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CHARMING DAISY WATTS
Future fashion designer

Miss Daisy Watts

Is Beauty Of Week

by Sherleen McKoy
Post Staff Writer

A lover of positivism and one who tries to let it reflect in her daily life in Daisy Watts of Fort Mills, S.C.

Being the third oldest of five sisters, one can easily see why Daisy loves to sew and sometimes makes her own clothes. She said that she is also interested in being a model. She likes jazz music and dancing. Noel Pointer, a violinist, is her favorite jazz artist.

Going to the beach is another one of her favorite pastimes. "I enjoy Virginia Beach more, but Myrtle Beach is closer," she said. Stuffed plants and animals also capture her interests. "My favorite stuffed animal is purple and has purple and white daisies on his back," she said. "I call him Nicodemus."

When asked why, she replied that it was the first name that came to her mind. When school begins, Daisy plans to look for a job in the fashion field, perhaps in a department store. "I want to absorb all I can about the fashion field she commented. "That's my main interest."

Daisy presently lives in Charlotte with her uncle and is working at Comtex Corporation, a yarn industry, as a machine operator. She has been there about a month and said that she likes it. However, it is just a means of acquiring some money to purchase her books when she returns to Central Piedmont Community College this winter.

"I'm majoring in Business Management," she said. "It is a two-year course and I only have a year-and-a-half to go." Daisy plans to become a fashion designer. "I want my own business," she explained. "I want to open up a shop of my own." She said that she believes in making plans for herself, but not limiting herself to any one thing.

A graduate of Fort Mills High School, Daisy has been in Charlotte almost two years. "I like it here," she stated. "I enjoy the people; I love being around them and talking to them. Daisy likes staying with her uncle who greatly influenced her in thinking positively. "He has helped me a lot," she said. "He gave me a lot of books to read and said I should practice positive aspects of life." Daisy said that he is young and their relationship is that of a brother-sister type.

State Court Of Appeals Orders

New Trial For John E. McCombs

Congress Often Vote Against Blacks

WASHINGTON (NNPA)—Members of Congress, even from districts heavily populated by blacks and poor Americans, voted this year against the interests of these citizens on 22 key issues, according to a study made by the National Newspaper Publishers Association - the Black Press of America.

Among the issues on which Members of Congress voted against the interest of blacks and the poor and defeated the measures are: The establishment of an Office of Consumer Representation, a budget resolution of the ban of federal funding of abortions. Also the opposition voted successfully to cut CETA Title VI public service jobs at a time of continuing high employment.

Chicago Daily Defender Publisher John H. Sengstacke, president of NNPA, says that publicly available information on votes by members of the Congressional Black Caucus were used as a standard in the study. However, it should be pointed out that this is not a study by the Caucus, Sengstacke explains, "But that we believe that the Caucus members' votes reflect the views of Black America."

The study findings were presented to a Congressional Black Caucus Workshop last week by John L. Porocope, publisher of the New York Amsterdam News and first vice-president of NNPA.

In the South, where the poor range as high as 38 percent of one Texas district, and blacks as high as 48 percent of one Mississippi district, the composite vote in opposition to the 22 issues of importance to blacks and the poor rose as high as 89 percent in Delaware, 84 percent in Mississippi and 82 percent in Virginia. Actually, the report indicates that eight of the 10 Virginia Congressmen were 90 to 100 percent in opposition to the passage of legislation of interest to the blacks and the poor who helped elect them.



PHILLIP WRIGHT
Delivers groceries

For Idle Conversation

Red And White Grocery Store Is Where Good Friends Meet

by Sherleen McKoy
Post Staff Writer

Everyday a group of elderly men congregate in the front of Red and White grocery store at Westover Mall. These men are all retired and have known each other for five years or more.

When they were first being interviewed, there were only two of them. One was reluctant to have his picture taken or to reveal anything about himself. However, off the record, he readily talked and enticed his friend to do the same on record.

Robert McClinton is a native Charlottean who retired from the army in 1946. A WWII veteran, he was wounded in the leg in 1945 while serving in Okinawa. He also said that he served under General McArthur.

