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NAACP Sets Freedom Day Rally,

"Mother Of The Year" Contest

Federal Plan To Strengthen Minority S&L

The federal government has announced new steps aimed at strengthening the operations of minority-owned savings and loan associations.

A minority S&L is controlled at least 51 percent by socially or economically disadvantaged Americans. Today 78 associations qualify as minority-owned.

The U.S. Department of Commerce's Office of Minority Business Enterprise (OMBE) and the Federal Home Loan Bank Board (FHLBB) have developed a three-part assistance plan to be financed by OMBE and in-kind contributions from the private sector.

Our goal is development of a special accounting and reporting system for small savings associations (those with less than \$10 million in assets). Specialists from a major accounting firm with support from the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants will work on a system tailored to the needs of these firms.

Four or five minority S&Ls will be selected to participate in a program involving direct management and technical assistance. Staff from a large majority savings and loan consulting firm will provide technical help to the minority organizations with the aim of making their operations more profitable.

Part of the cost of these efforts will be covered by \$70,000 OMBE is transferring to the FHLBB. The CPA and savings and loan personnel will provide their services on a voluntary basis.

The third area of the federal program involves organization of a \$5 million MESBIC (minority enterprise small business investment company) to specialize in financing and assisting minority S&Ls.



Supporters of the Wilmington 10 and Charlotte 3 contributed over \$1,000 to their legal defense at the Freedom Fair April 21. Over 250 people passed through the doors of St. Peter's Episcopal Church to enjoy the fair and to support efforts to free N.C.'s 13 political prisoners. They were treated to a rich variety of music, dance, pantomime, and poetry. Clowns entertained young and old alike. An art auction raised \$642 and art-lovers walked out with original painting,

drawings, photography and pottery donated by local artists. The fair was sponsored by the North Carolina Political Prisoners Committee, a Charlotte-based group formed 7 years ago to raise support for the Charlotte 3. For more information about the committee call 525-8265. The Dance Africa pictured above performed a Ghanaian "Welcome Dance" at the Freedom Fair. (Photo by Eileen Hanson)

Charlotte 3 Supporters Plan To Picket Governor Hunt

by Eileen Hanson
Special to the Post

Supporters of the Charlotte 3 are urging Governor Jim Hunt to act on the case when he comes to Charlotte Saturday, May 12. Hunt will address the UNCC commencement exercises at the Coliseum at 10 a.m.

A picketline is planned by supporters of the political prisoners at the parking lot side of the Coliseum beginning at 9:30 a.m. People United for Justice, the N.C. Political Prisoners Committee, the Wilmington 10 Defense Committee, student groups from UNCC and other civil rights groups are planning the picket.

"We urge the Governor to use this occasion to act on the Charlotte 3 case," said Rev. James Barnett, head of People United for Justice. "UNCC is the Alma Mater of Ben Chavis of the Wilmington 10 and T.J. Reddy (of the Charlotte 3). It would be a slap in the face to the Black community and other supporters for the Governor to come here and not say anything about the cases."

On April 30 Barnett led a delegation of ministers to see Hunt's aide for minority affairs, Ben Ruffin, and his legal aide, Jack Cozort. Barnett was joined by Rev. Robert Morgan of Seigle Avenue Presbyterian Church in

Charlotte, and 13 other ministers from Shelby, Durham, Wilson, Fayetteville, Burlington, Greensboro and Raleigh.

One minister told Ruffin to "tell the Governor he's going to catch hell until the Charlotte 3 are free."

Ruffin assured the group he was telling the Governor what the black community was saying, but that Hunt's plans were "confidential."

"That's a one-way street," said Barnett. "We need to be told the truth." Barnett pledged to return every 30 days until Hunt takes action on the case.

The Charlotte 3 appealed their conviction for burning See CHARLOTTE on page 2.

One-Day Session Will Be Held In Raleigh, May 20

Special to the Post

The North Carolina State Conference of Branches, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People will sponsor its Annual Freedom Day Celebration and "Mother of Year" Contest Sunday, May 20 in the Raleigh Memorial Auditorium at 3:30 p.m.

The Guest Speaker will be Richard E. Barber, NAACP National Deputy Executive Director of New York City.

Mr. Barber, son of a Trenton, N.C. farmer, was born December 22, 1939. His determined efforts through undergraduate school at North Carolina A&T State University with a B.S. degree in Physics and graduate school at the University of Southern California with a M.S. degree in Systems Management, with additional work at the University of Pittsburgh; has earned him numerous awards, accolades and also the reputation of having that unusual combination of sensitivity and courage. In 38 years, he has made the American Dream a living reality.

