

Charlotte Post To Sponsor "Beauty Of Year" Contest

By Jeri Harvey
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Attention all Charlotte Post Beauties of the Week!! How would you like to earn extra money, compete for \$5000 in cash prizes and have a chance to be named The Charlotte Post "Beauty of the Year?"

As you know, for the past seven years, The Charlotte Post has featured a "Beauty of the Week" on its front page each issue. This has been our way of giving recognition and exposure to black women who might not otherwise receive it. The young ladies have been selected for any number of

reasons; charm, church or community involvement, academic or business success, as well as good looks.

Often they've been recommended by friends, relatives, school mates, business associates or their pastor.

Many of the candidates are

shy and reluctant to talk about themselves because they're afraid of appearing vain or because they feel they're "nothing special."

It's our opinion they're all "something special." Each in her own way, possesses qualities which give her that unique aura that makes her stand out

from everyone else.

Our readers look forward each week to the "Beauty of the Week" and almost daily we receive calls suggesting candidates. Our criteria for selection is simple: we place each name on a list and as soon as possible we arrange for a photograph and an inter-

view. So far there have been approximately 364 young women chosen "Beauty of the Week."

This year, for the first time, The Post will select a "Beauty of the Year". Every former "Beauty of the Week" is automatically eligible to enter.

Besides large grand prizes at the contest's end, weekly prizes will be awarded and we will run that winner's photograph in the Post along with an article bringing readers up-to-date on her recent activities.

Other exciting prizes will be

announced as the contest progresses.

Anyone interested in joining the fun and winning valuable prizes should hurry to contact the Post's circulation director, Mr. Julius Watson at 392-1306 or drop by our office at 2606-B West Boulevard.

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Crusade Planned For "10"

By Dianne Simpson
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The courageous performances struggling for racial and social justice by the Wilmington 10, and the unethical decision made by Governor James B. Hunt prove to be more than just the concerns of the oppressed persons of Wilmington, or the state of North Carolina, or even the entire United States. The issues involved are those of the entire world, and was evident when the Representatives from the World Peace Conference at Helsinki visited Rev. Ben Chavis at McCain Prison in McCain, North Carolina. Persons who represented the World Peace Conference were from Greece, Italy, Lebanon and Finland.

But domestic concerns for the Wilmington 10 are still at their highest. Rev. Leon White, Director of the Commission for Racial Justice in the North Carolina-Virginia Field Office, along with Representative Howard Clement III of Durham want to see to it that the struggle for justice continues. They express their feelings that Governor Hunt is a traitor. "He has betrayed those who have supported him over the years. He has also betrayed this country and everything decent by playing with God and innocent victims of injustice for political gains."

They are asking all concerned persons in joining them in a crusade for justice rally on Sunday, February 5, at the Laodicea United Church of Christ, 2004 Rock Quarry Road, Raleigh, N.C. The service will begin at 3:00 p.m. The theme of the crusade is, "Lest We Forget". Speakers for this event will be Dr. Charles E. Cobb, Executive Director of the UCC Commission for Racial Justice, Dr. Grady Davis and other supporters of the Wilmington Ten and the Charlotte Three. Gospel singers will also appear on the program.

Transportation will be provided to the crusade for those without. Transportation will leave from the campus of Johnson C. Smith University at 12 noon on Sunday. For any additional information you can call 334-2728 or 392-3321 after 6:00 p.m.

Senior Citizens To Sponsor Seminar

The Senior Citizens United, the Charlotte Area Fund and the Legal Aid Society will sponsor a seminar to explain some of the new laws concerning issues that of concern to senior citizens of the area.

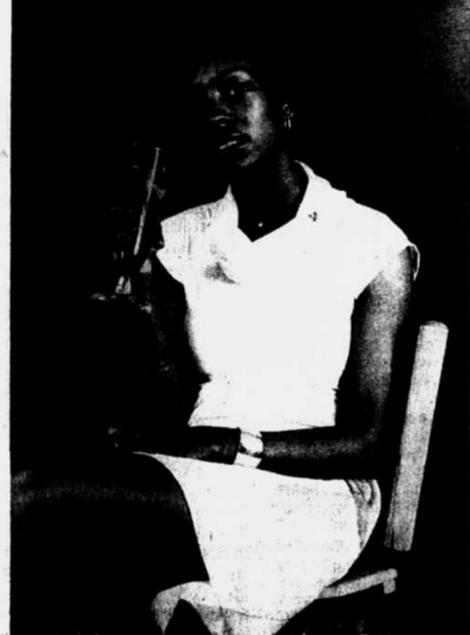
The meeting will be held Thursday February 16 in the auditorium of the downtown branch of the public library.