"I've been all over the world," he said. "In the '60's, I stayed in New York for ten years." McClinton, at the ripe age of 55, a tall and slim man, said that he had been in Salisbury Hospital for four years with arthritis.

Since retiring from the army, he has worked at Folger's Buick as a car salesman and at Ray Chemicals. "I had a heap of jobs," he reflected. "I haven't worked in five years. I need unemployment compensation." He said his disability checks weren't enough.

Some of these men proved to have interesting backgrounds, though they looked like your ordinary settled-type of individuals.

McClinton stays with his sister, Carrie Davis, and has two children, a boy, and a girl, living in Charlotte.

James Edwards of 1830 Phillips Avenue is a native of Fort Mill, S.C. who has lived in Charlotte for 30 years. Concerning McClinton, he said, "I know him well. Me and him be up here a lot talking." Edwards lives alone-his wife and son are deceased. A grandfather of two teenage children, he works three days a week on South Boulevard at a Cotton Broker place. He has worked there about two years.

Around this time, another man walks up. This single file procession repeated itself until there were five friends sitting and chatting. The third man, Phillip Wright, formerly of Kings-tree, S.C., has resided in Charlotte for 38 years. Married and childless, he is retired from the City of Charlotte. He said that he worked for More-ship in Oakland, California for 33 years. Since retirement, he has been delivering groceries for Red and White for six years. "I work from 10 a.m. till 6:30 or 7 p.m.," he said. "Sometimes they call me in."



Fred Alexander
Senatorial candidate



L. C. Coleman
Commissioner candidate

The District Attorney for the 26th District, Dem. Peter Gilchrist is running unopposed. The Judgeship of the 26th District Court is between Dem. James Lanning and Rep. J. Myers Cole.

Another friend walks up but bows out by saying he would talk at another time. By the time I was getting ready to leave there these friends were so busily engaged in conversation among themselves, I felt like an intruder. Their common denominator, retirement, has made them come to enjoy and expect each other's company.

Court Rules Judge Gave Incomplete Instructions

by Susan Ellsworth
Post Staff Writer

The State Court of Appeals ordered a new trial Tuesday for a North Carolina University Student convicted of killing a Durham police officer.

John Excell McCombs Jr. was sentenced on Nov. 12, 1976, to 60 years in prison on a second-degree murder charge and a concurrent five year term for the possession of marijuana with intent to distribute, possession of LSD and manufacture of marijuana.

McCombs contested only the murder charge. The Appeal was based on allegations that the presiding judge, James M. Baley, of Person County Superior Court, did not allow the defense to present evidence that would have helped McCombs' case. This evidence supported an individual's right to protect his home from attack.

"One may kill when necessary in defense of himself, his family, or his home and he has the same right, when not actually necessary, if he believes it to be so, and has a reasonable ground for belief," under the law.

While Judge Baley did tell the jury that defense against bodily harm was permissible, he omitted citing the portion of the law that supported an individual's right to protect his home from forcible entry. Consequently, the Court ruled that Baley gave incomplete instructions to the jury on the right to defend one's home.

Taxpayer Action Endorses Martin

Washington D.C.—Taxpayer Action, the political action committee affiliated with the National Taxpayers Union supported by over 75,000 members nationwide, last week endorsed Jim Martin in his bid for the 9th District Congressional seat.

Calling Jim Martin "a friend of the taxpayer", Steve Stockman, Treasurer of Taxpayers Action, cited Martin's legislative stands on run-away federal spending and other major tax issues. "Specifically, Jim Martin supports a 33 percent reduction in Federal income tax rates, a cut of the maximum capital gains tax by half and fully endorses a constitutional amendment to balance the federal budget. This is a tax reduction package that can give taxpayers the relief they've been pleading for," added Stockman.

Jim Martin claims, and Taxpayer Action agrees, that these three planks of a tax reduction program would give the taxpayer an immediate tax break, revitalize the economy, and clamp the lid on federal spending.

"Taxpayer Action has been getting strong feedback from all across the 9th District," said Steve Stockman. "Taxpayers are fed up with high taxes and wasteful government spending. Responding to their demands for lower taxes, Taxpayer Action enthusiastically endorses Jim Martin for the 9th District Congressional seat."