His concern for others and a strong personal desire to improve the living conditions of the poor and downtrodden serve as the motivating forces in his life. These forces prompted him to give up a promising career with Westinghouse Electric Company in 1969 and to utilize his talents in the Black community. He resigned from Westinghouse Electric Company to join Opportunities Industrialization Center as Deputy Director.

In July 1970, he co-founded Urban Talent Development, Inc., a Management Development and Business Orientation Center. In this position, he found that there was a lack of strong managerial ability among minority businessmen and an obstacle to meaningful economic development.

Urban Talent Development has trained and placed more than 1,000 persons. These persons were the unemployed, the underemployed, ex-offenders, and the forgotten job hunters competing for the precious few jobs. The Urban Talent Development, Inc. story is a classic in manpower and management development success. This organization was cited in the Congressional Record in 1974 as one of the Nation's most effective manpower development centers.

Under his dynamic and creative leadership, New World National Bank, the only Black-owned full-service commercial bank in the State of Pennsylvania, was organized. It opened for business on March 17, 1975. Mr. Barber served as Chairman of the Board for four years.

Unlike most business executives who never seem to find enough time to become involved in community activities, Mr. Barber is an active board member of the Pittsburgh Chapter of the NAACP, Pittsburgh Metropolitan YMCA, the Centre Ave. YMCA, Red Cross, and the Allegheny County Trade Council Boy Scouts of America. He is a deacon at Central Baptist Church and serves on the Trustee Board.

He somehow still finds



KELLY ALEXANDER, SR.
State president

ample time from his busy schedule to be a devoted husband to the former Betty Witherspoon of Charlotte, and father of his three children, Victoria Lynette, Richard, Jr. and Sharon Elizabeth. His wife Betty, is an Assistant Professor of Nursing at the University of Pittsburgh. His parents are Mr. & Mrs. John Barber of Trenton, N.C.

Mr. Barber's many talents and efforts in behalf of his race have not gone unnoticed or unrewarded neither nationally nor in Pittsburgh. At the national level, he was chosen by the Board of Advisors of the Outstanding Young Man of America Foundation based in Chicago, Illinois, as one of the "Outstanding Young Men of America" for 1970, in recognition of outstanding ability, accomplishments and service to his community, country and profession. In February 1975, he was named one of the ten Outstanding Young Men of America for 1975 by the U.S. Jaycees.

He was recipient of the George Washington Freedom Medals of 1963 and 1964 for his creative writings; was named by the Pittsburgh Jaycees as the "Outstanding Young Man of Pittsburgh" for 1970 for his tireless efforts and contributions to civic and community activities; recipient of the 1970 A&T State University National Alumni Association Achievement Award, and chosen recipient of the 1971 Jones County Award for outstanding service and professional achievements. He received the first Robert L. Vann Memorial Award from the New Pittsburgh Courier in April 1975.

Mr. Barber's military record is as impressive as that of his civilian record. Following graduation from the Nuclear Weapons School at Sandia, New Mexico, he was immediately assigned to Germany (March, 1973) as Executive-Operations Officer of a special weapons company. In April of 1966, Mr. Barber was promoted to the rank of Captain and was assigned to Redstone Arsenal, Alabama as company commander of the 599th Ordnance Company.

Charlotte Blue

Chapter To Present

Film At May Meeting

A film titled "THE BILLION DOLLAR BUBBLE" will be presented at the May meeting of the Charlotte Blue Chapter of the National Association of Accountants. The film is a dramatization of the Equity Funding scandal.



Photo by Jerry Curry

ATTRACTIVE CHERYL BUCHANAN
...Rising JCSU junior

Cheryl Buchanan

Is Beauty Of Week

by Sherleen McKoy
Post Staff Writer

Cheryl Buchanan, a rising junior at Johnson C. Smith University, is our beauty for this week.

Majoring in Communication Arts with a minor in Speech, Cheryl is already working in her main field. She is a part-time news assistant and reporter at WBTB.

"Since it's my major, I love it," she said.

Cheryl's future plans are to become either an anchorwoman or a host of her own talk show.

11th Graders

To Research

Urban Problems

Twenty-five talented eleventh graders in the Metro-Atlanta area will be selected to study and do research on important urban problems through the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

The Department of Geography and Earth Sciences at UNCC is sponsoring the program with the help of a grant from the National Science Foundation.

