



REV. JAMES BARNETT  
...Coalition chairman

**With Discrimination**

**Equal Rights Groups**

**Charge Channel 36**

Eileen Hanson  
Special To The Post  
Can a TV station with no black or women at decision-making levels adequately represent the Charlotte community?  
A coalition of equal rights organization says no, and thus is calling on the Federal Communications Commission to revoke the license of Channel 36 (WRET-TV). The Charlotte Broadcast Coalition maintains that Ch. 36 has grossly violated FCC regulations in hiring practices and is not representing the needs of the black community.

The coalition says the station does not have enough black employees in top-level jobs where program decisions are made. From 1971 until last July, WRET had no blacks in the top jobs of managers, officials and sales. In July, when Ch. 36 became the local NBC affiliate, two blacks were hired for top-level jobs.

According to the Federal Communications Act, airway frequencies belong to the American public. Corporations must renew their licenses every three years by showing they have served the needs of the community they service.

All Charlotte radio and TV stations are up for license renewal on December 1. According to FCC regulations, they must show that a certain percentage of management personnel are blacks and women. Because top management determines what programs and news are covered, it is here that discrimination is being attacked.

In the local service area of Mecklenburg, Gaston and Union counties, the regulation states that 5 percent of top level jobs must be filled by blacks over the past 3 years for the station to get renewal. In overall employment, 9.5 percent must be black. Prior to the July hirings, WRET showed 3.5 percent to 4.6 percent black employees over the last 2 years.

However, the coalition feels even these federal guidelines are too low.

"Charlotte has a 30 percent black population," said coalition chairman Rev. James Barnett. "Our goal is that all stations should have a person."

**Artists May Apply**

**To Arts Showcase**  
The Arts and Science Council is accepting applications to the ASC Arts Showcase, an arts and crafts fair which will take place February 3-4, 1979 in the Charlotte Civic Center. The Showcase is open to artists and crafts people from North and South Carolina.

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**Church News Briefs**

**Area Churches Announce Thanksgiving Worship Services**

by Sherleen McKoy  
Post Staff Writer  
The Thanksgiving season has prevailed upon us once again and it is one which is most welcomed for it is a time of giving special thanks to God, feasting and enjoying our family and friends. It is a time of rejoicing in God's goodness, His love and His mercy; a time of relaxation away from the rush and pressures of everyday living; and a time to remember and encourage those who are less fortunate than we are, by sharing our blessings with them.

When we think of Thanksgiving, festive activities immediately come to our minds; parades, turkey and ham with all the dressings, and lots of fruits, cakes and pies, as well as some other things we enjoy seeing and doing.

Some churches and congregations will observe Pre-Thanksgiving morning and evening worship services. Others will thank God in their own way. It does not matter so long as God receives the glory for his handiworks.

Some local ministers shared their feelings on what Thanksgiving meant to them.

Rev. George E. Battle, minister of Greater Gethsemane AME Zion Church, stated, "To me, Thanksgiving is a period of reflection and thanking God for all He's been to me. I thank Him for the people of Charlotte and for the opportunity to serve Him." Continuing, he said, "It is a time to count your blessings and not your frustrations and disappointments. I thank God for my family."

To Rev. Lemar Foster, pastor of Second Calvary Baptist Church, Thanksgiving "beyond the usual things, basically means sharing. The Bible states that one may plant and one may water," he said, "But God gives the increase." In this light, he feels that "every person should pray that God would make him a channel of blessings to others. Thanksgiving means more than verbally thanking God."

"Thanksgiving is a time of showing one's gratitude towards not only material gains through God, but gratitude for friends and others not involved in our lives daily, but who have an influence on us," stated Rev. William Lee, pastor of Silver Mount Baptist Church. "Gratitude should be expressed day by day, especially the blessings we so often overlook...the blessings the Lord is blessing all of us with."

"Thanksgiving means that I should show my appreciation and thanks to God by giving and sharing with others," declared Rev. C.E. Dewberry, pastor of Gethsemane Baptist Church.

Rev. Paul W. Drummond of St. Paul Baptist Church feels that Thanksgiving is a time of thanks and that is the one day that we should be "especially thankful for the goodness of Christ. A person should be thankful everyday," he added.

May the joy of the Thanksgiving season linger till Christmas and on through the New Year for our abundant blessings continue always as



Rev. William Lee  
...Silver Mount Pastor



Bishop William Smith  
...Guest Speaker



Rev. Lemar Foster  
...Second Calvary

we acknowledge Jesus Christ as our personal Lord and Saviour.

