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W. W. TWITTY
...N. C. Mutual executive

In Bridge

Twitty Reaches 1st Milestone

By Linda Florence
Post Staff Writer
A Charlotte native gave a fine showing in a national bridge tournament last week.

W. W. Twitty, 63 of 1725 Madison Ave., brought home seven trophies from the American Bridge Association tournament which was held at the Palmer House Hotel in Chicago, Illinois. The tournament was held from August 7-12.

Twitty is the first member of the Metrolina branch of ABA to obtain the ranks of life master.

The local chapter of ABA received its charter in January of this year and has a little more than 50 members.

Twitty said he'd played rubber bridge, the most common type of bridge for many years. But he credits George W. Johnson of 1128 Rocky Ridge Dr. with encouraging him to learn duplicate bridge.

Twitty said that duplicate bridge is more complicated than the regular bridge and involves more skill than luck.

Johnson, who organized the local chapter of ABA, said that Twitty "reached his first milestone in bridge while attending the tournament in Chicago."

"His next milestone will be to get 300 points," Johnson said.

Wilmington 10 March Set For Sunday

By Eileen Hanson
Special to the Post

August 20 has been designated as "Wilmington Ten Sunday" across North Carolina.

Ministers rabbis and congregations are being asked by the N.C. Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression to join in a "united demand for freedom, true human rights and justice in North Carolina."

A march is planned for the afternoon in support of the Wilmington Ten, the Charlotte Three, and also David Miller. The 28-year old Charlotte resident is charged with first degree murder in a "murder for hire" case.

The march will begin at 5 p.m. from the Main Post

According to the ABA rules, Johnson explained that 50 points are required to obtain the junior life master. One hundred points are required to reach the level of life master. Three hundred points are required to reach the level of senior life master. The ruby level requires 600 points and the diamond level requires 1200 points.

While at the tournament, Twitty received 150 points.

Johnson, who's been at the game longer also teaches bridge at the Greenville Center on Thursday nights. (The next class will start the second Thursday in September.) Johnson has more than 3,000 total points.

Both Johnson and Twitty are also members of the Charlotte chapter of the American Contract Bridge League, a predominately white organization. The ABA is predominately black.

Johnson said the ACBL has approximately 225,000 members nationally; while the ABA has between 5,000 and 6,000 members nationally.

Johnson is ranked 18th in the nation in the ABA. He said he's been playing bridge for the past 26 years.

Johnson said he decided to organize a local chapter of ABA simply because there wasn't a chapter here.

Offices and continue to the Court House for a rally. Marchers will demand that charges against Miller be dropped, and that the "10" and "3" be granted a full pardon of innocence.

The David Miller Defense Committee claims that there is no evidence against Miller in the murder case. "There are those of us that see this as another plot against another Black," said Rev. James Barnett, chairman of the committee.

The N.C. Alliance is asking that a prayer prepared by Rev. Ben Chavis, one of the "10," be read during church services on Sunday, and that the families of these and other prisoners be remembered in prayers.

Churches are also asked to receive a special offering for the work of the Alliance in the struggle for freedom and justice in North Carolina.

Petitions will be circulated calling on President Carter to free the N.C. civil rights activists. The cases have gained international attention as a human rights issue. In October the Alliance will present the petitions to Carter at the United Nations Human Rights Session. The goal is 100,000 signatures.

For more information contact Rev. James Barnett, People United for Justice, 332-2250.

Activist Says:

Minorities Can Provide Service To Communities

Rent Party

Stays Off

Conviction

By Eileen Hanson
Special to the Post
Facing eviction is a frightening experience, especially if you're living on a fixed income, have five kids, and the landlord is the Public Housing Authority. You know there is no where else to go.

But friends of Carrie and Lonnie Graves turned a gloomy situation into an evening of disco fun August 10 at the Excelsior Club. Billed as a "rent party," the evening was a benefit to help the Graves pay \$500 in utility and repair bills the Housing Authority claims they owe. Earlier this month the Authority threatened to evict the family because of the back bills.

Between records spun by Robert Patton, Dr. Helen Othow, a member of People United for Justice, moderated a brief program.

"Rent parties are part of our heritage," she said. "During the Depression, in Harlem and other poor communities, people would often throw parties to help out neighbors about to be evicted."

The eviction threat against the Graves stems from Ms. Graves' part in a 1976 law suit filed by the Resident's Advisory Council against the Housing Authority. They charged that tenants were not allowed enough for utilities, thus many were paying more than 25 percent of their incomes for rent and utilities, as required by Federal guidelines.

When the suit was settled, the Graves still faced the back bills. Ms. Graves claims the repair bills are the responsibility of the Authority.

"We had a broken comode, then a window, and bad wiring," she said. "They construct public housing in the cheapest possible way and then expect the tenants to pay the repairs."

As a member of Dalton Village and West Boulevard Coalitions, and the Resident's Advisory Council, Ms. Graves is active in trying to get more of a voice for public housing. See RENT on Page 4



LOVELY GLORIA BLACKWELL
...Rising UNCC freshman

Gloria Blackwell

Is Beauty Of Week

By Monica Brown
Post Staff Writer
"Confidence is the key to success" says 18 year old Gloria Blackwell, the Post's Beauty for this week.

