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NAACP Head

Ben Hooks

To Talk Here

Benjamin L. Hooks, Executive Director of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People will speak in Charlotte on Sunday, despite rumors that he might be considering resigning as the organization's leader.

"I have no intentions of resigning from the NAACP, and they have no intentions of firing me."

In saying this, Hooks dismissed reports that there are problems between him and NAACP board members.

The NAACP under Hooks direction is in favor of a more vigorous energy policy which would enhance Black participation economically. The civil rights organization has come under heavy fire for what critics have labeled its "non-position" on energy.

"Our main concern is the production of energy. If deregulation will do it, then fine. If regulation will accomplish this goal, then we are in favor of that. The burden of proof lies in what position will realize this end," Hooks said.

Hooks also stated that the NAACP in concert with other civil rights groups will wage a massive letter writing campaign to protest South African participation in the Davis Cup tennis matches to be held in Nashville, Tenn., in March.

Hooks who is sponsored by the Charlotte-Mecklenburg branch of the NAACP is expected to arrive at Friendship Baptist Church for a press conference at 6 p.m. February 28, which is to be followed by a speech at 7 p.m.

Post To Cover

Top Basketball

Tournaments

In its continuing efforts to provide the best sports news for you, the Charlotte Post has assigned its top reporters to cover three major sports events this weekend.

Gerald Johnson and Bob Johnson, author of the most widely read columns in the area, will journey to Hampton, Va. to give you behind-the-scenes reports on the famed CIAA Basketball Tournament.

Chase Vance, our sports writer, will stay in town to cover the high school and the Sun Belt Tournaments.

In the meantime, publisher Bill Johnson will travel to Greensboro to report on the MEAC Basketball Tournament.

Remember if you're looking for the best coverage in local and sports events, The Charlotte Post is the newspaper and the best place to find it.

The Post in its continued effort to please its readers takes pride in the expanded coverage on the sports page.

Look for the All County High School Basketball Team and the Player of the Year to appear in these pages next week.

And in the spring features will be coming your way on the golf, tennis, baseball, and track stars of the Southwestern 4-A Conference.



LOVELY AMY EDMUNDS ...Says "thin is in"

Miss Amy Edmunds Is Beauty Of Week

By Jeri Harvey
POST Staff Writer

Lean and lovely Amy Edmunds is The Post Beauty of the week.

Five feet ten inches tall and weighing 125 pounds, this willowy lass said she was teased about her slimmness while growing up in Halifax, Virginia, but she's got the last laugh now because "thin is in."

Waiting in an office for an appointment recently, her striking looks and mannequin proportions were spotted by the beauty editor of a local daily and as a result she appeared in a fashion show at a large department store though she'd never modeled before.

The experience proved so enjoyable that Amy's hoping to appear in more shows and says she wouldn't rule out a serious modeling career.

At present the soft-spoken young woman is a sophomore at Davidson College, majoring in Public Policy, a program she describes as "a combination of all the social sciences, and a new innovation in college curriculums." In fact Davidson doesn't have a Public Policy department but Amy is benefitting from an arrangement where students can design their own curriculum.

Last summer, as a curriculum project she worked with Joe Martin, director of Public Policy at NCNB and found it "fascinating."

"I worked with people applying for loans to rehabilitate old homes in Fourth Ward. One of the best parts was doing personal interviews and getting to meet all kinds of interesting people," Amy said.

As a result of the project she became so interested in housing and urban renewal that she's continued doing related work during the present school year.

Asked how she came to select Davidson, Amy said she visited the campus during her senior year in high school and was "very impressed." Davidson provided the small campus atmosphere she was looking for in a school and the chance to get away from old friends and make some new ones. So far she's been pleased with her choice.

A "Self-Starter," by her own description, Amy said she's finding plenty to do in Charlotte. Last fall she worked in the mayoral campaign and plans to continue her political involvement in such areas as voter registration and voter education. "I'm never at a loss for something to do," she laughed. "If anything, I tend to get over-involved." During high school days Amy said she

was into everything from student body president to a modern dance group, track and 4-H.

What little free time this busy young lady has is spent making her own clothes, doing cross stitch embroidery, cooking or listening to "mellow jazz." She explained she found out a long time ago that it's simpler and cheaper to make her own clothes because of her height and size. "Things off the rack either don't fit or cost a fortune," she added.

