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## Hearing

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### Application

The Charlotte City Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, February 26 at 3 p.m. in the Council Chamber at City Hall to hear comments and suggestions on the Community Development Application for Block Grant Funds for fiscal year 1980. The hearing is being held before the application is submitted to regional and state governments and then to the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Charlotte is scheduled to receive \$16,023,000 in Community Development Funds for physical and social improvements over the next three years. Approximately \$11 million is available for the fifth and sixth years to continue current programs. Another \$5 million is expected to be available for the seventh year.

Persons wishing to speak at the hearing should notify the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, telephone 374-2247 by noon the day of the hearing. Speakers are asked to place their suggestions in writing for the record. Those not able to attend may send their comments to the Director, Community Development Department, Cameron-Brown Building, 301 South McDowell Street, Charlotte 28204.

The currently approved Community Development Neighborhood Strategy Areas are Grier Heights, North Charlotte, Cherry, Third Ward, West Morehead, First Ward Extension, Southside Park-Brookhill, Five Points and Wilmore-Dilworth. The three new proposed Neighborhood Strategy Areas are West Boulevard, Upper Greenville, and Druid Hills. New neighborhoods approved for the Section 312 Loan Program are Elizabeth and Chantilly.

### University Park

### Post Office

### To Close?

Will the U.S. Government close the University Park Post Office on Beatties Ford Road? "No, says postmaster Oscar Sloan. "We might move it to a smaller quarters, but there will continue to be a University Park Post Office."

Although that postal branch, serving 46,000 customers now has a reduced staff of three clerks, box services remains available, according to Sloan.

Carriers no longer deliver mail from the University Park Post Office. Instead they work out of the general mail facilities at the Mail processing point located at I-85 and Mulberry Road.

### City Offices To Close

On Monday, February 19 all offices of Charlotte City government will celebrate George Washington's birthday. Due to the holiday the City Sanitation division will operate on a different schedule during the week.



LOVELY DEIDRA GRIFFIN  
...East Mecklenburg sophomore

## Deidra Griffin Is Beauty Of Week

by Sherleen McKoy  
Post Staff writer

Deidra Griffin, a sophomore at East Mecklenburg High School, is our beauty for this week.

School is an emphatic "yes" as far as Deidra is concerned. "There's nothing to do at home, so you might as well get an education," she asserted. "You can't go to college anyway if you don't have a high school background."

English ranks as her favorite school subject.

Deidra wants to make nursing her life's career. Her interest in the field developed as a result of a class she took at Presbyterian Hospital. She prefers to do her nursing activities in the children's ward.

"I've always enjoyed children," she said. "Last summer I worked with children in the Piedmont Court Day Care Center."

Hopefully, Deidra said she plans to work at a day care center this summer, though it may not be the same one. Deidra describes herself as being "sometimes nice, sometimes mean. If I get mad, I get an attitude," she explained.

Reading books about slavery is a favorite past-time for Deidra. "I like to know what went on back then and how they (slaves) were treated," she said. She also likes to read mysteries.

After school hours, Deidra likes to watch the soap operas and afterwards go the library and study.

Her weekends are filled with church activities, choir rehearsals on Saturdays and morning and evening church services on Sundays.

A member of the House of Prayer, Deidra sings in her church's youth choir. This March she will be traveling with her church to Florida for a House of Prayer Convocation. Her Bishop, and other singing groups and bands will

also be attending this event. Deidra should certainly enjoy her trip since traveling is something she really likes to do. She has traveled to Baltimore, parts of Virginia and around North Carolina. Her sight is focused on future travels.

"I would like to travel to California to see if it's what people say it really is," she said wondrously.

Deidra also expressed a desire to someday live in New York. One reason is because she has relatives nearby, another is that she spent the very first two months of her life there and lastly, there are so many popular people living there.

Deidra credits her mother as having the most influence in her life. "My mother is always on my tracks," she remarked, "trying to bring me up the right way."