TURTLE-TALK



Those fortunate enough to escape drowning during the swimming season will now run the risk of skating on thin ice.

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MISS SANDRA MARTIN
...Lovely Kelly Girl

Sandra Martin Is Beauty Of Week

By Jeri Harvey
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Sandra Martin, a nineteen year old native of Martinsville, Virginia, is The Post Beauty of the Week. In Charlotte since last September, Sandra says she's found people here very kind. "When I arrived I was sort of like a little girl alone in the big city but people were extremely helpful, especially folks at New Hope Church. They helped me feel at home and did everything they could to help me get settled."

When she first arrived here Sandra lived at the YWCA on Park Road and worked part time as a Kelly Girl while attending Hamilton Business College full time. Now she has her own apartment and is devoting her full attention to studies. Working as a Kelly Girl was good experience, she said. It gave her a chance to meet a lot of interesting people, but her mother decided it would be best to quit work for a while and concentrate on her education.

Sandra describes Hamilton College as a "very good school where classes are small enough so that each student can receive a lot of individual attention."

"There is a well rounded curriculum that prepares graduates to enter the business world properly qualified in their chosen area. Attention is given to personal development, as well as academic development," she said. After two years at Hamilton, Sandra will have a degree in Business Administration and thinks she may possibly go on to law.

She likes to dance and is "very much into disco" but can usually be found at home reading, listening to music or writing. Black literature is her favorite reading matter and she's tried writing some. In fact, one of her future goals is to do some serious writing.

A Scorpio, Sandra is the daughter of Mrs. Pauline Mar-

tin and has five brothers. Her father is deceased.

Growing up in Martinsville, Sandra says she was "pretty active" in high school and worked part time in the School Board office. She was also active in voter registration work and hopes to become involved in some things of that nature while living here and preparing for a future in the business world.

Our beauty said she doesn't like cooking much but enjoys growing plants and is having fun fixing up her first apartment. About once a month she goes back to Martinsville to visit her mother and see old friends.

We're happy to welcome Sandra to the Queen City and hope her stay here will prove beneficial in every way

As "Unusual Woman"

Mrs. Dean Cited By Co-Workers

By Jeri Harvey
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Mrs. Louise G. Dean, a teacher in the local school system has been cited by friends and co-workers as an unusual woman who, "in over thirty years of teaching, has never been absent from school."

William B. McMillan, principal of Cochrane Junior High, where Mrs. Dean teaches eighth grade, felt our readers would like to know about this dedicated educator.

A graduate of Johnson C. Smith University with a B.A. in Elementary Education, Mrs. Dean also has an M.A. in Education from North Carolina Central University and has studied at UNCC.

She is a graduate of the Second Street Branch Business Education School, and studied at Carver College Business Department. Her first job was with accountant Andrew Gray.

Forrest Collier Says

Wholesale Rate Increase Is

Reason For High Gas Bills

Food Town To Build New Store

Plans have been announced for the construction of another Food Town store in Charlotte. It will be located at the corner of Camp Green Street and Freedom Drive.

According to Larry Raley, in charge of real estate for Food Town, construction will begin as soon as weather permits, with hopes for completion by summer.

The new facility, which will have 21,000 square feet of space, is expected to create approximately 60 new jobs.

Raley said the public's support of the seven existing Food Town Stores in Charlotte led to the decision to build the new one and the west side was selected as the site since there was not one located in that area.

Layne Appointed

Assistant Principal

Louis H. Layne Jr., has been appointed assistant principal at West Charlotte High School, effective January 30.

With Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools since 1969, he taught social studies at East Mecklenburg High School for seven years and served one year as assistant to the principal. During the past year, he has been coordinating bus transportation for the Olympic feeder area.

A graduate of Appalachian State University, Layne earned the M.Ed. in administration and social studies at UNCC.



ASSISTANT D.A. KENNETH MCDANIELS

...With District Attorney Peter Gilchrist

McDaniel Sought Career In

Area That Had More Meaning

By Jeri Harvey
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When Kenneth McDaniels graduated from North Carolina Central University in 1970 with a major in chemistry and minors in math and geography, the farthest thing from his mind was the practice of law. Last September, however, he was one of two young black assistant district attorneys hired by Mecklenburg District Attorney Peter Gilchrist. The other is Calvin Murphy, a Charlotte native, whom we will profile next week.