The high-ability students will learn how to use field investigations, air photo interpretation techniques, mapping exercises, elementary statistical analysis, the computer and simulation games to seek solutions to the nation's urban problems.

The students will attend sessions on selected Saturdays during the 1979-80 school year at UNCC.

A Washingtonian, Cheryl stated, "If the plans are right when I graduate, I hope to be in Charlotte working in my field, very progressively."

Cheryl describes herself as a person who's very easy to get along with, understanding, likes to associate with people who seek to better themselves and a very intelligent, progressive, black young lady.

Her hobbies are bike-riding and photography; she loves music and musicals.

Cheryl credits her parents, God and close friends, as being influential in her life.

The third oldest of five children, she remarked, "I really respect my parents for taking on the challenge of sending us to school (college) and supporting us."

Cheryl said that getting the job at WBTB was the most exciting thing that's happened to her so far.

"I always dreamed of being a reporter," she said excitedly, "but I never thought of it happening so soon."

Cheryl loves college life, because she encounters "a new experience everyday."

Her philosophy of life is: "Strive for the best, do your best; there's only one of you and there's nobody like you."

Cheryl is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eldridge W. Buchanan of Washington, D.C.

Her mother is a native Charlottean, so Cheryl is among numerous relatives. Her grandmother who lives here is Mrs. Otis Carr.

Cheryl will be celebrating her 21st birthday on May 12.

Black Lawyers

Will Conduct

Public Meeting

The Charlotte Chapter of the North Carolina Association of Black Lawyers will hold a Community Legal Education Program Sunday, May 6, 1979 at 5 p.m. at Gethsemane AME Zion Church, 531 Campus Street, Charlotte, North Carolina.

If you have any questions concerning property you own, or questions concerning court personnel operations and the hiring of people in those positions, or questions concerning legal issues with city or county government, please attend.

Here Wednesday Night

Ms. Rosa Outlaw To Address

National Organization For Women

by Eileen Hanson
Special to the Post

Women are building houses, driving earth-movers, climbing telephone poles and laying steampipes. They are blazing the trail into non-traditional jobs - those jobs that are usually filled by men and usually pay twice the wages of "female jobs".

Rosa Outlaw, field representative for the Recruitment and Training Program (2135 Beatties Ford Road) will speak to the Metro-Atlanta Chapter of the National Organization for Women (N.O.W.) on Wednesday, May 9 about "Non-traditional Jobs for Women". The meeting will be held at the S & W Cafeteria, Park Road Shopping Center at 7 p.m. Cafeteria style dinner is from 6-7 p.m. and a N.O.W. business meeting will follow the program. The program is free and open to the public; child care will be provided.

Also participating will be women who are now working in non-traditional jobs. They



MS. ROSA OUTLAW
RTP field director
will share their expectations and experiences.

According to Ms. Outlaw, "Many women want and need higher paying jobs but they don't have the skills."

Through RTP women are placed in apprenticeship programs and are paid as they learn on the job and in the classroom.

Women often buy the stereotypes that jobs as carpenter, bricklayer or truck driver are "unfeminine" or "not for mothers."

"To the woman who wants to buy pretty clothes, I show her how she can double her income with a better job," said Ms. Outlaw. "The woman who is concerned about being a mother will earn twice as much in a non-traditional job as she would as a waitress or clerk."

Job-seekers must first attend tutorial sessions on Tuesday and Thursday evenings to prepare for job interviews and entrance exams.

"We try to overcome their own stereotypes and fears about entering what has been a man's world," said Ms. Outlaw. "We're also realistic. We tell the women they'll get dirty, cold and wet in some of these outside jobs. They may have to climb high poles in others. And they may get some abusive language at first. But hopefully men will

open up as they work side-by-side with women, and their language and attitudes will change."

RTP is a federally-funded program started in 1964 through the U.S. Department of Labor to recruit and train minorities and women for the building and construction trades. These are some of the highest paying jobs in American industry, but traditionally held by white males.

"Construction was often a family affair - the boss hired his sons and relatives," said Ms. Outlaw.

However, today companies are required to hire and train minorities and women in order to receive federal contracts. As of April 1 companies with government contracts must have 5.1 percent women in their workforce.

"This is a great time for women who want a better job," according to Ms. Outlaw who placed 25 Charlotte women in high-paying skilled See OUTLAW on page 6

TURTLE-TALK



...To some women BATHING SUITS are more FITTING than PROPER.