Amy finds no contradiction in her domestic side and her career goals, saying, "I agree with the basic principals of the women's movement which deal with equal pay for equal work and so forth, but I wouldn't like to see a reversal or elimination of traditional roles. I don't think it's degrading to have children or be a home-maker if that's one's choice and I certainly don't mind men opening doors for me. I go for the whole lace and flowers bit," she concluded with a smile.

Amy is the younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James E. Edmunds and she has one older brother and a sister, both married.

A member of New Bethel Baptist Church, she sang in the Junior Choir and taught Sunday School, before moving to Charlotte.

Second Public Health Conference Set For March 1-2

CHAPEL HILL - Dr. John L.S. Holloman, former president of New York City's Health and Education Corporation, will be the keynote speaker at the second annual spring minority public health conference March 1-2 at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Holloman will speak at 9 a.m. March 1.

Duke Power Urges Sharply

Reduced Use Of Electricity

CA Calls For Hearing On Rate Hike

Carolina Action Wednesday called for the Utilities Commission to hold night hearings in Charlotte on Duke Power's request for a 9.3 percent increase in electric rates.

"We feel the working people of Charlotte need to get a chance to speak out on this outrageous rate request," said Carolina Action spokesperson Brenda Best. "We don't have the money to drive all the way up to Raleigh or to take a day off from work to be heard. That's why we hope the Commission will hold hearings here."

In a letter to Robert Koger, chairman of the Utilities Commission, Ms. Best explained Carolina Action's rationale for opposing the rate hike: "The company claims that it is needed because of the demand for new plant construction and because of 'inflation.' We feel that rate hikes such as the one requested are one of the primary factors creating inflation. We also feel that new plant construction should not be underwritten by the residential consumer when it is not our demand which is creating the need for new plants. We are shocked at the accounting and tax procedures which allow Duke Power to write off its Federal taxes by building new plants, while the small ratepayer foots the bill."

Carolina Action is a statewide citizen's action organization, with offices in Raleigh, Greensboro, Durham, and Charlotte. It is involved in organizing for neighborhood improvements as well as utility reform.

Miss Charlotte Beauty Pageant Set For March 3

The 12th Annual Miss Charlotte-Mecklenburg Pageant will be held at Dana Auditorium, Queens College on March 3 at 8 p.m. Once again, Loomis McGloin will direct this pageant which will include 21 young women wishing to go the Miss North Carolina Pageant.

Tickets may be purchased at any First Union or Branch Bank and Trust. The pageant is sponsored by the Mecklenburg Jaycees and Jaycettes.

Among the contestants are: Sandra White, Teresa Coleman, Sandra Potts, Rosalynn Boyce and Linda Bratten.

Spec. 4 Michael A. Redic

Local Youth Honored For Peacetime Heroism

Mrs. Denise Merengueli-Diaz reads in part: "My husband and SP4 Redic were trying to swim out to her but a whirlpool was making it very difficult. My husband was not able to get out there but Redic

fared better. Seeing that no one out there was doing the girl any good Redic tried to take her from the arms of a Panamanian who was too scared to do anything.

"When Redic finally got her away from the Panamanian, being taller than anyone else



Bill Johnson, center, and Mrs. Brannon, mother of contestant Alice Brannon, are explaining "Beauty of the Year" contest rules to the contestants at McDonald's Cafeteria last Friday night.

Our "Beauty Of Year" Contest Receives Rousing Sendoff

By Jeri Harvey
Post Staff Writer

Earning the distinction of becoming The Charlotte POST Beauty of the Year and winning cash and fabulous prizes was uppermost in the minds of the lovely young women who gathered at McDonald's Cafeteria last Friday night. The tastefully decorated smaller dining room of the well-known restaurant was reserved and delicious refreshments prepared by the able staff of the cafeteria were invitingly displayed.

Contestants and staff members of The POST met at 7 p.m. to get acquainted and go over the rules of the contest together. Bill Johnson, publisher; Julius Watson, circulation director; and Jeri Harvey, staff writer gave brief presentations.

Writer of "What's Happening," Bob Johnson; general manager Bernard Reeves, office manager Clara Ford and Mr. Watson's assistant, Mary McCallum were also on hand to lend support.

Among the young ladies present were Bertha Adams, Cheryl Howell, Mary Charles, Gwendolyn Rozzell, Candice Council, Pamela Allison, Lisa Laster, Perdalsand Springs and Charlotte Gordon. Alice Brannon was represented by her mother.

A number of contestants were unable to attend due to flu, work demands and prior commitments but they're

making arrangements to pick up information and materials from our office this week.

