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HELEN ROMAINE FRYE

...Carmel ninth grader

Engaging Helen Romaine Frye

Is "Beauty Of The Week"

by Sherleen McKoy
Post Staff Writer

Our beauty for this week is 14 year old Helen Romaine Frye, a ninth grader at Carmel Junior High School.

Her favorite subject in school is language arts. She also sings in her school's chorus.

Whenever she's out of school

and on Saturdays, Helen works as a candy striper at Mercy Hospital.

Having been a striper for seven months, Helen said a friend told her about it.

"I help the nurses, deliver food trays, feed the people, read to them, and when it's time for them to leave, I help them get their things ready."

she said. "I like it."

Since Helen likes what she's doing so well, she has decided to attend nursing school when she completes her high school education.

"I plan to make nursing my career," she said. "I like helping other people."

Helen describes herself as a person who is understanding and kind. She likes being with her friends and meeting new friends.

Her hobbies are reading, bike-riding and babysitting.

Helen recalls her most exciting adventure as being the time when she took a trip to Washington, D.C. last year. "I got to walk around the White House, look in the museums and meet new people," she related.

One thing Helen would like to increase in the future is her chance of going more places. "I like to travel a lot," she said. "I don't really like to stay in one place, I like to move around."

One of the main places she'd like to visit is Florida. "I would like to just see the sights and to go swimming a lot," she remarked.

Next year, Helen is greatly anticipating her move to South Mecklenburg High School. "I'm looking forward to the change," she said. "It will be lots of fun with parties and dances and many things to get involved in."

She is also expecting good grades throughout the remainder of her school years as well as becoming a cheerleader.

The third oldest of five children, Helen is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Robinson.

One Day Conference Here

Elementary School Principals To

Focus On "Special Need Children"

One hundred fifty-six principals of elementary schools in Charlotte-Mecklenburg and the surrounding area are meeting to provide some solutions to the special problems brought about by recent federal and state laws to educate all special needs childrens.

The principals are meeting in a one day conference on Thursday April 19, 1979, at the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Staff Development Center and two with the exceptional childrens staff from the Southwest Regional Education Center and two nationally recognized special educators, Dr. Frank Bruno, from Appalachian State University, and Mr. Mike Orman, from NASDSE in Washington, D.C. Marshall

Fourth Annual

News Media

Workshop Set

The fourth annual News Media Workshop will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, April 28 in Mecklenburg Hall at Central Piedmont Community College.

The workshop is co-sponsored by the Charlotte Women's Political Caucus and the Mecklenburg County Commission on the Status of Women.

Workshop coordinator Cindy Smith explains that it is designed to help "anyone in a job or a volunteer activity who needs to communicate a message through the local news media."

The morning will offer background lectures on how to prepare yourself to communicate with print and broadcast media. Local experts include Jan Thompson who will demonstrate how to make yourself look good on television. WSOC-TV community affairs director Jeanne Bohn will explain how to collect your thoughts for broadcast interviews and Charlotte Observer government editor Jerry Shinn will discuss coverage from a print journalist's perspective.

In the afternoon, participants will be able to work in interview situations with local reporters. WBTV producer Yvette Alston will hold on-camera interviews in a session called "Instant Replay."

Local Masons

Obtain NAACP

Life Membership

The Charlotte Consistory No. 35 of the AASR of Freemasonry Prince Hall Affiliation will become life members in the local NAACP.

Commander and Chief Wilbert Ferguson presented a check for \$500 to NAACP vice-president Kelly Alexander, Jr. from the Charlotte Chapter.

The masons group later will be presented with a plaque acknowledging their life membership.

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Karro from the Charlotte law firm of Connelly and Karro, will also be addressing the group on Due Process issues for children with special needs.

Dr. Dean Koulouris, Regional Coordinator for Exceptional Children, has announced the theme of the mini-conference as, "The Principal as Educational Leader for all Students." The principals will be concentrating on the function of the school based committee for children with special needs, and on the development of individual educational plans from a principal's perspective.