Gloria, was a recent participant in the Miss Black America pageant, which was held in Winston Salem. Although she was not a winner she said her experiences there were worthwhile. The most rewarding experience she noted was the charm school where she was taught the fundamentals of poise and the importance of "confidence in ones self."

While a student at West Charlotte High School Gloria was a majorette and for the past year has taught baton twirling. More recently Gloria was crowned "Miss Park and Recreation." It was during this pageant that she presented an original baton twirling routine, which won her the coveted title.

This fall Gloria will be a

freshman at UNCC, she plans to major in social sciences and hopes to become a juvenile social worker. When asked about her feelings about entering college this fall, she said, "I like new and different experiences and that I feel a college education is essential in our ever changing world."

Aside from baton twirling, Gloria enjoys bike riding, but says most of her time is spent on the job. She is employed in guest relations at Carowinds.

The youngest of three children, Gloria is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Blackwell and resides at 2513 Kendell Drive.

She is a member Greater Bethel AME Church.

Precinct Meeting

Precinct 27 will sponsor a public precinct meeting at the Simpson-Gillespie United Methodist Church at 540 Winston Street on August 22 at 7:30 p.m.

The purpose of the luncheon is to emphasize the new season and call attention to the membership drive itself. Ms. Emerson explained.

Celebrities and non celebrities will be on hand to flip pancakes and greet the public, she said.

Ms. Emerson said the group is expecting about 500 people to attend the special lunch. There will be door prizes and numerous souvenirs.

Champaign will be served. There will be door prizes and other forms of live entertainment. "We have a good many things to offer the public if they come out. I think they will enjoy it," Ms. Emerson said.

Though membership to the See Stratford on Page 4

Blacks Free To Provide

Service To Own Communities

Gains made by minorities in the South over the past 15 years mean that more blacks and others are now free to provide service to their own communities and communities elsewhere.

This was the opinion of civil rights activist John R. Lewis, now director of domestic operations for ACTION, the federal agency for volunteer service, given in an interview at City Hall Monday. He was welcomed there by Councilman Sidney Barthelemy.

Afro Center

Plans Fund

Raising Disco

The Afro-American Cultural Center will sponsor a pre-festival fund raising disco at the Excelsior Club located at 921 Beatties Ford Road on Thursday, August 24 from 9 p.m. until. The disco will officially kick off this year's festival activities.

The festival in the park will be held in Marshall Park on Saturday, August 26 from 12 to 7 p.m. The theme of this year's festival will be "Ujima 78-Collective Work and Responsibility."

Admission to the disco is \$1.50 and tickets are on sale at the Afro-American Cultural Center on the third floor of Spirit Square. Further information can be obtained by contacting the Center at 374-1565 or 110 East Seventh Street.

UNCC To Offer

Short Courses In

Speedreading

Short courses in speedreading will be offered at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte on Thursdays in September or on Oct. 19 and 26 and Nov. 29 and 9.

The classes are designed to increase speed in reading while maintaining or improving comprehension. Each course will consist of four, three-hour sessions tailored for the business or professional person.

The instructor will be Dr. Evelyn C. Davis of UNCC's Learning Assistance Laboratory. For information call Dorothea Lakin at UNCC, 597-2424 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays.

CMS Sets

Registration For

New Students

Parents of beginning students and students new to Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools who have not yet registered their children for school this fall are urged to call or visit the child's school weekdays between 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. to fill out necessary

papers and receive information about the school year. Registering now will help the schools work out student schedules before school begins.

Lewis said he's in town to take advantage of this new human resource by launching the first black recruiting drive in the five-state region for more Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA) people.

In 1965, he helped to organize the famous march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama, which brought national attention to the need for the Voting Rights Acts of 1965. A native of that state, he said blacks now hold high political office in areas where 15 years ago, they couldn't even vote.

Blacks used to be less than enthusiastic about joining volunteer organizations such as the Peace Corps (one of many agencies under the umbrella ACTION program), Lewis said, "because they thought, 'Why go to Africa or elsewhere when there are problems right here in Louisiana or in Georgia?'"

But in the last decade, there have been "unbelievable" civil rights gains in the South, Lewis said, and he predicted this region, where people show a special "caring" toward one another, will be the next leader in human relations, a sort of national model.

Asked about recent activism of the Ku Klux Klan in the South, Lewis said, "I think these are isolated incidents. There will always be people who want to revive the past, but I think most Southerners, black and white, do not want to go back to that period." Blacks and whites are not "working together" in much of the South, he said.

Though Lewis is here primarily to recruit volunteers for VISTA, he is also interested in getting people to serve in other programs such as the foster grandparent plan.

He wants both people willing to serve their own hometown and those wanting to go elsewhere. ACTION, though it is a small agency compared to the Health, Education and Welfare Department, is important he said, because it tells people, "Use what you have; pool your resources to make something better."

Councilman Barthelemy said the VISTA program would help remedy some of the unemployment found in the city. Particularly among blacks.

City Council To

Consider Section 8

Housing Sites

The Charlotte City Council will consider eight proposals for Section 8 housing sites at its meeting on Monday, August 21 starting at 12 noon in the Council Chamber at City Hall. Following an informational briefing and public comments and suggestions, the City Council is expected to develop an official response for the area office of the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

The eight Charlotte proposals were submitted by local sponsors in response to a statewide advertisement made by HUD announcing the availability of funding for 350 housing units in North Carolina metropolitan areas. To date HUD has received 87 proposals for a total of 7,000 units.



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