The third oldest of six children, Deidra is the daughter of Mrs. Helen Griffin.

### Harris Appoints

### 13 To Traffic

### Safety Committee

Charlotte Mayor Kenneth Harris has appointed a 13-member Traffic Safety Committee to develop and promote the importance of safe driving.

Members of the Traffic Safety Committee are as follows: Joseph Mallow, Citizens Safety Association; R.E. Edison, Police Department; Bernard Corbett, City Traffic Engineer; Peter Gilchrist, District Attorney; Joseph E. Green, Safety Director, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools; Ed Pickard, American Auto Association; Jim Spivery, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Insurance Advisory Committee; Betty Chafin, Mayor Protem; Ray Barath, WSOC-WSOC-TV; Lester Strong, WBT. See HARRIS on page 9

# Meany Terms Budget Cuts

## "Unfair" For Workers, Poor

### Carter Plan

### Sees 6.2%

### Joblessness

Reprint from the AFL-CIO News

The Carter Administration, planning for continued but slower economic growth over at least the next two years, is forecasting a "modest rise" in joblessness from the current 5.9 percent to 6.2 percent by the end of this year.

The nation's unemployment rate is expected to remain at the higher level through 1980 as the Administration continues its approach to reducing the country's soaring inflation rate.

"Reducing inflation must be our top economic priority," President Carter told Congress in his annual Economic report.

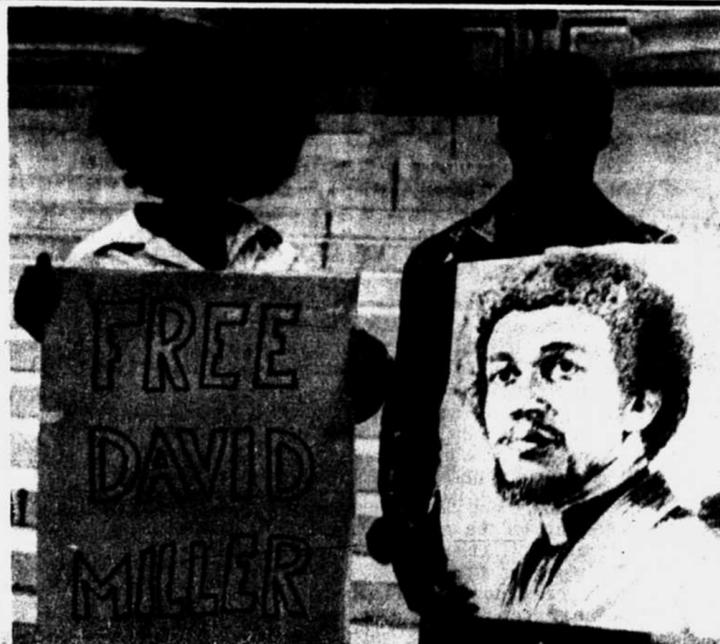
In the annual report of the President's Council of Economic Advisors which accompanied Carter's assessment of the economy, and at a news briefing by CEA Chairman Charles Schultz, however, the nation was alerted to the possibility of even higher unemployment.

The 1979-80 unemployment forecasts must be regarded as "highly uncertain," the President's economic advisers said, "because of the difficulties inherent in predicting growth in the labor force, in productivity, and in output."

The President and his advisers also insisted that it will be "very difficult" to achieve the unemployment goals of the Humphrey-Hawkins Full employment & Balanced Growth Act unless the economy responds to the President's anti-inflation program. The Humphrey-Hawkins bill set a goal of reducing unemployment in 1983 to 4 percent for workers aged 16 and over and 3 percent for workers aged 20 and over while setting a goal for inflation in that year of no more than 3 percent.

Success in braking and reducing the rate of inflation "is critical to our ability to attain the unemployment goals" of the Humphrey-Hawkins Act as well as the inflation goal, the President's economic advisers warned.