The objectives for this activity are: 1. To discuss and demonstrate the building prin-



DR. HELEN OTHOW, MRS. JUNE DAVENPORT

...Rev. Ben Chavis's sisters

Freedom Fair To Benefit

Wilmington 10, Charlotte 3

FREEDOM FAIR
by Eileen Hanson

A "Freedom Fair" will be held Saturday, April 21 to benefit the Wilmington 10 and Charlotte 3. Sponsored by the North Carolina Political Prisoners Committee, the fair will take place at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 7th and N. Tryon, from 12 noon to 6 p.m. There is no admission charge.

Artists will sell their paintings, photography, pottery, sculptures and other original works. Proceeds will go to the legal defense funds for the 13 political prisoners.

Other artists will perform music, dance, poetry and drama throughout the afternoon.

At 2:30 p.m. an art auction will feature selected pieces of outstanding art, with Paul Viviano as auctioneer.

Children's events will include fingerpainting, movies and story telling by Beverly Haggerty and Dianne Hoff.

Those who bring their own t-shirts can have the Charlotte 3 emblem silkscreened on them. There will also be free literature and slide shows about the Wilmington 10 and Charlotte 3 providing back-

ground on the two cases and an update on current efforts to free those who are still in prison.

Performances will include dance by Mary Brown, Dance Africa and B.C. Brown Sugar Dance Group.

Musicians scheduled to appear are Jeff Johnson, John Mullis, Purvis Lee, Horton Brothers Band, Doug James, Joe Smothers, Jack Lawrence, Marvin Ward, David Earl and Juici Carter. Rev. Earl Nelson, Ruth Dew and the Performing Arts Guild Ensemble will do poetry. Hardin Minor and Herbie Leith will do mime.

Professional and amateur artists will sell their works, including T.J. Reddy, one of the Charlotte 3 who is a painter and poet, and Charles Rogers, head of the Art Department at Johnson C. Smith.

Other artists include Margaret Reveal, Judy Hermit, Jim Cameron, Gina Gilmore, Laurie Greybeal, Hank Wall, Dorsett Edmunds, Eric Anderson, Martha Strawn, Paul Finch, Gerome Brown, Steven R. Miller, Neal Elam and Ed Finman.

A food booth will offer homemade baked goods, snacks

and soft drinks.

In a related effort to free the Charlotte 3, Rev. James Barnett, head of People United for Justice, is appealing to other ministers to join him for a meeting with Ben Ruffin on April 30 in Raleigh. Ruffin is Gov. Jim Hunt's aide for minority affairs.

On March 26, Barnett and 8 other leaders of N.C. political and religious groups met with Ruffin to discuss the Charlotte 3 case. They were told the Governor would act on the case "in the very near future."

In a recent letter to Ruffin, Barnett said, "Often in the past such hopes have proved to be false; and there have been too many instances in which the poor and Black citizens of North Carolina have not received justice at the hands of the state...the eyes of the Black community all around the state are on you...we are counting heavily on your assistance in bringing about a just result."

The Charlotte 3 were returned to prison last October when the Supreme Court refused to hear their appeal. They were convicted in 1972 of the burning of the Lazy B stable in Charlotte in 1968.

Black Mayors To

Meet In Atlanta

ATLANTA, Ga. - The Fifth Annual Convention of the National Conference of Black Mayors will take place in Atlanta, Georgia, April 19 through 21 at the Sheraton-Atlanta Hotel. The Convention theme is "Municipal Development: A Priority for 1980."

The Convention gets started on Thursday, April 19th, with a meeting of the Board of Directors of NCBM, Richard G. Hatcher, President, presiding; and the National Demonstration Water Project Policy Board Meeting.

On Friday, April 20th, the Convention officially opens in General Session. Mr. William Peacock, Director of Intergovernmental Affairs, U.S. Department of Energy, is the keynote speaker. The Luncheon-Banquet, also scheduled for the same day, will feature remarks by Ambassador Leslie O. Harriman of Nigeria.

Americans In

Untenable

Position

Washington, D.C. - Decontrol of domestically produced oil without a simultaneous guarantee of a tax on excessive profits of oil companies places millions of Americans in an untenable economic position, according to the President of the National Business League. Dr. Berkeley G. Burrell, the League's tenth President, said last week that President Carter's latest proposal to deal with the nation's energy crisis mixes a little hope with a lot of fear and warned that failure to provide economic protection to the disadvantaged will exacerbate an already deteriorating economy.