They include Cynthia Hoover, Shirley White, Eileen Neely, Tammy Calloway, Claretta Hailey, Sandra Alexander, Darlene Herron and Amy Edmunds.

Readers of The POST can help their favorite contestant by taking out new subscriptions as gifts to local and out-of-town relatives, friends, students away at school or servicemen stationed throughout the United States and abroad. There's nothing like being able to read what's going on back home to brighten the day of someone far away.

Call one of the contestants and do her a favor and do a

favor for a loved one at the same time. They'll both appreciate it! And remember, the wider the POST's circulation, the better able we'll be to grow and be the kind of paper you want to represent you.

There's still plenty of time to get in on the fun and excitement but don't hesitate any longer. Some contestants have already got off to a bang-up start and competition is really keen.

Anyone who hasn't put her name on the list of participants in this exciting contest still have time to do so by calling Mr. Watson at 392-1306 or dropping by the POST's office at 2606-B West Blvd. between 9:30 and 5:30 any week day except Friday when we close at 1 p.m.

President Discusses Issues With Black Media Leaders

President Carter has advised black media leaders that his Administration plans to triple the amount of Federal funds devoted to the training and employment of young minority teenagers.

This would increase the amount of funds for such programs from \$776 million to \$2.3 billion.

The President said that "we are making steady progress and many of the programs that we initiated with the help

of the Congress in 1978 are just beginning to have its full effect and be observed."

The President made the comments in a 30-minute question-and-answer session with representatives of four major black media organizations: the National Newspaper Publishers Association, Black Media, Inc., National Association of Black-owned Broadcasters, and the National Association of Black Journalists.

In his Monday press conference Gov. Hunt emphasized that North Carolina is not yet in a crisis situation due to several reasons, including the fact that utility companies stockpiled a 100 day supply of coal last summer. North Carolina generates about 30 percent of its coal from nuclear plants and gets more coal from non-union sources than most states do.

The governor said also, "Our Energy Policy Council has drawn up an Emergency Energy Plan, getting ideas from people all across the state. We have laid out what kinds of conservation measures we need to take and when we should take them." "Right now we are in Phase I of the three phase plan -- we are monitoring coal supplies and weather conditions, and our Energy Division Director, Utilities Commission Chairman and Public Staff Director are meeting weekly to assess the situation."

When Duke Power's supplies reach about the 40-day level, Duke will begin a five percent voltage reduction and state officials are expected to institute voluntary curtailment of non-essential uses.

At the 20-day level, rotating blackouts (brownouts) could begin. Electrical service would be interrupted for certain periods of time.

Gov. Hunt Joins Cut-Back Appeal

By Jeri Harvey
Post Staff Writer

As coal reserves at its power plants dropped to about a 50-day level, Duke Power Company urgently appealed to customers to eliminate all unnecessary uses of electricity.

On Monday, Governor Jim Hunt joined in this appeal to North Carolinians to cut back on electrical use to conserve coal.

To keep its customers informed, Duke Power will issue daily status reports until the coal strikes ends and the company begins getting a normal amount of coal.

"In view of the current situation in the coal strike and Duke's level of coal supply we want to make our customers aware that it is in their best interest to sharply reduce use of electricity on a voluntary basis," said Austin C. Theis, Senior Vice-President in charge of Production and Transmission.

This said it must be emphasized that the plea for conservation is extremely serious and the consequences of ignoring it or not cooperating fully could dramatically alter the way people in North Carolina work and live should the strike continue and mandatory curtailments become necessary.

After a settlement is reached it is likely to take 10 days for the local unions to ratify the agreement and another three weeks before the normal supply reaches the plants.

Duke Power is making the appeal for conservation to the general public, industrial, commercial, residential copos and municipal customers and has already instructed all its own offices to cut back on lighting and non-essential electrical uses. It is also making maximum use of hydro units.

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Michael A. Redic ...U.S. Army hero

her head above water most of the time. This was very difficult to do because he was in a whirlpool which was so strong that it was hard for him to keep his footing. It took him 15 minutes to get her out of the water."

The statement then went on to describe how Mrs. Merengueli-Diaz's husband was able to administer first aid and mouth to mouth resuscitation and accompany the child to the hospital where she was treated and found to be suffer-

ing no ill effects from her ordeal.

A statement issued by the U.S. Army disclosed that the undertow at Santa Clara beach on the Pacific side of the Canal Zone is extremely dangerous, and Redic and the other servicemen were in extreme hazard while completing the rescue.

Redic is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Roberts of 2705 Beechnut Road and is a 1975 graduate of Harding High School.