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Pretty Cheryl Price

Is Beauty Of The Week

By Jeri Harvey
Post Staff Writer

Pr'ty Cheryl Price was selected as The Post Beauty of the Week because she has one of the biggest, prettiest smiles we've seen in a long time and

we wanted to share it with our readers.

Not only does Cheryl have a pretty smile, she has a personality to match. Our conversation with her revealed an optimistic, happy outlook on

life that made her a pleasure to talk to.

A junior at Olympic High School, Cheryl is the daughter of Mrs. Vera Howell and has two younger brothers, Delwin, 15, and Spencer, 13. Because her mother works as a stock transferer at NCNB, our beauty finds herself responsible for looking out for her brothers sometimes but said it creates no problems for her. "They usually listen to what I say and do what they're supposed to do. It's a good example for them because I know that's important."

Cheryl considers herself a "pretty good cook" and told us she's been cooking since she was about 14. Pork chops are one of the dishes she likes to prepare and she makes a lot of cookies at her brothers' request. A letter-girl at Olympic, Cheryl is also in the DECA organization. Her favorite subject is history because "the instructor, Ms. Byrum, is a nice person and makes the course interesting."

Asked what she does for fun, Cheryl said, "I love swing dancing, disco and shopping. 'I'm very fashion minded,'" she told us. After graduation from Olympic she plans to major in fashion merchandising at Winston-Salem State University. Eventually she thinks she might like to be a fashion coordinator or buyer.

Her favorite music is rock or jazz and she unhesitatingly names Parliament-Funkadelic and Earth, Wind and Fire as her favorite recording artists. She saw them both when they were here recently and is "just waiting" for them to come back again.

Cheryl says she loves her mother very much and they're very close but her grandmother, Mrs. Dewie Little, is one of their favorite people. "She's always so good to us," Cheryl said. "We can always go to her for help and she's always ready to do anything she can for us."

The Howell family attends St. Mark's United Methodist Church, located at 917 Clanton Road. Rev. John F. Epps is the pastor.



CHARM CLINIC FOR DEBUTANTES

The Charlotte Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority recently sponsored a Charm Clinic for its Debutantes at the Gallery on East Morehead St. The 20 Debutantes present at the Clinic were instructed by a two-part session on the etiquette of proper dining. According to Daisy Stroud, Co-chairperson of Publicity for the Chapter, the first

session which dealt with etiquette of dining at home was conducted by Mrs. Esther Hargraves. The second session which dealt with dining in a restaurant, was conducted by William Hill, one of the Gallery's owners. After the last session, the debutantes and sorors were served a tossed salad and ice tea.

Bernadine Moses To Take Legal

Action Against Dr. Stone?

By Sharyn Bratcher
Special To The Post

By Jeri Harvey
Post Staff Writer

Stokely Carmichael will speak in the Johnson C. Smith University Church Friday, February 10, at 8:30 p.m. His topic will be "The Present Stage of the African Revolution."

His appearance is part of the Student Government Association's observance of Black History Month, which is being celebrated during February.

A reception in the Union Main Lounge will immediately follow the program. On Saturday night, February 11, at 8:30 p.m., a "Black Film Festival" will be held in Conference Rooms B & C.

A disco will follow in the Hartley-Woods Gym at 10 p.m. The "Jai-Jo Drummers and Dancers" from an African Village in Sheldon, S.C. will perform in the Union Main Lounge Sunday, February 12

at 7 p.m.

On Monday, February 13, at 7 p.m., a seminar on "The Structure of the Black Family - A Change in Roles" will be held in Conference rooms B & C.

There will be a convocation in the University Church at 10 a.m. Tuesday and speeches and musical tributes will be given 4:30 to 6:15 during dinner.

Wednesday, February 15, there will be a "Black Heritage Minute" during dinner and at 7 p.m. "Black Rap with Jim Black."

February 14

Is Deadline For

Auto Decals

All Charlotte residents are required to display a 1978 City Auto Decal on their vehicles by midnight, February 15. Failure to display a current decal now carries a \$15 penalty.

Decals may be purchased for \$3 from the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles Offices at the Freedom Village Shopping Center and 6050 East Independence Boulevard; City Hall, 600 East Trade Street; and various neighborhood locations of the Mobile City Hall.

The Charlotte Police Department is planning an increased enforcement program to check vehicles not displaying a current decal.

Grave Yard Controversy Settled?