**SHILOH INSTITUTIONAL**  
The J.A. Gospel Choir of Shiloh Institutional Baptist Church is selling their live recording album made while in concert at Johnson C. Smith University on July 23 of this year.

The album, which sells for \$6, may be purchased at the church or from any of the members of the singing group. Shiloh Institutional is located on 1710 Sumter Avenue and is pastored by Rev. Tommy G. Davis.

**GETHSEMANE BAPTIST**  
Rev. C.E. Dewberry, pastor of Gethsemane Baptist Church was honored on Sunday, November 19 during his Pastor's Appreciation Day at 3:30 at the church.

Rev. J.M. Wallace, Sr., pastor of Rose Hill Baptist Church in Kannapolis and Watts Grove Baptist Church in Indian Grove, was the guest speaker for this memorable occasion. Choirs from both the visiting churches and Gethsemane rendered the musical selections.

Rev. Dewberry described the event as a "most unique program." The theme, "This is Your Life," depicted the past life of Rev. Dewberry from his youth up until the present day. He said that the church showed their appreciation by giving him a generous monetary award.

Following the program, dinner was served to more than 300 persons in the educational wing of the church.

Rev. Dewberry has been pastoring at Gethsemane for 12 years, "biblically and practically," he said.

**LITTLE ROCK**  
Little Rock A.M.E. Zion Church will observe its "Annual Men's Day", Sunday, November 26 at the 11 a.m. worship service. The men of the church will lead and participate in the worship service. Charles Parks and Jacob Mus-

**Girl Scout Emblem**

A new Girl Scout emblem, a three-profile silhouette of stylized girls' faces, was selected at the organization's convention meeting in Denver, Colorado, on October 25.

The changes from the traditional Girl Scout trefoil—the three leaf clover symbol patented in 1914 was changed to a new logotype to emphasize the female focus of Girl Scouting, but will still retain the basic trefoil shape signifying the three parts of the Girl Scout Promise.

grave serve as chairpersons.

The Right Reverend William Milton Smith, Presiding Prelate of the Second Episcopal District of the A.M.E. Zion Church will be the guest speaker. Bishop Smith is known to be one of the most articulate gospel preachers in the Christian Church today.

The public is cordially invited to attend. Pastored by Rev. William M. White, Little Rock is located on 403 North Myers Street.

**MYERS PARK**

Myers Park Baptist Church will present Program II of this year's Hyacinth Series. The New Reflections Dance Theatre will be featured in a program of modern dance on Sunday, November 26 at 4 p.m. in the Great Hall, located on 1931 Selwyn Avenue.

The program is choreographed by Hardin Minor, Susannah Hewson, Ester Gunn and Roy Cosper. It is presented free to the public as an encouragement to the development of the arts in Charlotte.

**GETHSEMANE AME**  
Greater Gethsemane AME Zion Church held Thanksgiving services on November 23 at 10 a.m. Mount Carmel Baptist Church was the guest for the worship services. Rev. Jerry Sanders, assistant pastor of Mount Carmel, delivered the Thanksgiving message.

The Trustee Board of Gethsemane will present the Livingstone Prayer Meeting Choir in concert on Sunday, December 3 at 7:30 p.m. at the church.

Rev. George E. Battle is the pastor of Greater Gethsemane.

**Mrs. Parker Is Recipient**

**Of Francis Makemie Award**

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degree from Virginia Union University. Mrs. Parker began her teaching career as an instructor of English at Mary Potter School, Oxford, North Carolina, 1933-1935. The following year was spent at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, where she earned the Master of Arts degree. She was then appointed chairman of the English Department at Mary Allen Junior College, Crockett, Texas, where she remained six years.

From 1942-1944, Mrs. Parker served as chairman of the English Department at Knoxville College, Knoxville, Tennessee. In 1944 she began her tenure at Johnson C. Smith University.

Mrs. Parker is active in many civic and community

programs, and serves as a member of the Board of Directors of the Presbyterian Historical Society.

**Holiday Festival**

A holiday festival has been planned Saturday, Dec. 2, at the Duke Mansion, 400 Hermitage Road, to benefit the general music scholarship fund at The University of North Carolina at Charlotte. Claire and Bill Allan, owners of the Duke Mansion and local music supporters, have agreed to host the UNCC Creative Arts Department's first fund-raiser to begin a music scholarship program at UNCC.

The benefit is scheduled from 8 to 12 p.m. with live entertainment by members of the UNCC music faculty and others.

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