In his report, Carter said that on most counts the nation's prosperity rests on a solid base but he cited again and again the "serious threat" to the economy posed by rising prices. An international problem, inflation worsened in the United States last year, as consumer prices rose by 9 percent, a rapid acceleration from the 6.75 percent rate in 1977.



Black community leaders feared charges against David Miller would lead to another "Wilmington 10 frame-up" Community pressure forced the District Attorney to drop charges against Miller, pictured here with his wife Gale. (Photo by Eileen Hanson)

### All Charges Dropped

## David Miller Is Free Man!

David Miller is a free man again.

For the past 10 months Miller and his family have lived with the threat of the gas chamber hanging over them.

In April, 1978, Miller was charged with the murder of Julius Smith. His accuser, Terry Lyon, was Miller's co-worker at Kraftco and lover of the dead man's wife. Lyon claimed he promised Miller \$3,000 to kill Smith, but that no money was paid.

There was no other evidence against Miller.

Concerned that a black man was being made the scapegoat for a murder rap, black ministers and community leaders spoke out, demanding that charges against Miller be dropped for lack of evidence.

The David Miller Defense Committee, based at Gethsemane Baptist Church where the Millers are members, raised \$1800 at two Gospel programs to help Miller's defense.

Supporters marched to the

### Free Food Publications Available

WASHINGTON—Single copies of booklets on food and nutrition are available free from the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The publications are prepared by department experts.

To order a booklet, give its title and number and mention that it's a "home and garden

Court House in August, and filed 500 petitions with the District Attorney's office. The defense committee, headed by Rev. James Barnett, generated publicity and support around the case, and several ministers went to see the D.A. about dropping the charges.

Finally on Feb. 2 the District Attorney's office dropped the charges against Miller for lack of evidence.

### Irwin Plans "Can You

### Read Me" Program

Irwin Avenue Elementary School has launched a campaign called "Can You Read Me?" designed to recruit volunteers from the up-town area to work with students who need help in reading.

"In the past we've looked mainly to parents as our volunteers," said Mary Hayes, volunteer coordinator

bulletin." Mail your request to Publications Division, OGPA, USDA, Washington, D.C. 20250. Make sure you include your zip code.

Recipe publications offered are: "Cheese in Family Meals," 124; "Milk in Family Meals," 127; "Apples in Appealing Ways," 161; and "Nuts in Family Meals," 176.

Lyon was sentenced to three to five years for soliciting for murder.

"This is what we've been working for," said Rev. C.E. Dewberry, Miller's pastor. "But it's a crime that Lyon got such a light sentence."

"It's hard to find the words, 'I'm so relieved,'" said Miller's wife, Gale. "Our friends were behind us. Now we can go on with our lives."

Yet that is precisely what the budget proposals ask them to do, he said, and he expressed total disagreement with the assertion by Council on Wage & Price Stability Chairman Alfred Kahn that social programs cannot be funded because "the middle class and upper middle class are unwilling to take the cuts that are needed."

"I just don't believe Mr. Kahn," Meany said. "I don't believe America's middle class has become as hard-hearted as the corporations and the vested interests have always been."

Meany's remarks came in a speech to a Leadership Conference on Civil Rights awards dinner the same day the Administration's budget proposals were released. Meany noted that the conference has "endured seven presidents and 15 Congresses" since it was formed 29 years ago, and the battlegrounds of civil rights are a kaleidoscope of issues with this year's focus on the budget.

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In that fight, Meany pledged the same commitment the conference has known from the AFL-CIO throughout its life. What's at stake, he said, is to "challenge those who would use the Proposition 13 mentality to widen the gap between those who have much and those who have little.

### U.S. Suspends Civilian

All civilian mail service to Iran has been suspended, according to Willie Stratford, a U.S. postal official.

Airmail had previously been suspended and now surface mail and packages can no longer be sent to Iran until further notice. Mail on route will be returned to the sender.