By Jeri Harvey
Post Staff Writer

An item in a local daily newspaper column which indicated that a young child buried in Beatties Ford Memorial Gardens may not have been placed in the plot purchased for him has led to a thorough investigation of the matter to determine the facts of the case.

At the request of the bereaved mother, Ms. Marilyn Johnson, and with the cooperation of Luther Caldwell, president of the cemetery, Michael Marsh, an investigator with Mutual Association for

Professional Services, conducted tests which he says determined that four year old Brenice Johnson was indeed interred in the proper plot.

The 11 page report submitted by Marsh concluded that questions surrounding the incident were a result of a misunderstanding on the part of Ms. Johnson and a statement signed by her states that she is "completely satisfied" that her son is "buried in the grave as recorded and stated by Luther L. Caldwell for Beatties Ford Gardens."

The report contains descriptions of tests Marsh executed

in determining the location of the child's body and includes numerous diagrams to bear out his findings.

Caldwell said the plot was purchased for Ms. Johnson by the undertaker who had the child's body. He said that he personally measured the lot, as he always does, to assure that there would be no errors.

The first time Ms. Johnson saw the site, according to Caldwell, was the day of the funeral. In December she returned to the cemetery and expressed the belief that her child had not been buried in the proper plot.

Caldwell said he did everything he could at that time to allay Ms. Johnson's concerns but felt that the investigation by an independent party would serve a better purpose.

The report by Marsh was turned over to Caldwell last week.

Beatties Ford Memorial Gardens occupies 50 acres seven miles beyond the I-85 bypass on Beatties Ford Road near Hopewell Church. It was founded in 1971 by Caldwell, Romeo Alexander, Venton Caldwell, Malachi Greene, Kenny Powell and Jessie Young.

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Rising Cost Tax

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Local citizens using the NCNB Tower as a wind shield while waiting for a city bus in strong wind that gusts up to 20 mph in frigid 30 degree temperature here Tuesday morning.

25 Units To Be Built In First Ward

By Jeri Harvey
Post Staff Writer

Twenty-five units of public housing scheduled to be built in First Ward this year will cost tax-payers a whopping \$38,000 per unit. Reasons for this highly inflated price vary, depending on who the speaker is.

The project architect blames general contractors for refusing to bid on the federally funded construction. A local realtor blames the architect for designing plans which required high bids and then "passing the buck." A spokesman for the contractor's association lays the blame at the feet of the federal government.

Whatever the reasons for the high cost, construction must go ahead in order to settle a law suit which charged the First Ward Community Development Plan with displacing too many of the area's low income residents.

The town-house apartments will be built under the 1977 Public Works Act. Requirements written into this bill specify that general contractors must spend at least 10 percent of these funds with minority contractors and comply with local equal-employment policies.

Tebbe Hawkins, the project architect, said last week that contractors' objections to these stipulations resulted in only three responses to 40 bid requests he issued. He blames this for the high bids submitted and speculated that even if the city had time to solicit new bids, the cost of the project would probably not be any lower.

Motley, who is also chairman of the National Democratic Black Caucus, said the real blame lies with the architect for designing plans which required high bids and then "pushing the blame off on the federal government." Motley cited the situation as "one more attempt to discredit any program designed to help minorities."

Henry Pierce, executive vice-president of the Carolinas branch of Associated General Contractors agreed with Hawkins that members of his organization declined to bid on the construction because of the federal regulations.

"We (the contractors) question the constitutionality of the bill because it's technical regulations place an unfair burden on the construction industry," he said.

A suit brought by the Carolinas branch of AGC challenging the minority contractors rule is now in U.S. district Court in Columbia, South Carolina.

Pierce charged that the 1977 bill was "poorly thought out" and surmised that the designers probably knew "little or nothing about the problems faced by contractors." He said that while it is fairly easy to find minority contractors who have the skill to do the actual construction, few have the necessary business expertise.

"It takes years to acquire that kind of knowledge, and government paternalism will not speed the solution," Pierce said. "Unfortunately, the gifted black who could develop a construction company into a See PUBLIC on Page 4

International Delegation

Denied Visit With Chavis

Four World Peace Council delegates were denied permission to visit with Rev. Ben Chavis at McCain Prison Unit Wednesday, February 1.

