group priorities."

Green added that "a companion priority to increased targeting is a greater role for community-based organizations. We propose, for example, to make CETA advisory councils more active and representative."

Green made clear these other points: ETA is substantially increasing its program for operational support to community based organizations (Jobs for Progress, Inc. - Service, Employment and Redevelopment, Opportunities Industrialization Centers of America and National Urban League). The Public Service Employment program staff has been expanded from 300,000 positions in May to 725,000 in 1978.



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 Controls \$13 Billion

The PSE expansion is the foundation for the jobs component of the Carter Administration Welfare Reform Proposals. It is expected to provide 1.4 million slots by fiscal year 1980. This means that about 2 million people would be served annually.

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NCD Offers Tax Return Help

Charlotte's Neighborhood Centers Department (NCD) is offering state and federal tax return help to low-income and elderly residents with the assistance of two local agencies. The Charlotte chapter of the National Association of Black Accountants has volunteered its services to help low-income residents. Persons are eligible for this free service if their gross income is \$7,000 or under as a single person or \$12,000 or under for a joint return.

To get help, citizens may call for an appointment or simply visit one of the four Neighborhood Centers sites: Alexander Street Center, 910 N. Alexander Street, 374-2030; Amay James Center, 2415 Lester Street, 374-2196; Belmont Regional Center, 700 Parkwood Avenue, 374-2632; and Greenville Center, 1330 Spring Street, 374-2877.

These offices are open 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday. A counselor will complete an intake interview, so W-2 forms and all pertinent information such as deductions for day-care, interest on loans, etc. should be brought along. Persons who are not sure what records to carry should call 374-2632.

On six consecutive Saturdays, February 11 - March 18, from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., representatives from the accountants' association will be at Belmont Center and Amay James Center to review the prepared returns with clients. Preparations are expected to be completed about two weeks after data is submitted. NCD personnel will call citizens to inform them when their returns are ready.

Senior citizens can also bring in information, and their returns will be prepared by the Accounting Aid Society. All residents who do wish to use the services are urged to visit the centers now and avoid the rush of the April 15 deadline.

Meeting Planned For Wilmington

"10" Supporters

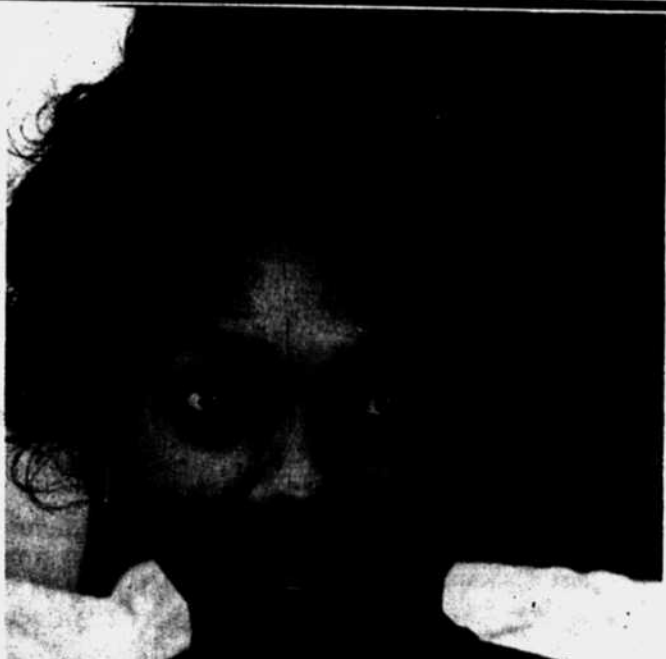
A meeting in support of the Wilmington 10, sponsored by Charlotte Friends Meeting and the North Carolina Political Prisoner's Committee will be held Monday, January 23 at 7:30 p.m. at the Quaker Meeting House, 2827 Remount Road.

For further information call Kathy Sparrow, 399-2480, or Laurie Gates, 537-3075.

TURTLE-TALK



A handful of good life is better than a bushel of learning. Learning makes a good man better and an ill man worse.



MISS GLORIA MCCLURKIN
 ...South Meck senior

Gloria McClurkin Is Beauty Of Week

By Jeri Harvey
 Post Staff Writer

Seventeen year old South Meck senior, Gloria McClurkin, is The Post Beauty of the Week. The youngest of twelve children, this pretty miss said it was "fun" to grow up in a big family. "There was always someone around to talk to or play with," she said. "Mealtimes were like banquets and there was always plenty of help to do the dishes," she added. But because she was the baby she usually didn't have to do anything much. Gloria's mother is Mrs. Jessie McClurkin and her father is deceased.

