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# FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK



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Blacks represent 28 percent of the Mecklenburg County population but only 16 percent of them are registered voters. These are not too startling facts based largely on 1975-77 voting data, among the facts published in the voting Atlas of Mecklenburg County. The 48-page book is the latest in the UNC-Charlotte Monograph series on geography.

Federal courts in the 11 southern states employ few blacks and have a very limited number of women in professional positions, according to the Southern Regional Council the Atlanta-based nonprofit organization. Of 112 federal district judges, only one is black, none of the 26 circuit judges are black, only three U.S. marshalls are black and only two percent of the district judges in the South are females the Council reports. Since President Carter will soon appoint 60 district and circuit in the 11 Southern states, it's time for these facts to be known said Steve Suits, executive director of Southern Regional Council.

A report of "displaced homemakers"-widows and divorced women-says that one-third of such women lack jobs or sufficient educational skills to secure gainful employment. The report, written by the National Advisory Council on Women's Educational Programs, say such disadvantaged women need training for well-paying jobs that offer advancement opportunities.

Considerably more blacks oppose the state's high school competency test now than 18 months ago, according to a statewide survey conducted by The Charlotte Observer. Statewide, the survey says, 69 percent of the population thinks all graduates should be required to pass the test in order to receive a diploma beginning in the spring of 1980. Fourteen percent oppose such requirements and 17 percent are undecided. The 1977 poll showed a 70 percent support rate for the test by both blacks and whites. In the 1978 poll, white support for the test rose to 72 percent while black support declined to 56 percent.

have reduced the federal treasury by as much as \$44 billion, three separate government reports indicate. The reports, prepared by the General Accounting Office (GAO), the investigative arm of Congress, has led two Senate committees to begin investigations into ways to stop the dollar drain.

State senator Fred Alexander and Bob Davis, president of the local Black Political Caucus, were among a group of black political and community leaders who visited with President Carter at the White House last week.

"I don't think it's fair to continue to put money into these schools and let them die at the same time," said Charlotte Eddie Knox, Chairman of the advisory Budget Commission. Knox was referring to the extremely poor conditions on the campuses of the state's five predominately black state universities. He said building should be comparable on all campuses.

The City of Baltimore has approved a \$50,000 contract to build a bronze statue of jazz singer Billie Holiday. Miss Holiday was reared as a youth in the Maryland Port City. Sculptor James Earl Reid will design the larger-than-life statue.

City obligations and court action is requiring the location of housing for the poor in areas that may create new racial imbalances in some local schools. The CM school

Board expressed concerns about this on Monday evening.

The U.S. Supreme Court has agreed to examine a Massachusetts veterans preference law that is similar to statutes in the federal government and in 46 of the 50 states. The court might delete the veterans preference.

Howard University Professor Frank Davis notes that most of the welfare payments in America go to whites. He said, "there are three times as many whites as blacks on welfare, some six or seven percent of the population. But 20 percent of the black population is on welfare."

# WGIV Names Lee Michaels New Operations Director

by Sherleen McKoy Post Staff Writer

Lee Michaels is the new Operations Director for WGIV. He succeeds Mannie Clark, who resigned from that position but still works at the station as a radio personality in the mornings from 6-10.

Michaels is not a newcomer to the communications field; he has been in radio for the past 13 years. Previously, he worked as music director and air personality on morning shows in San Francisco, Los Angeles, St. Louis, Norfolk, Va. (his home), and Atlanta.

He comes to Charlotte from Los Angeles. At WGIV, he has entered into a new dimension of radio-management-one that he hopes will and should advance his career in the radio industry. He is in charge of everything that goes on the air; commercials, news or whatever.

Commenting on his new position, he said, "Financially, it's quite a drop in salary...but my goal is to get into management and eventually ownership in radio."

So far, Michaels likes his job and said that "it's been a lot of hard work."

Michaels hopes to bring WGIV and the community up to date on what's happening in the country.

"We definitely will deal with the community and their prob-

contemporary and more competitive.

"I consider WGIV to be in direct competition with WBT and WAYS," he said, "what I mean by this is that anyone who listens to those stations and then listens to WGIV should not be offended and vice versa."

To the community, he said, "Charlotte can expect WGIV to be better and closer to the community as their voice. We

intend to give them a sound they can be proud of."

Michaels said that Charlotte is one of the nicest cities he has ever been in and he is looking forward to a cooperative relationship in the future.

In closing, he said that Mannie Clark did a spectacular job during the time he was in charge of the station. "I have the deepest respect for him," he stated.

## VOTE TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7

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