



Evangelina Grant Redding, N.C.'s first black woman to run for governor, came to Charlotte last weekend. After meeting with supporters she joined the March for Justice calling on Gov. Jim Hunt to free the Wilmington 10 and the Charlotte 3. (Photo by Eileen Hanson)

"People's Candidate"

Launches Campaign Here

by Eileen Hanson
Special to the Post

Evangelina Grant Redding, the people's candidate, kicked off her campaign in Charlotte for the governor's seat on July 6 and 7, with a get-acquainted session and a march to support the Wilmington 10 and Charlotte 3.

About 60 people came to Friday evening's meeting at Mayflower Memorial Baptist Church where Ms. Redding discussed the issues she will raise in the 1980 campaign. "I came to see if you are for real," said a member of the audience who read about N.C.'s first black woman candidate for governor in The Charlotte Post.

"Most definitely, I AM for real," replied the 39-year old candidate from Tillery, N.C. She demonstrated her sincerity about being a people's candidate by joining the March for Justice and Unity on Saturday afternoon, marching several miles in the rain calling on Governor Jim Hunt to free the Wilmington 10 and Charlotte 3.

During her visit to Charlotte Ms. Redding touched on a wide variety of issues of interest to black and poor people, including the Equal Rights Amendment, collective bargaining rights for public employees, education, and oppression.

"You don't have to be brilliant or have money or a good education to be in this campaign," said Ms. Redding, a long-time civil rights activist.

"The key is participation." She stressed that lack of money doesn't mean you can't do something. "Success will be when the people get involved."

Questioned on the issues, Ms. Redding said she supports the ERA which would extend legal equality to women.

In education she favors increasing teachers' salaries and benefits to make teaching more attractive to well-qualified people. She also wants more state money for N.C.'s black universities.

When questioned about collective bargaining rights for public employees, Ms. Redding said she would like to see a change in the law because it would benefit poor people. The law that prohibits city governments from signing union agreements with their workers was a major issue in the recent Charlotte city workers strike.

"The white power structure wants to keep the law and that will be hard to break," said Ms. Redding.

A hundred dollars was received in donations at the Friday meeting, according to supporter Dr. R. B. Phifer. "We need money, yes," he said. "But this is not a money thing; it's a people's campaign." Several committees were established to organize Ms. Redding's campaign in the Charlotte area. A meeting is planned for the near future. For more information contact Earline Nelson at 394-0288.



ENERGETIC LEON BROWN
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That's Leon Brown!

C-For Clever, L-For

Loveable, B-For Brave

by Susan Ellsworth
Post Staff Writer

C-for clever, L-for lovable, and B-for brave is how 12-year-old Leon Brown describes himself. Brown is The Charlotte Post's top salesman for this week.

While selling papers for nearly a month, Brown said he has sold all the papers given to him. Starting with 25, increasing to 30 and most recently selling 48, Brown said he hopes to receive 200 papers to sell next week.

His eventual goal is to dispense 300 papers to customers throughout the Pinecrest community where he lives and nearby areas.

Brown was recommended to the Post by a friend who also sold papers for the newspaper. Does Brown want to continue selling papers after he starts seventh grade at Wilson

Junior High in September? "Yes" he enthusiastically remarked. Money, exercise and people appeal to Brown. "Happy customers make me feel fine," he said. "I can always depend on them."

In school, Brown earned a perfect attendance record for two years, he played the flute and drum in the band and won a physical education award for running the 50-yard dash. His favorite subjects are science, social studies, spelling, health and English.

A member of The First Pentecostal Holiness Church in Charlotte, Leon is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Brown of West Hampton Street in Charlotte. He has one younger brother, also named Leon.

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