At South Meck Gloria is a class officer and a member of the Concert choir. The principal, Willie Little, is one of her

Neighborhood Meetings To Discuss Parks

Where is the new Court-house?

Where do I park if I have to go to court?

Where is the new Court-house? Where do I park if I have to go to court? Where do you pay a parking fine? What does Pre-Trial Release mean? Where is the Sheriff's Office? How much do jurors get paid? How do I file a claim in Small Claims Court?

You will find the answers to these questions and many more in a free brochure which has been published by Clerk of Superior Court Robert M. Blackburn's Office, in cooperation with the Mecklenburg County Public Service and Information Office.

The brochure is entitled "Mecklenburg County Judicial Information," and it includes questions and answers about the location of the Court-house and public parking, posting bond and Pre-Trial Release, and in's and out's of jury duty, civil and criminal cases - the difference between the two, filing a claim in the Small Claims Court, paying fines and traffic tickets, and obtaining the services of the Public Defender.

In addition, there is a list of frequently called telephone numbers in the State courts. Copies of the brochure are available by contacting the Clerk of Superior Court's Office, 800 East Fourth Street, of the County Public Service and Information Office, 720 East Fourth Street.

favorite faculty members. "He seems to take a personal interest in the student," according to Gloria.

She enjoys homemaking classes and sew some of her own clothes. Casual dress pants and tops are Gloria's choice in clothes though she owns the usual assortment of blue jeans, too.

After high school our beauty said she plans to enroll at Livingstone College in Salisbury to prepare for a career in social work. She said she'd particularly like to work with small children.

Gloria enjoys disco music and dancing and is a big fan of Stevie Wonder. She enjoys watching basketball also.

A member of Cannon's Cathedral, Gloria sings in the choir and is on the Hospitality Committee. Elder E.C. Cannon is pastor of Cannon's Cathedral.

Getting Gloria to talk about herself was as hard as trying to pull the proverbial hen's teeth. She denied that there is anything special about her but we think there is.

Though she is a very pretty young woman, with large, expressive brown eyes, and though she's the petted baby of her family, she remains appealingly shy, unspoiled and warm.

We are pleased to present her to our readers as our choice for Post Beauty of the Week.

In Atlanta, Ga.

DNC Sponsors Fundraiser Workshops

Rowe Motley, Chairman of the Democratic National Committee Black Caucus, Tuesday announced that the D.N.C. will sponsor a seminar program in addition to the Inaugural fundraiser in Atlanta on Friday, January 20th.

The seminars, also to be held at the World Congress Center, are scheduled in two parts - "The Sunbelt Economy," and "The Politics of the Sunbelt States." Moderating the sessions will be Pug Ravenel, President of Ravenel, Dawson & Hastie, Inc.

Participating on the economic panel will be: Georgia Governor George Busbee, N.C. Congressman Richardson Preyer, N.C. Senator Willis Whitchard, and D.W. Brooks, Chairman of the Board

USDA Modifies Utility Rule

WASHINGTON - Responding to public comments, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is modifying its new rule assuring lower food stamp costs for families with high winter utility bills, Assistant Secretary of Agriculture Carol Tucker Foreman said today.

The original utility rules, issued November 30, require states to inform people using food stamps that they may pay less for their food stamps if their utility bills have increased. The rule also required states to certify people applying or re-applying for food stamps within 10 days if they could document increases of more than \$25 in their utility bills.

According to Ms. Foreman, the 10-day limit caused problems. "Comments from state administrators convinced us that the rule placed a burden on local food stamp workers that could result in inequitable treatment of food stamp applicants. Applications from people with high utility bills

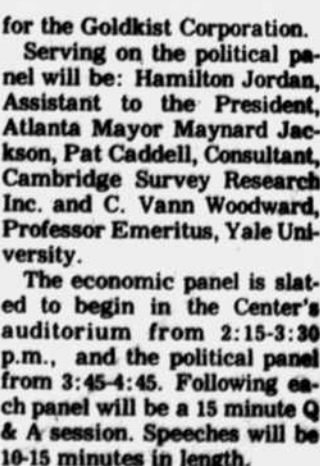
would be given higher priority than those from people whose utility bills had not risen significantly, but who might be in greater actual need of assistance." This provision has been dropped under the amendment published today and the time limit for certifying people applying or re-applying for food stamps will remain 30 days.

