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PRETTY GWENDOLYN ROZZELL ...Bitten by modeling bug

Gwendolyn Rozzell Is Beauty Of Week

By Jeri Harvey
Post Staff Writer

Gwendolyn Rozzell, The POST Beauty of the Week, was nine years old when she was "bitten by the modeling bug" and she never got over it. "My mother entered me in a fashion show," she said "and I enjoyed it so much I decided right then and there that I'd like to be a model."

Now 24 years old and the mother of two budding beauties of her own, Gwendolyn is still working on that dream. A graduate of the Libby Stone Modeling School, she has several professional assignments to her credit, including Ivey's, Bali Bras, the Charlotte Transit System, Lerner's and Britains.

Noting that the doors to a successful modeling career are still mostly closed to blacks, Gwendolyn said she'd like to get together a group of black professional models who could produce fashion shows and present them locally. "This would give valuable exposure and experience to these models and give area residents the opportunity to see professional shows featuring local people."

"I'd like to show some original designs and give tips on coordinating colors and how to wear makeup and that sort of thing," she explained and added, "There are so many talented young black men and women who only need a chance to show what they can do. This would provide a showcase for them."

Gwendolyn grew up in Gastonia and is the daughter of

Mrs. Mary Coleman, and the late Rev. J.E. Coleman. Not only does Mrs. Coleman get the credit for first exposing Gwendolyn to the world of fashion modeling, she's her inspiration in many other ways. "My mother is a very strong woman who nursed my father through a terminal illness without complaining, she's a nurse's aid at Memorial Hospital and a beautician too, working weekends and evenings in Smith's Beauty Shop in Gastonia. She's always been very fashion conscious and I guess she instilled it in us." Gwendolyn has one sister, Gloria, 26 years old and married.

Modeling part-time, working full-time at United Parcel and taking care of two daughters, Tangee, 7, and Tomekya, 7, doesn't give Gwendolyn a lot of spare time but she manages to play an occasional game of chess, jog a little and go disco dancing when the right invitation is offered.

About every two weeks she fasts for 24 hours for weight control and "to clear the system." According to her, "Fasting makes you feel good all over."

Asked if she had any advice for young people thinking of entering modeling, Gwendolyn said, "I'd tell them don't think being pretty is the most important thing. There are a lot of pretty girls out there who'll never make it. Think about self-direction and development and remember it's hard work and determination that will make the difference, along with some luck."

According To J. R. Cameron

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools Are In No "Immediate Danger"

Democrats To Select Delegates

Responding to the call by the Democratic National Committee for the 1978 National Party Conference, Mrs. John L. McCain, State Party Chairman, has set in operation mechanisms for compliance with the Party's Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action requirements.

Mrs. McCain has appointed a state-wide "Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plan Drafting Committee" which is chaired by Mrs. Doris Cromartie of Charlotte. Other officers of the committee are C.C. Griffin, Vice Chairman, of Cabarrus County and Mrs. Betsy Brammer, Secretary, of Williamston. The Drafting Committee is broadly representative of the North Carolina Democratic constituent groups.

The first meeting of the Drafting Committee is scheduled for Sunday, February 12, at 2 p.m., at State Democratic Headquarters located in the Hilton Inn in Raleigh. The committee will conduct its work in open meeting where the public will have an opportunity to present opinions on delegate selection and affirmative action alternatives. Public comment concerning the Democratic Party's delegate selection and affirmative action programs is invited and may be directed to Democratic Party Headquarters, P.O. Box 12165, Raleigh, N.C. 27605.

Tentatively, a draft plan will be submitted by the committee to State Executive Council on February 17 for consideration.

Irwin Avenue School

Sets Open House

Irwin Avenue Open School is having open house every Wednesday in February at 9:30 in the morning. Irwin is a public school located in the central city serving all students of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County, grades kindergarten through fifth.

Voter Registration

Project Clout Kick-Off Friday Night

By Debra Stanley
Post Staff Writer

Project Clout, a sustained voter registration drive to be followed up with voter education co-sponsored by the NAACP and WGIV will get its kick-off Friday, February 17 in downtown Charlotte.

There will be a press conference-luncheon at 12 noon at the Quality Inn on McDowell Street.

At the conference, which is being sponsored jointly by WGIV, the NAACP, and Casa Blanca Records, Jim Black and other Project Clout facilitators "will unveil what Project Clout is," and George Clinton of Kannapolis, N.C. and member of Funkadelic is going to be the "ambassador of goodwill." Clinton will be presented a proclamation declaring Friday George Clinton day. After the luncheon, Clinton will be at the Soul Shack in



Charlotteans lined up at the N.C. Department of Motor Vehicles office at Freedom Drive late Tuesday to purchase their North Carolina renewal stickers and license tags before the Wednesday, February 15, 12 p.m. deadline.

These citizens did not wait until the last day, however the line numbered over 500 and many said they had to wait over two hours before entering the office.

Here February 28

Methodist Episcopal Congress

To Attract 3,000 Ministers

By Jeri Harvey
Post Staff Writer

An estimated 3,000 ministers and laymen to be expected to gather in Charlotte for the Third Annual Christian Methodist Episcopal Congress on Evangelism February 28 through March 2.

Using the theme: "Called To Christian Discipleship In A Tangled World," the congress will present an array of speakers from as far away as Sidney, Australia and from all across the United States.

Rev. C.M. Allen, of Parkwood CME Church, 1021 Parkwood Ave., will be the host pastor for the three-day event which will meet at the Quality Inn (Downtown East) 201 S. McDowell St. and will feature sermons, workshops and group sharing sessions.