The question of whether McCombs was defending his home from attack by intruders, or if he knew officer Larry Bullock was a police officer is a crucial point in this case.

State evidence presented at the trial showed that six Durham police vice squad officers went to McCombs apartment at 410 Pilot Street on April 29, 1976, with a search warrant in their possession. The officers were dressed in civilian clothes and rode in unmarked cars.

The State contended that the police identified themselves and said they had a warrant. Officer Larry Bullock was first to take action. He knocked on the door, received no answer and then kicked the door in, according to court document. As the door crashed open the defendant stated that he went quickly to his bedroom and got his gun. Upon reaching the bedroom door, he saw Bullock running down the hall with a gun. McCombs raised his gun and fired at the officer. Bullock died as a result of the wound the records revealed.

McCombs stated that he thought Bullock was trying to break the door down to rob the apartment, whereas, the police said that the defendant was informed before they entered the apartment that they were police.

Judge Robert A. Martin, writing for the Appeals Court, ascertained that the case will be overturned because Judge Baley should have told the jury to consider the defendant's right to protect his home from invasion.

The court declared McCombs to be indigent and appointed C. C. Malone to defend him in the new trial. Malone said he is optimistic that McCombs will be acquitted. Fundraising committees have been organized to raise money for McCombs' court expenses.

No date was set for the trial. John McCombs, 22, lived at 2314 Roslyn Avenue.

1,000 Teachers To Meet Here

Over 1000 teachers of mathematics, grades K-college, will gather at the Sheraton Inn in Charlotte, October 13-14 for the Eighth Annual State Mathematics Conference.

This statewide conference is co-sponsored by the North Carolina Council of Teachers of Mathematics and the Department of Public Instruction's Division of Mathematics. According to Bob Jones, director of the state education agency's Division of Mathematics, many teachers from throughout the state play a vital role in planning and conducting the annual conference.

Governor Jim Hunt will address the general session on Friday afternoon at 2 p.m. Dr. William Furkey, Professor of Education at UNC-Greensboro will deliver the banquet address on Friday evening. Dr. Ernie Duncan, Professor of Mathematics Education at Rutgers University and a noted author of elementary mathematics textbooks, will address the Saturday luncheon session.

For November 9 Election

89 Candidates Wooing Local Voters

by Susan Ellsworth
Post Staff Writer

In less than one month, voters will have an opportunity to elect officials who will run the state and county governments. Who are these candidates and what offices are to be filled?

Four Black candidates, Fred Alexander, L. C. Coleman, Robert Walton, and Clinton Johnson, are running for office. In the race for sheriff voters must choose between Dem. John Kelly Wall, and Rep. Donald Stahl. For the Board of County Commissioners, five officials can be selected from Democratic contenders, Hugh Casey, L. C. Coleman, Elizabeth Hair, Tom Ray, and Robert Walton, or Republican candidates, William Boos, Ed Peacock, Sam Smith, Ann Thomas and Paul Whitfield. In the Senatorial race, one can vote for either Dem. John Ingram, or Rep. Jesse Helms. Looking at the State Senate in the 22nd District, there are

openings for four members. The candidates for the positions are Democrats Fred Alexander, Cell Jenkins Jr., Craig Lawing, Carolyn Mathis, and Republican Thomas Doyle Ghent, and the Unaffiliated James Doyle McDuffie.

Eight Candidates may be chosen to fill positions in the House of Representatives. Democrats running are Louise Brennan, Ruth Easterling, Gus Economos, Jo Graham Foster, Parks Helms, Gerald Hester, Ben Tilson, Parks Todd; the Republican are, Jo Beard, Marilyn Bissell, Allan Jaffre and Roy Spoon.

One congressman from the 9th District must be selected from these candidates: Dem. Charles Maxwell, Rep. James Martin, and Libertarian, F. W. Pasotto. A Judge of the Court of Appeals can be chosen from Democratic candidates Barley Mitchell Jr., John Webb, Richard Erwin, Harry Martin or Republican Joe Cagel. For the Associate Justice of



Those who founded the United States would probably be amazed at what it is today.