Ms. Foreman said another amendment to the utility rule gives states greater flexibility in sending notices on the utility rule to people using food stamps.

for the Goldkist Corporation. Serving on the political panel will be: Hamilton Jordan, Assistant to the President, Atlanta Mayor Maynard Jackson, Pat Caddell, Consultant, Cambridge Survey Research Inc. and C. Vann Woodward, Professor Emeritus, Yale University.

The economic panel is slated to begin in the Center's auditorium from 2:15-3:30 p.m., and the political panel from 3:45-4:45. Following each panel will be a 15 minute Q & A session. Speeches will be 10-15 minutes in length.

As a recap, the \$1,000-a-couple "Southern Salute to the President," marking the first anniversary of President Carter's inauguration, will be held at the World Congress Center.



BUSINESSMAN OLIN GRIER
 ...Serving food at Christmas Party

Grier Believes In "Giving Something Back To The People"

By Jeri Harvey
 Post Staff Writer

Olin Grier, owner of G&M Superette, 1215 Oaklawn Ave., is a business man who feels it isn't enough to go into a community and take from it without giving something in return. As he said, "My staff and I earn our living from the people of the Oaklawn Ave. community and it's only right for us to show our appreciation to our customers by contributing time and energy to making the neighborhood a better place if we can."

In particular Grier is concerned about the elderly and the youth of this westside low-income neighborhood. Ac-

ording to him, many of the older people depend on him to cash pension or welfare checks for them and to do other small favors. "They often do not have checking accounts or other necessary identification to get checks cashed elsewhere and since I know most of them, I'm happy to help."

He also employs community people on a part-time basis whenever he can, to supplement his staff of six regular employees - Kay Brown, Brenda Carr, Ella M. Marshall, Hilton Redfern, R.C. Neal and Ronnie Blackmon.

As the owner of a small neighborhood business, Grier considers himself in the unique position of being able to

watch the youngsters of the community grow up. He sees them finish school and go off to college or to work or the army and he says he's always glad to see them come back and tell him about their successes.

This past Christmas, for the second time, Grier sponsored a Christmas party for Senior Citizens of Oaklawn Community. Using the facilities of the Westside Neighborhood Center, 1222 Oaklawn Ave., and with the help of center director, Ms. Zerona Vaughn, a dinner complete with turkey and all the trimmings was served. The food was donated by Grier and prepared by Ms. Willie Hart, director of the center's hot lunch program, and her staff, all of whom volunteered their time and labor.

The entire staff of G&M Superette attended the party to help see that all the guests had a good time and Santa Claus was there to distribute gifts.

Councilman Charlie Dannelly gave a brief talk and Huey Sisters and the Golden Crowns sang for the gathering. Grier said he also donates to Miss Anita Stroud's program, to the Charlotte Area Fund, Free Food Program, has given a Christmas Party for the children of Oaklawn, sends flowers when there is death in the community and tries to help wherever he can.

He said, "So much is written about the bad things that happen over here but it's seldom you read about the good people who live here. Most of the residents of Oaklawn Ave. are decent people."

Racism Is Difficult To Identify

NEW YORK - NAACP Executive Director Benjamin L. Hooks Tuesday called on blacks to mobilize their resources and strengths for the continuing struggle for equality.

Speaking at a news conference after delivering his report to the Association's annual corporate meeting, Hooks noted that "minorities are confronted with obstacles that require new approaches and strategies. Unlike the past, when racism and discrimination were overt and easily identifiable, racism today is subtle and often difficult to identify," he said, adding "Also, the terrain on which minorities must wage their equality struggle is much more complex than in the recent past."

"It is within this context, he continued, "that blacks must now wage the struggle for economic development." Hooks referred to a poll conducted by the Lee Sturzburg Research Organization which found that 77 percent of blacks surveyed ranked employment and economic development well above housing, health, social welfare, justice and citizen-consumer affairs.

The poll, which was released by the New York based organization last summer, found that 64 percent of the people surveyed ranked education and youth issues second among their priorities. A further breakdown showed that 81 percent of blacks under 55, 84 percent of those earning more than \$10,000 and 82 percent of high school graduates and above ranked employment and economic development as their top priority.

The poll was conducted among 2,011 minority men and women in census tracts that were more than 35 percent black. Mr. Hooks drew on its findings to underscore his demand for more federal jobs for the masses of black unemployed.

Significantly, the poll also found that 20 percent felt that the system was too rotten for repair and should be replaced entirely. Overall, 77 percent felt that American society had serious problems, while only 20 percent thought this nation's way of life was superior to that of other countries.

Despite these problems, however, 40 percent thought that the system could solve them.

The poll also found that the NAACP continues to be the best known black organization. Of all urban blacks over 18 years of age, 72 percent knew about the NAACP.