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## ESC To Operate Summer Youth Work Program

The Youth Work Experience Program for the City of Charlotte will be operated again this summer by the Employment Security Commission, according to Charlotte office Manger Claude Lewis Jr.

The Summer Program, to be effective June 18, is designed to serve economically disadvantaged youth who are City residents and are between the ages of 14 thru 21.

Participants in this program will include junior high, senior high, college students and dropouts.

Applications will be accepted until April 20 and may be obtained from the following locations: Bevedere Homes, 2919 West Trade Street; Dillehay Courts, 2800 North Pine; Bethlehem Center, 2706 Baltimore Avenue; Pinevalley (Rental Office), 1700 Longleaf Drive; Alexander Street Center, 910 North Alexander Street; Greenville Neighborhood Center, 1330 Spring Street; Employment Security Commission, 316 East Morehead Street; McCrorey Branch, Y.M.C.A., 3301 Beatties Ford Road; C.E.T.A., 401 East Second Street; Belmont Regional Center, 700 Parkwood Avenue; Tryvola Mall, Employment Security Commission, 5341 Pineville Road; Windsor Trails (Rental Office), 9000 Shadowwood Lane; Amay James Neighborhood Center, 2415 Lester Street; Charlotte Mecklenburg Youth Council, 501 East Morehead Street; Boulevard Homes, 1620 Brookvale Street; and Dalton Village, 3050 Clanton Road.

## Mecklenburg County Road

### Closing

Raleigh - The Division of Highways of the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) has closed Gum Branch Road (Secondary Road 1775) in Mecklenburg County to through traffic for approximately six weeks, according to Division Engineer David B. Roberts.

The road, located in the Cool Wood Community, will be closed until March 30.

The temporary closing will allow NCDOT maintenance crews to build a new bridge over Gum Branch.

Traffic will be detoured on Millwood Drive (Secondary Road 1777), Coulwood Drive (Secondary Road 1774) and Cathey Road (Secondary Road 1771).

T.R. Lemmond, bridge maintenance supervisor, said that every effort is being made to complete the project as soon as possible to minimize any inconvenience to the traveling public.



LOVELY JANINE COALDWELL

...Olympic High senior

## Janine Coaldwell

### Is Beauty Of Week

by Sherleen McKay  
Post Staff Writer

A most unusual and yet exciting adventure is being undertaken by our beauty for this week, Janine Coaldwell, a senior at Olympic High School.

Janine wants to make long distance truck driving her life's career and she intends to begin immediately after she graduates this Spring.

As a matter-of-fact, she's already had firsthand experience from her step-father, that's right, a long distance truck driver. The only thing that stands between her and her proposed career is a trucker's license which she will acquire once she's completed her training. She intends to take a training course this winter.

This summer she plans to spend her time trucking with her step-father. Last Summer they travelled to Florida, Tennessee and Oklahoma. Guess who her trucking partner will be once she's licensed to operate a truck?

Janine describes her experience behind the wheels as "scary and exciting at the same time." The fastest she's ever driven so far is 45 mph in an 18 wheeler.

"I just like big trucks," she exclaimed, "and the excitement of travelling."

Janine hasn't always wanted to be a truck driver. "Before I decided to be a truck driver I wanted to be a stewardess," she said. "It was a lot easier watching him (her step-father)."

## Mecklenburg County

### Commissioners

### Meeting Postponed

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, because of the snow, the regular meeting of the Mecklenburg County Board of Commissioners scheduled for 9 o'clock, a.m., Monday, February 19, 1979, has been rescheduled for 9 o'clock, a.m., Friday, February 23, 1979, in the Board Meeting Room, County Office Building, 720 East Fourth Street.

At such meeting the Board will hold a Public Hearing at 9 o'clock a.m. upon an Order Authorizing \$3,000,000 County Building Bonds of said County.

# Training Set For 10,000

## Low-Income Area Leaders

### Teachers

### Got Very

### Little Help

Teachers got very little help last year from local government in the battle against inflation, the North Carolina Association of Educators said last week. This fact is revealed in the annual survey of local educators' salary supplements, according to Lloyd S. Isaacs, executive secretary for the North Carolina Association of Educators (NCAE).

The survey, which covers all 145 school systems in North Carolina, is an annual project of research staff of NCAE.

"The average supplement paid went up 1.3 percent," Isaacs said. "This is obviously not keeping up with inflation. It indicates to me that only a few school systems made any changes in their local supplement."

Isaacs noted that 141 school systems pay local supplements to superintendents while only 89 school systems pay supplements to classroom teachers. Other positions where supplements are paid include: principals in 101 school systems; supervisors, 101 school systems; band directors, 115 systems; and assistant-associate superintendents, 94 systems.

The average amount paid to a classroom teacher who holds a bachelor's degree and has 13 years experience is \$465 a year for 1978-79, up from \$459 a year for 1977-78, the survey shows.

The largest supplement paid in the state to the teacher above (an A-13 teacher) is \$1,991 annually paid by Charlotte-Mecklenburg. The least supplement is \$69 a year paid by Alexander County.



SNOWBALL THROWER, Kenneth Eugene Moore, winds up under the watchful eye of his Mother Carolyn Ann Moore of 2529 Phillips Ave. in south west Charlotte, near Bonnie

Brae Golf Course, as he enjoys some of Charlotte's near-record 10-inch snow fall. Photo by Jerry Curry.