Dr. Burrell acknowledged the severity of the energy crisis, but expressed disappointment that the Administration did not link exercise of its decontrol authority to Congressional passage of measures to protect the poor. In a statement released today, the NBL chief summarized his initial reactions to the broad outline of the President's proposals, but reserved final comment pending release of specific details of the Administration's legislative package. Following is the text of Burrell's statement:

"The President last week declared, accurately, that our present energy situation is 'very serious and getting worse.' 'Prices,' he said, 'will be higher and will be going even higher.' We agree on both counts. However, his proposals for solving this crisis raise only modest hope but considerable fear. The hope lies in his dual decision to decontrol the price of domestic oil and to recommend a tax on windfall profits of oil companies in order to provide an energy security fund for the poor and disadvantaged. The fear lies in his failure to make decontrol contingent upon passage of the windfall profits tax.

"There is considerable support for the decontrol of domestically produced oil. Yet there is substantial opposition to any tax on the inevitable windfall profits of oil producing companies. The President is correct when he says that the opposition is a relatively small minority of the population. But that minority, represented by the oil industry and influential congressional leaders - particularly those from oil producing states - pose an incredibly hostile and powerful obstacle to the public interest.

"What is likely to happen is that the congress will probably support the President's desire to decontrol domestically produced oil, but fail to pass legislation to tax excessive profits from oil companies. The expected rational is that decontrol will curb domestic consumption, while windfall profits will encourage oil companies to invest in ventures that will produce new energy resources. History has long since deserted the logic of this argument.

"The poor must confront decontrol in the face of a bleak economic future. Wholesale prices last month rose by another one percentage point, continuing the inflationary spiral that now seems endless. See CARTER on page 5.

Increased Effort To Detect

Fraud Is "Paying Off"

RALEIGH--Based on the number of reports received by the Division of Social Services from county social services departments on suspected welfare fraud during the past six months, increased efforts to detect fraud by the counties and the state Division in the Aid to Families With Dependent Children (AFDC) program are paying off.

From October 1978 through March 1979, there were 613 cases of suspected AFDC fraud reported to the Division's fraud unit according to Division director Robert H. Ward. The majority of the cases reported involved less than \$500. There was an average of 72,000 families receiving AFDC payments during the same six-month period.

"In its efforts to see that only those eligible receive AFDC payments and in the proper amount, the Division started a computer 'match' with the Employment Security Commission to detect fraud. The 'match' compares the AFDC roles with work records from across the state kept by the Employment Security Commission. The result has been an increase in discovery of AFDC recipients that are working, or have worked, and have not reported their employment to their local departments of social services. The first listing was sent to counties in July of 1978 and lists are being sent quarterly," Ward said.

He noted that many of the

suspected cases being reported were detected by the "match", but many others are being detected by special fraud units that have been initiated by the county social services departments. The State Social Services Commission adopted a regulation last year that requires county social services departments to designate at least one person to be responsible for fraud detection.

"The Division is also participating in 'Project Match - Cross Match', a federal match which compares North Carolina's AFDC roles with the other 49 states. We also plan to begin matching with the state's Unemployment Compensation recipient list in July.

"With this increased emphasis on fraud investigation and prosecution being pursued at the state and county level, the chances of fraud going undetected will be minimal," Ward concluded.

A statewide conference will be held in June to provide specialized training for county social services staff members working in the area of fraud detection.

The Division has a toll-free number, 1-800-662-7030, for persons across the state to report suspected welfare fraud.

700 Students

To Attend

Workshop Here

The Second Annual Career Conference and Workshop for Junior High School students in Charlotte-Mecklenburg will be held April 21 at Johnson C. Smith University.

An estimated 700 local students will have an opportunity to explore career choices at this Conference which will be sponsored jointly by the Pi Phi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and Westinghouse Electric Corporation.

Students can talk with persons who will serve as role models in their respective fields.

TURTLE-TALK



One girl to another. "Of course I had to tell her she looked like a MILLION - and I meant EVERY YEAR OF IT!"