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Charlotte Business League To Honor Seven Black Businessmen

Bond Vote

Coming Up November 7

November 7 is the day Charlotte-Mecklenburg voters will be asked to cast ballots on bonds to fund parks and recreational facilities, water and sewer improvements, a neighborhood drainage program and parking garage and overhead walkway at Central Piedmont Community College. The bond projects and their amounts are:

\$19.6 million-PARKS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES BONDS - to provide fundings for natural preserves, community district and neighborhood parks, improvements to existing parks, greenways, and special facilities to include recreation centers and a center for special populations.

\$5.6 million - WATER BONDS - to finance addition to the Hoskins Water Treatment Plant.

\$3.2 million - SANITARY SEWER BONDS - to upgrade Irwin Creek and Sugar Creek Wastewater Treatment plants and make improvements to sewer to meet EPA requirements.

\$1.7 million - STORM SEWER BONDS - to implement Charlotte's new drainage ordinance and to help property owners solve their drainage problems.

\$1.7 million - COMMUNITY COLLEGE BONDS - to build a parking garage and overhead walkway at Central Piedmont Community College.

City residents will cast votes on all the ballot items. Registered voters living in the county will only vote on the county portion of the Parks Bonds and the Community College Bonds. Also on the November 7 ballot will be a host of candidates for federal, state, district and county offices. Those office are: U.S. Senate, U.S. House of Representatives, several judgeships, district attorney, clerk of court, County sheriff, State Senate, State House, County Commission and soil conservation district supervisor.

"Some day I'd like to go back to writing, doing copies for a commercial or just something in the communications field where I will be able to use a pen," she stated. However, for now, she wants to complete at least a year in her present position.

Betsy said that she loves to dance, creatively, that is. In the past she has danced at Queens with WTVI, and on programs on Channel 18 and 3. "I read anything," Betsy declared emphatically, "I'm a magazine freak. I love music; easy listening and the jazzy type but it depends on my mood."

Betsy lives alone and affirmed that she is "independently single." She said that sometimes she likes to be completely alone and if she's not listening to music she "just listen to the floor squeak."

Betsy said that she likes to swim whenever the weather and her attitude permit her to do so. Whenever anyone inquires as to whether she plays tennis, she politely replies that she owns a tennis racket.

Betsy intends to remain in Charlotte as long as opportunity knocks at her door. "I don't believe in cutting myself off from life," she said soberly. "I'll pack up and leave anytime I get the opportunity."

Betsy said that at this particular point in her life, she is at a resting stage. "I'm not involved in anything other than my work which takes up most of my time," she commented. Her weekends begin on Monday night and she is off on Tuesdays, and Wednesdays. Usually she goes to Durham or Spartanburg during her free time.

Someday Betsy said that she would like to settle down, get married and have children. She has two older brothers and neices and nephews as old as she is.

Betsy is the daughter of Robert and Elizabeth Hardy.

On Halloween

In addition to witches and ghosts, another type of ghoul will be out on Halloween: the highway sign vandal, one of the worst "pranksters" ever to slip away in the dark.

Roadside sign vandalism is a continuous problem in North Carolina and the state department of Transportation is asking for help in preventing this highway safety hazard.

"Halloween seems to be the peak season for sign vandalism," said Secretary of Transportation Tom Bradshaw. "We are asking the public to notify their local Division of Highways office, the State Highway Patrol or local police, if they observe an act of vandalism involving highway signs. We need this information to replace signs which have been vandalized. The reporting of license plate numbers of vandals would be helpful. Serious accidents have been caused because

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The lack of evidence against Miller, the fact that he is black and faces the gas chamber, while confessed co-conspirators Smith and Lyons are white and received 10 years sentences, has raised concern and protest in the black community.

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The David Miller Defense Committee has already raised \$1,600 towards its goal of \$3,000, which it hopes to raise Sunday and through donations from concerned citizens in the community.

For more information, contact Rev. C. E. Dewberry, 376-4797.



DAVID AND GALE MILLER WITH THEIR DAUGHTERS
...Stephanie, Nicole, Pasonda and Pecolia

David Miller Supporters To Sponsor Rally Here Sunday

A rally to support David Miller will be held Sunday, Oct. 29 at Gethsemane Baptist Church, 2670 Dr. Carver Road at 3 p.m. Rally sponsors hope to raise \$1,000 for the defense of a young black man who faces trial in a "murder hire" case that has caused protest from local black leaders.

Several choirs from Gethsemane and University Park Baptist Churches are scheduled to sing.

Preaching at Sunday's gathering will be Rev. James Palmer of University Baptist Church, and Rev. James Barnett, chairman of the David Miller Defense Committee.

The committee formed last July when it was learned that the District Attorney's office planned to prosecute Miller for first degree murder in the slaying of Julius Smith, shot near the First Ward grill a year ago. Miller faces the gas

chamber if convicted.

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Mayor Maynard Jackson

Will Be Guest Speaker

The Business League has members from many representative areas of the business world-car dealers, banks, real estate, janitorial services, executive recruiting and professional persons such as doctors and lawyers.