Chemistry is a highly impersonal area, McDaniels said in a recent interview. "For four years I spent my days immer-

sed in a world of textbooks and test tubes. While much of the civil rights activity was taking place I was isolated in a lab or studying. When I graduated and looked around I realized I didn't really know what was going on in the world around me. Vital changes had taken place and I felt I had had no part in bringing about those changes. I had lost contact with people and I didn't like the feeling".

McDaniels said he knew then that he wanted a career in an area that would have more personal meaning but he didn't know what. For a year after graduation he worked as administrative assistant to the director of the New Jersey State Model Cities Program, before returning to

his native Asheville home to work with the Model Cities Program there.

During this time he met Keith Snyder, then the United States Attorney for the Western District, and this proved to be the turning point in his life. Snyder convinced him that he should go into law and McDaniels returned to North Carolina Central, this time as a law student.

Though he had a 3.0 average and was on the Law Journal, McDaniels said the road to admission to the North Carolina Bar was far from easy. He missed the deadline for the bar exam the first time around and went north again where he was a clerk in the New Jersey State Prosecutor's office for a year and a half. "When I did take the exam", he laughed, "I flunked. Go on and print that because it's true. I failed the test but it made me even more determined and when I retook it I passed, which is the important thing."

Between the two exams he worked as administrative assistant to the county attorney in Asheville. After admission to the N.C. Bar, he applied for a position as assistant district attorney and was hired.

We asked District Attorney Gilchrist what criteria he used in the selection of assistants and he said, "Obviously I look for intelligent lawyers in addition, they must be able to make good decisions quickly, based on the facts before them. They must have a basic sense of fair play and have a good feel for what's right or wrong. And a sense of humor is a "must" because there's a lot of pressure in this job and laughter can be a safety valve."

McDaniels says that Gilchrist displays and demands "total professionalism" at all times. "I've learned a lot from him

Gas Bills

Jumped \$40

In One Month

By Jeri Harvey
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Intense cold weather and a substantial increase in rates charged by the company's principal gas supplier are reasons for the sharp rise in customer bills this past month, according to Forrest L. Collier, vice-president for consumer Affairs at Piedmont Natural Gas Company.

Responding to numerous calls from readers complaining that gas bills have jumped as much as \$30 to \$40 in one month, the Post contacted Collier at his office on Monday.

He said that while every bill would need to be looked at individually to determine the exact reason for the specific increase in that bill, the weather in late December and early January was markedly more severe than it had been prior to that time.

The fact, coupled with rate hikes by Trans Continental Pipe Lines Corporation (Transco), the only pipeline through North Carolina, has necessarily resulted in higher customer bills, Collier said. He explained that Transco's rates have climbed steadily and are 30 - 40 percent higher than this time last year.

Collier pointed out that Transco's rates are not subject to approval by the North Carolina Utilities Commission but by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, formerly the Federal Power Commission.

Collier said Piedmont Natural Gas employs what is called "tracking increases," which means that only the increase in wholesale prices is passed on to the consumer, with Piedmont getting no profit from the increase.

Asked if he expects gas rates to continue climbing, Collier responded, "That depends on what congress decides. They're debating right now to see what can be done at the well head and their conclusions will determine what kind of controls, if any, will be imposed."

Piedmont has a list of suggestions for ways customers can conserve gas and lower their bills. A few of these are: When cooking, fill the oven, don't bake one dish at a time. Don't boil water more than needed. Defrost all foods before cooking. Use high flame only to start cooking, turn flame down when water boils.

Repair all leaky faucets. About 700 gallons of water a year can be lost by one leaky faucet. A quick shower takes less water than a bath. Don't let hot water run when hand-washing dishes, rinse dishes in a pan of hot water.

Hand wash as many articles at one time as possible.



Mrs. Louise G. Dean
...Dedicator educator

The National Historical Society.

She has been a member of the Alpha Gamma Chi Sorority and Gamma Upsilon Sigma Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority in Caswell County, where she received a plaque for many years of outstanding service as vice-president and secretary. She is

now affiliated with Beta Omicron Sigma Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority in Charlotte and serves as correspondence secretary, as well as other committee duties.

Mrs. Dean is a Rhoer Girl advisor, working with teenage girls who are interested in higher education. She has never missed a sorority meeting.

Through education, Mrs. Dean feels that a student can realize his or her fullest potential and she said she sees good in every child. "All they need is the chance to express themselves," she said and adds that "one must be frank and firm with young people and let them know you care about them and how they learn."

Mrs. Dean has one daughter, Nevonnia, who teaches ninth grade at Quail Hollow Junior High School.

She attends Ebenezer Baptist Church where Rev. A. B. Sutton is the pastor.