### Hits Lack

### Of Equality

### In Sacrifice

Reprint from the AFL-CIO News

The Administration's proposed federal budget for fiscal 1980 would place the burden of fighting inflation on workers, retirees and the poor to an extent that it adds up to "the sacrifice of equality, not equality of sacrifice," AFL-CIO President George Meany charged.

Reducing the federal budget deficit to \$30 billion from the \$40 billion estimated for the current year as part of the Administration's program to curb inflation actually would reduce the inflation rate less than one-quarter of 1 percent, Meany said. And that is a figure from "economists who rarely agree with organized labor."

"So isn't it fair to ask how many lives must be injured in order to 'save' that one-quarter of 1 percent?" Meany asked.

He cited a series of savings that could be made by lowering interest rates on the federal debt or curbing oil company passthroughs of OPEC price increases that would require U.S. banks and oil companies to share more equitably the burdens of the fight against inflation.

"Austerity?" he asked in referring to the proposed budget. "I see it as a major attack on the living standards of average Americans, further widening the gap between the haves and have-nots," Meany said. "I see no reason why the have-nots should expect less, dream less, want less or receive less."

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Figures May Not Lie, but girdles keep many of them from telling the truth.

## Black History Month Picking Up Momentum

by Eileen Hanson  
Special To The Post

Black History Month is picking up momentum as it enters its second week. Daily events sponsored by the Afro-American Cultural Center are aimed at involving people in black history and culture, and making the black community more aware of its own resources.

The rich variety of African and Afro-American music and dance will highlight this week's celebrations. Programs are open to the public and free unless otherwise indicated.

+Fri. Feb. 9: An evening of Spiritual Gospels and Blues, with UNCC-Children of the

Sun, All-City Spiritual Choir, James Putmon, Pervis Lee and T.J. Reddy, 7 p.m. Greater Bethel AME Church, 201 Grandin Rd.

+Sat. Feb. 10: Students from the Zimbabwe African National Union (ZANU) will perform African dances and music. Clothing and books will be collected for Zimbabwe refugees. Entertainment place, Spirit Square, 7:30 p.m. (\$1).

+Sun. Feb. 11: Local black artists will be recognized at a ceremony and reception at the opening of a special exhibit, Afro-Center (Spirit Square), 3-5 p.m.

+Mon. Feb. 12: Open House, 1-2 price on AAC

memberships, t-shirts and Brooklyn Project booklets, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Afro-Center.

+Tues. Feb. 13: Community Forum with the Black Journalists Association. 7:30 p.m. C.N. Jenkins Memorial Presbyterian Church, 1421 Statesville Ave.

+Wed. Feb. 14: An evening of Jazz by local artists, The Gallery Restaurant, 1408 E. Morehead, 8 p.m. (\$2.50 donation).

+Wed. Feb. 14: Film Series: "Discovery of African Music," "Discovery of American Folk Music," "Jazz," and "Aretha Franklin: Soul Singer." Main Library, 301 N. Tryon, 7:30 p.m.

+Thurs. Feb. 15: Com-

munity Forum. Tape-slide show, "200 Years of Black Art" by Charles Rogers, Johnson C. Smith Art Department. 7:30 p.m. First United Presbyterian Church, 210 E. 7th Street.

+Fri. Feb. 16: An evening of Poetry by PAGE (Performing Arts Guild Ensemble), Folktales by Ebony Group and Company, story telling and African Tales by Alvin Johnson. 7 p.m. at Gethsemane AME Zion Church, 531 Campus Street.

+Sat. Feb. 17: An Evening of Poetry, Blues and Jazz, with PAGE, James Putmon and Gladys Grady. 8 p.m. at Entertainment Place, Spirit Square. (\$1.00)



Artist Charles Rogers ...Presents slide show For more information about Black History Month, contact the Afro-Center in Spirit Square (110 E. 7th St.)