The cost of membership is \$100 a year. This fee covers the cost of sponsoring programs for the members, such as advertising seminars.

To apply for membership or for more information about the dinner-dance, contact Sam Young at 376-2494 or Bill Cunningham at 333-1215.

Black Lawyers

To Meet Sunday

The Charlotte Chapter of the North Carolina Association of Black Lawyers will hold its third of a twelve month Community Legal Education Series on Sunday, October 29 at 3 p.m. at First Baptist Church, 1801 Oaklawn Avenue. This program will feature as speakers, Richard Letchworth, Administrator of the Mecklenburg County Jail, Herbert Mann, Director, Mecklenburg County Pre-Trial Release Program, Sidney Noel and Haywood Polk, U.S. Parole and Probation Office, William Koger, N.C. State Parole and Probation Office, and Jeffrey Campbell, Director of the Ex-Convict's Organization (ECO). According to the Association's president, Marnie Shuford, each speaker will discuss the functions and roles of their respective offices in the criminal justice system after which they will address questions from the audience. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Parent-Teacher

Conference To Be Held Here

Parents-teacher conferences will be held in Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools November 6 and 7. While students have holidays from school, their parents will have an opportunity to visit the school and meet with the teachers to discuss their child's progress in school.

School officials encourage

School officials encourage parents to take advantage of these days to visit the schools and are asking businesses and industries to cooperate in giving working parents an opportunity to visit the schools. It is helpful for both parents to attend these conferences.

Topics that parents might

want to talk to the teacher about include: their child's ability to do school work; the child's current level in reading and math; special interests and abilities of the child; books and materials being used in the class; the child's social progress and behavior and ideas to use at home to help their child in school.

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is also a good time for parents to advise the teacher of any special needs, interests or problems their child has. Individual schools will be sending home information about the parent-teacher conferences.

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Miss Betsy Hardy Is Beauty Of Week

At the end of her junior year at Queens, Betsy was employed by the Jefferson Pilot Broadcasting Company as editor of the "Jeffcaster," the station's newsletter that went to all the other Jefferson affiliates.

Upon her graduation, she joined the Promotions Department of the station. During the week, she worked in Community Affairs and on the weekends, she worked in the News Department.

In February of this year, Betsy left Jefferson Pilot Broadcasting Company to venture into the arena of selling.

"Somebody told me about a new furniture company that was coming to town," she said. "At the time I was restless and needed a change of pace. So I went and joined up with Rhodes Furniture Company. I was in training for a month until the store opened for business."

Betsy said that she enjoys working there because she has always had an interest and a knack for decorating which she sometimes get to do.

House Buying

The new family on the block may consist of a single woman.

A recent national survey reports that one of every 16 mortgage loan applicants was female and single.

In 1974, the comparable figure was one in 35.

NCSU agricultural extension specialists project that by the end of this decade one of every 10 home buyer applicants may be an unmarried woman.

TURTLE-TALK

Good eye sight is a good thing to have, but WISDOM is a good thing to be SOUGHT...If you are truly wise you POSS-ESS good vision and the WIS-DOM to know that TRUE VISION IS NOT SHORT SIGHTED.

Highway Sign Vandalism Is Continuous Problem

Signs were removed or badly mutilated.

Bradshaw said it is impossible to determine an exact cost to replace stolen or damaged signs. "But it is estimated that if we replace every vandalized sign, the cost would exceed \$750,000 a year," the transportation secretary noted, pointing out that about half of the cost is for the sign and post, while labor and equipment costs make up the rest of the total. Highway signs cost an average of \$30 each.

The majority of the hundreds of thousands of highway signs in North Carolina are made by inmates in the correctional system through the Prison Enterprises business. The special green signs on major routes are usually made by private concerns. The average life of a sign is five to seven years.

The Department of Transportation completed a program last year to try to extend

Highway Sign Vandal

Worst "pranksters" ever

the use of the signs. Special stickers indicating that the sign is the property of the transportation department and listing the penalties for vandalizing the sign were placed on approximately 500,000 regulatory and warning signs across the state.



HIGHWAY SIGN VANDAL
Worst "pranksters" ever

H. C. Rhudy, Traffic Engineering Manager for the transportation department's Division of Highways, said the purpose of the program is to establish ownership in the prosecution of stolen sign cases and to discourage such vandalism by pranksters.

It is a misdemeanor to damage or remove a highway sign. Penalties for violating the law include fines to a maximum of \$500, imprisonment up to six months, or both.

Rhudy said the highway division also uses "vandal resistant fastenings" on signs in locations where there is a history of thefts. "No fastener can hold a sign in place if a thief is determined to steal it, but these fastenings work well against 'casual' vandals."

You'd Better Believe It's Autumn

east Charlotte and move in a clockwise direction through the nine collection zones (the zones correspond to those used in the classified section of the newspaper). The crews will finish one area before moving to the next. Weekly reports will be issued to the news media listing the area scheduled to be covered the following week.

Crews will begin in north