Atty. Helene Hadjipetrou, President of the Greek Association of Jewish Women of Greece; Mr. Chandrajit Yadav, member of India's Parliament; Manfred Feist, Chairman of the GDR Section of the World Peace Council and Monica Foester both of the German Democratic Republic, expressed their deep regret that they were unable to see Rev. Chavis. The delegates explained that support for the freedom of the 10 defendants is a part of the World Peace Council Program as well as of immediate interest to the people of their respective countries, in each of which large public demonstrations of support for the Wilmington Ten have been held.

that members of an international delegation have been refused access to a member of the Wilmington 10.

Atty. James Ferguson wrote to Director of Prisons Ralph Edwards to obtain permission for the visit. N.C. Alliance staff subsequently talked with W.L. Kautsky, deputy director of prisons, who stated the delegation was refused permission because the visit was untimely, interfered with the policy of limited access, and that the delegation would be allowed to participate in a press conference with the 10 when their existed sufficient demand from the press for such a conference. (This contradicted a statement to Alliance staff member Kay Anderson by Director of Public Information for the Dept. of Corrections, Ben Runkle, who stated the department has

been inundated with requests for interviews with Rev. Chavis since the Wilmington 10 press conference in Raleigh Tuesday, January 24).

The World Peace Council delegates are here in the United States for 10 days only. They travelled thousands of miles to attend the historic 3-day World Peace Council Conference in Washington, D.C., the first meeting of the multi-million member organization to be held in the U.S. in its 30-year history. While there U.S. Congressmen hosted the delegates at a reception. Later, the participants met with United Nations Secretary General Kurt Waldheim in New York, and with U.S. Deputy to the United Nations John Lenore. (Andrew Young was out of the country while they were in New York).

NAACP Head, Benjamin

Hooks, To Speak Here

By Cynthia Bell
Post Staff Writer

The new Executive Director of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Benjamin L. Hooks, will speak in Charlotte on February 26 at 7:30 p.m. He will speak at Friendship Baptist Church, 3301 Beatties Ford Road. Rev. Coleman W. Kerry is pastor of the church.

Hooks is sponsored by the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Branch of the NAACP.

A native of Memphis, Tennessee, Hooks attended LeMayne College and Howard University. In 1948 he received his J.D. Degree from DePaul University College in Law.

Benjamin Hooks is a dynamic and effective orator. He is a businessman, lawyer, and licensed minister. In the business capacity, he was co-founder and Vice President of the Mutual Federal Savings and Loan Association of Memphis, Tennessee for 15 years. A member of the American Bar Association, he has represented the legal interests of the poor and indigent as Assistant Public Defender in Memphis. Mr. Hooks practiced general law and was the first black judge in the Shelby County, Memphis Criminal Court. He has also pastored at the Middle Baptist Church in Memphis, Tennessee and the Greater New Moriah Baptist Church in Detroit, Michigan.

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Hooks served in the 92nd Infantry Division in Italy during World War II.

On January 10, 1977, he was elected as Executive Director of the NAACP Board of Directors. He is a life member of the NAACP and once served on the Board of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, Tennessee Council of Human Relations, and the Shelby County Human Relations Committee.

15 Sign Up For Post's

Beauty Of Year Contest

By Jeri Harvey
Post Staff Writer

Looking for fun, excitement, prizes, money and city-wide publicity? Then hurry to join the list of contestants in the Charlotte POST's "Beauty of the Year" contest while there is still time!

Sixteen young women have already signed up and the calls are still coming in.

In a few days plans for a get-together will be announced and the rules and regulations will be explained to all contestants. Don't wait to get involved!

Call today and get in on the chance of a lifetime to earn prizes, money and have a good time.

Every past "Beauty of the Week" is eligible to run for "Beauty of the Year" Just Call The POST's circulation director, Julius Watson, and let him know you are interested. But don't delay! Act right away!

If you know of a former "Beauty of the Week" who may not have heard about the contest be sure to pass the word. We don't want anyone to be left out.

The very first person to enter the contest was Ms. Bertha Adams, 1526 Chelveston Drive. The others are Shari Blackwell, 1834 Haines St.; Wanda Abraham, 2643 West Trade St.; Teresa Plummer, 128 Lakewood Ave.; Pamela Allison, 2220 Augusta St.; JoLeatha Pratt, 1524 Van-

Sears Grants

Grants totaling more than \$48,500 have been distributed to 39 privately supported colleges and universities in North Carolina by The Sears-Roebuck Foundation.

Among recipients of this grant is Johnson C. Smith University of Charlotte, North Carolina.

TURTLE-TALK



Figures May Not Lie, but girdles keep many of them from telling the truth.