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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK



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The deficit-plagued U.S. Postal Service received tentative approval last week to raise the cost of mailing a first-class letter from 13 cents to 15 cents. Pending final approval, this will be the fifth increase in the past 10 years.

The U.S. Justice Department has charged Baltimore County, Md., with discrimination against blacks and women in hiring and promotion and sought repayment of millions of dollars of federal aid. In a civil suit, the Justice Department accused county officials of failing to recruit, hire, promote and evaluate blacks and women on an equal basis with white males.

Career planning experts have reminded young people again that those with liberal arts degrees—English, political science, history, psychology—may find the job market tight. On the other hand, the foreseeable future holds a promising outlook for graduates in engineering, science and business administration.

Reportedly, all 18 black employees of the Allied Chemical Co., in Arrowood walked off the job on Thursday of last week. They charged the company with discrimination against blacks by favoritism in the hiring and promoting of the friends of white employees over qualified blacks and failing to give blacks the information and supervision that leads to possible promotion.

In spite of significant success in earning power gains by black men since World War II, it may be 30 to 40 years before they reach the wage levels earned by white men, accord-

ing to research economists James Smith and Finis Welch of the Rand Corp. Nation-wide they content, black men earn three-fourths as much as white men, however, as late as 1974 black male income was only 58 percent of that of white males.

Mrs. Mary C. Martin, Mecklenburg County Home Economic Extension Agent, won the Communication's Award for radio solo broadcast shows at the Southwestern District Association of Extension Home Economists meeting at Mags Head, N.C. on May 10-11. The award includes competition in newsletter and news column writing, television, and radio solo shows.

N.C. doctors have officially opposed President Carter's criticism of the American Medical Association (AMA). Carter denounced the AMA in a speech in Spokane, Washington, last Friday, when he said the AMA is "the major obstacle to progress in our country to having a better health care system..."

Miss Wheelchair

The Radisson Plaza Hotel Gold Room will provide the setting for the 1978-79 Miss Wheelchair North Carolina Beauty Pageant on June 3 at 8 p.m.

Those interested in being contestants should obtain a sponsor for the \$75 registration fee. Contestants must be 18 years or older. The winner will advance to the Miss Wheelchair America Pageant in Columbus, Ohio in August.

For further information contact Ron Smith, at 374-2884 or Robin Heffner at 825-3916.

From Charlotte Motor Speedway

CBS To Air Motorcycle Jumpoff

Daredevil Rex Blackwell and six other international-class competitors will compete in the North American Motorcycle Jumpoff, to be broadcast on "CBS Sports Spectacular," Saturday, May 20 at 5 p.m. on WBTV, Channel 3.

The competition will take place the previous day at

WBTV To Air "Kent Family Chronicles"

"The Kent Family Chronicles," based on the best-selling novel, "The Bastard," by John Jakes, will be presented as a four-hour, two-night television movie on Thursday, May 25, and Friday, May 26, at 9 p.m. on WBTV, Channel 3.

A powerful romantic adventure, "The Kent Family Chronicles" is set in the exciting years leading up to the American Revolution. It tells the story of Phillippe Charboneau, a young frenchman portrayed by Andrew Stevens, and his mother, Marie, played by Patricia Neal, who set out to establish his birthright as the son of an English nobleman. Their efforts to share in the title and estate are violently opposed by the nobleman's family, with the result that mother and son are forced to

JCSU Sets Program

For The Handicapped

Handicapped citizens, age five and older, can participate in a special recreation program this summer at Johnson C. Smith University (JCSU).

The program is sponsored by the Physical Education Department from Monday, June 19 to Friday, August 11. Hours are 9 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 8 p.m., weekdays.

Activities include swimming, movement education and games, which are modified to meet individual needs.

Further information may be obtained by contacting Charles R. Cox at 372-2370, extension 249.

Charlotte Motor Speedway and will offer a total of \$20,500 in prize money. In addition to jumpoff, Jack Whitaker will present one of his timely commentaries on "CBS Sports Spectacular" that day.

Blackwell won the initial motorcycle jumpoff competition held in 1977 at the Houston (Texas) Astrodome, when he

out-pointed young Gary Wells in a special bonus jumpoff 106 feet.

Since then he was out-scored, in a head-to-head match, by England's Eddie Kidd in Long Leat (90 miles from London), and finished seventh (after receiving a major penalty for hitting the safety ramp) in a competition October at Orange County National Speedway in California.

The seven competitors will be jumping from more than just distance in this event, sanctioned by the American Motorcycle Association. They will be judged for take-off, in-air control, landing accuracy, and overall technique.

Two jumps will be attempted, at the minimum, by each man. The first will be over a row of automobiles at a distance of 101 feet. The second will be over 111 feet. After the second jump, the competitor has the option to try only that jump again for a better score.

The winner will also have the opportunity of going for an A.M.A. record of 121 feet and an extra \$2,000 in prize money on a bonus jump. In case of a tie after the two jumps, those tied will attempt the 121 foot distance, with the best scorer getting the bonus money. The list of the other six competitors includes: Dick Stone, Karl Soucek, Jeff Gutierrez, Ken Mackow, Larry "Hurricane" McLean and Dave Townsend.

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