## Black Community Withdraws

### From "Celebrate Charlotte"

by EILEEN HANSON  
Special To The Post

Leaders of the Northwest community have withdrawn support from "Celebrate Charlotte" in protest over schedule changes which they feel will undercut the contributions of the black community.

The 5-week cultural festival planned for April and May will present Charlotte's diverse ethnic and cultural history, with each week devoted to a different area of the city.

The Northwest side was designated to kick off the celebration on April 21, with all festival events to take place in that part of the city on that weekend.

The Northwest steering committee chose "The Black Heritage of Charlotte" as its

theme and planned a full weekend of events including a parade down Beatties Ford Road, black artists and cultural groups, sports events and a musical concert.

But when festival organizers endorsed two other events for April 21 - a bike race in Dilworth and the Jim Beatty foot run in Freedom Park - black leaders said it would undermine the leading role of the Northwest celebration.

"We had one of the best arranged groups in all of Celebrate Charlotte," said co-chairman L.C. Coleman, who also heads the Northwest Community Action Organization. "They saw it was good and didn't want blacks to have the opening thunder."

"People are fed up with this kind of thing," said Harold Parks, chairman of the Northwest steering committee.

"People are saying 'This is enough, we won't have it any more!'"

Parks says a lot of people in the black community have expressed support for the decision to withdraw. "This is a sign of an anti-apathy movement," he said.

Festival organizers claim the two endorsed races have no connection with Celebrate Charlotte and only wanted to use the festival's name.

However, Parks thinks the races on the first weekend will be used to promote the other 4 area weekends at the same time undercutting the black contribution.

Each area has one weekend and people from all over the city are to come to the featured area to learn about the people who live there, their culture and history.

Parks says the bike race and foot run should have been planned for the Northwest area or for another weekend.

"Nobody ever asked us about it. We were told after it was done," said Parks. "Now we've made our decision and we can't go back."

The idea of Celebrate Charlotte was also geared toward building community support for Discovery Place and demonstrating the unity and diversity of Charlotte's cultural life. Now a significant contribution from the black community will not be present.

The Northwest steering committee has decided to give its energy to the annual Afro-Festival sponsored by the Afro-American Cultural Center. An open planning meeting will be held Mon. March 5 at 7:30 p.m. at Johnson C. Smith University.

Organizations are invited to attend. For information contact Sara Coleman (392-3149) or Harold Parks (334-814).

## HUD, NCPC

### Will Conduct

### Training

Special to the black press  
Special to the Post

The National Citizen Participation Council, Inc. (NCPC), recently entered into a cooperative agreement with the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and the Department of Energy (DOE) to train between 8,000-10,000 citizen leaders from low and moderate-income areas to more effectively participate in Federal programs at the local level.

The training will be conducted by NCPC—a seven-year old Washington-based citizens' advocacy organization.

The community leaders will be selected from each of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

Thirty-five three-day training workshops will be held around the country and will cover a broad range of topics, such as:

- Community Development Block Grant
- Urban Development Action Grant
- Small Cities Programs
- Community problem-solving
- Assessment of neighborhood programs

Energy-related topics will include weatherization assistance, solar energy innovations, and general conservation training.

The first training session will be held February 16-18, in Elizabeth, New Jersey, and will involve about 400 community leaders from the New York and New Jersey areas. Other workshops will be the first weekend in March and will run through the end of May.

Carl Johnson, Executive Director, NCPC, said the training is zeroing in on the "grass roots" citizens, whom he termed "the backbone of America," so they can return to their communities and work with locally-elected officials in developing effective programs to eliminate slums and blighted areas.

Johnson, who is Black, explained that since virtually all state and federally-funded programs require citizen participation in planning and development stages, the emphasis of the training sessions will be on strengthening citizen-government relationships so that programs which affect low and moderate-income persons will be responsive to their needs.

"This is a steering opportunity for citizens to establish a more comprehensive understanding of the government process and how it works," Johnson said.

He noted that, in addition to the on-site training, specially prepared "training packages" will be distributed to cities represented at the workshops to encourage future replication of the program.

## Film Benefit, March To Raleigh

### Planned To Support Wilmington 10

by EILEEN HANSON  
Special To The Post

A film benefit and march to Raleigh are being planned to build support for freeing the Wilmington 10 and the Charlotte 3, "prisoners of conscience" who face long prison sentences.

A "Soul Spectacular" featuring a film on the Wilmington 10 and top local talent will be held Fri. March 9 at West Charlotte High School Auditorium at 7:30 p.m.

The feature film "Wilmington 10: U.S.A. 10,000", made by Haile Gerima of Ethiopia and the Howard University Film Crew, documents the controversial case of convicted civil rights activists in Wilmington, N.C. It took two years to research and develop the film, which opened in New York City in November to an audience of 2,000.

The program will also in-



REV. JAMES BARNETT



REV. BEN CHAVIS

clude a jazz combo, gospel choirs, drama and a dance presentation.

The film program will benefit the educational and legal defense funds of the Wilmington 10 and Charlotte 3.

Relatives of the prisoners have been invited to attend this Western N.C. premiere showing.

Tickets are \$3.00, \$1.50 for

students (with I.D.). Sponsoring organizations are asked to contribute \$25, individual patrons \$5.00. Names received by March 5 will be listed in the program.

### MARCH TO RALEIGH BEGINS MARCH 17

On March 17 supporters of the 13 political prisoners will begin a second freedom march to Raleigh to see the

### TURTLE-TALK



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