The CME Church was organized in Jackson, Miss. in 1870 and is the youngest of the three major black Methodist denominations in the United

States. The department of evangelism is one of nine general departments of the church. It is the arm designed to bring people into the church and keep them oriented in the old christian traditions.

Dr. Nathaniel Linsey is the present general secretary of the CME Church and has given the evangelistic department national recognition. It was he who instituted the Congress on Evangelism. He has traveled over the world representing the CME Church which holds membership in the World Evangelism Committee of the World Methodist Council.

Dr. Alan Walker, Executive Director of World Methodist Evangelism Committee, Sidney, Australia and Rev. John Perkins, Founder and President of Voice of Calvary Ministries, Jackson, Mississippi will be special guests at the Congress. Dr. Walker will deliver the address on Wednesday night at 7:30 p.m. when the Congress observes Ecumenical Night at First United Methodist Church, 501 North Tryon St. Rev. Perkins will lead a workshop entitled "Christian Responsibility To The Poor."

Other guests will include Bishop Chester A. Kirkendall, chairman of the Board of Evangelism of the CME Church; host Bishop Henry C. Bunton of the 7th Episcopal District; Rev. W.E. Merriweather, Host Presiding Elder of the Durham District; Dr. L.L. Craige of East St. Louis, Missouri.

Leaders of workshops will include Dr. Alex Chambers, Mrs. Mae C. Linsey, T.J. Stony and Dr. J.W. Powell.

Local personalities participating in Wednesday night's Ecumenical Service will be Dr. Wilson Weldon, Presiding Elder of the Charlotte District of the United Methodist Church. See METHODIST On Page 5

Nation's School Face

Critical Fuel Problems

By Don Huskey
Post Staff Writer

"Only under extreme weather conditions or a state of emergency as ordered by Governor Hunt would cause the closing of Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools due to the on-going energy crisis or the recent coal strike. Our present budget is substantial for the 1977 through 1978 school year," J.R. Cameron, energy coordinator for Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools said Tuesday morning in a telephone interview.

Cameron's statement followed a recent news release by the State Department of Public Instruction which revealed that the rising cost of fuel and electricity as the most serious threat to the nation's schools, according to a survey conducted by the American Association of School Administrators.

Thirty-six percent of the 3,410 school administrators in the survey believed that energy was a "critical" problem for their districts. Another 41 percent said they were greatly concerned about energy and are starting to eliminate waste.

North Carolina is well on its way to eliminating waste in the state's public schools, according to Carsie Denning, director of the Division of Plant Operation for the Department of Public Education. "The \$2 million annual energy costs for the state's schools can be cut by \$12 million largely assisted by following the state's energy conservation program," Denning noted. The keys to the North Carolina energy conservation plan are a computer, state and local committees, building audits by qualified engineers, communications and follow-up.

Symposium To

Examine Panama

Canal Treaties

Proposed Panama Canal treaties will be examined at a symposium Wednesday, Feb. 22, sponsored by the Charlotte-Mecklenburg League of Women Voters.

Dr. Lyman Johnson, professor of history specializing in Latin America at UNC-Charlotte, will be the featured speaker at the program, open to the public. The meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Charlotte OBSERVER meeting room, 600 S. Tryon.

A film of a trip through the canal, produced by the Panama Canal Company, also will be shown.

Dialogue between the audience and speaker will follow the formal program, and Marilyn White of Greensboro, International Relations Chair of the League of Women Voters of North Carolina and director of the Panama Canal project will moderate.

One of the series of forums being held statewide by local League, the program will include historical information on the Panama Canal and examine the values questions raised by the proposed treaties. It is funded by a grant from the North Carolina Humanities Committee.

Cameron is not optimistic about a great savings due to conservation in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools which spent \$2,798,808 for energy last school year. "There are many variables, and of course the major factor is the weather. For instance it has been warmer this year, and it is difficult to decide whether warmer temperatures or conservation efforts is responsible for a difference in last year's use and this year's energy use," Cameron explained.

The maximum heat in area schools has been reduced to 68 degrees, and 78 minimum cooling. Lighting in classrooms, auditoriums, and gymnasiums has been cut to the level where it will not affect the student's vision.

"People don't seem to conserve unless they are afraid. We will just have to wait and see," Cameron concluded.

Don Huskey

Joins Charlotte

Post's Staff

Don Huskey, recent graduate of the University of Iowa, has joined the Charlotte Post's reportorial staff.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. John Huskey of Shelby, will cover the articles and serving as the company's photographer.

Don attended Crest High School in Shelby where he was editor of the student newspaper and received the Danforth Foundation "I Dare You" award. He also attended the American University in Washington, D.C. on a Scripps Howard Journalism Scholarship and later transferred to the University of North Carolina at Asheville before going to Iowa to study at the Writer's Workshop.

A story by Huskey has appeared in the Foothills Review and he has completed a novel which is as yet unpublished.

Much of his sparetime is involved in creative writing but he also enjoys racquet ball and weight lifting.

Publisher Bill Johnson said "We're very fortunate to secure the services of such an outstanding young man. It is our feelings that Huskey will bring to the Post the kind of quality services that will add greatly to our overall service to the Charlotte black community, and our great desire to provide the best possible coverage of the Charlotte black community."

Mayor Harris

Announces Monthly

"People's Day"

Starting Friday, February 24, Charlotte Mayor Kenneth R. Harris will hold a monthly "People's Day" at his City Hall office, 600 East Trade Street. The activity is being planned for the fourth Friday of each month to give citizens a regular opportunity to discuss concerns with the Mayor.

To schedule an appointment persons should call the Office of the Mayor, telephone 374-2244.

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