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Vote Task Force Focusing Efforts On Good Voter Turnout



MISS EVE SHELL
...CPCC student

Lovely Eve Shell

Is Beauty Of Week

By Teresa Burns
Post Staff Writer

It has been questioned: Is television a model of society or do people model themselves after television? Whatever the case may be, our beauty Eve Shell, feels that people today spend too much time watching the tube.

Shell believes that people find themselves day after day spending too much time either watching television or listening to music. "Instead, I would like to see people go back to school or start their children in early educational art programs," Shell said. She also feels that Blacks should join more committees and organizations. In this way they may have more voice in the community.

Shell's main ambition is to help people. She wants to someday be an entertainer and start a school for youngsters. "I'd like to start a school for 4 or 5 year-olds so they can start out early in the arts...such as ballet," Shell said.

More Black businesses is

Avon Helps Launch Drive For Black Universities

Special To The Post

William R. Chaney, President of Avon Products, Inc., hosted a reception to launch a new person-to-person drive for the United Negro College Fund. Held at Avon's New York world headquarters, the event drew a number of prominent New Yorkers, including tennis star Arthur Ashe and his wife, photographer Jeanne Moutoussamy; NBC-TV newsmen Bob Teague and "News Center 4's" Carol Jenkins, who is chairman of the new campaign.

The United Negro College Fund is a non-profit organization, raising funds for 41 private historically Black colleges and universities across the country.

Mr. Chaney, who has served for two years as General Chairman of the College Fund's New York

one of Shell's hopes for the future. Since there are people who complain about their present jobs, she feels they should start their own businesses.

There is a lot Shell has achieved in her 19 years. She is a graduate of Troyanne Institute modeling school and now attends Central Piedmont Community College. Her major is drama.

It seems as if everything Shell tries, she puts forth every possible effort to make it a success. Now that she is self-employed with Ideal Industry, she is planning a fashion show to promote the make-up products she sells.

Shell has twin daughters and lives with her mother and brother at 2108 North Pine Street.

Our beauty for this week is not only attractive, but she is articulate and no doubt has a bright future ahead of her. She would like to help other, but contends that to be successful people must help themselves also: "Instead of making excuses, put forth a little effort for the opportunities that are available."

NAACP

Declares

Jubilee Day

NAACP Executive Director Benjamin Hooks has declared January 1 as "Jubilee Day for Black Americans."

According to Hooks, "Jubilee Day" will be a day of nationwide celebration, spiritual renewal, worship and thanksgiving, and a day to "re-dedicate and revitalize" black efforts.

Hooks spoke of a need for a "Jubilee Day" at the recent 70th annual Convention in Louisville, Ky. where he told delegates that black Americans need to celebrate "the peculiar and unique genius of black folks."

As a result of strength and faith blacks, in the days of slavery "could...no matter how dark it was...always look beyond that day and declare there is a brighter day ahead."

January 1 was chosen, Hooks said because on that date in 1863 "Abraham Lincoln struggling between the Dr. Jeckyl of slavery and the Mr. Hyde of freedom, signed the Emancipation Proclamation."

"Yet," said membership director Ina Boon, "we are keenly aware and concerned that there are still many formidable obstacles in our path before we gain full equality of opportunity for all Americans as is evidenced by the 30 percent unemployment rate among blacks nationally."

Additionally, Hooks said his office will publish Jubilee Day recipes, and sponsor a Jubilee Day Youth Essay Contest for grades 8-12. Essays will be judged on historical data, form and structure, appropriate language and originality.

World's Wildest Attic Sale Set

For Saturday

If you are looking for good bargains on adding machines, "antique" calculators or just about any type of used office equipment then come to Family Housing Services "World's Wildest Attic Sale", Saturday Oct. 27 from 10 to 4. The sale will be in the Office Annex and parking lot at 423 North Tryon St., across from the old Cavalier Hotel.

Proceeds from the attic sale will be used to help the operating expenses of the non-funded Services.

Evangeline Redding To Speak Here

By Eileen Hanson
Special To The Post

The race for governor of North Carolina is still a year away, but Evangeline Grant Redding is already hard on the campaign trail.

She will appear in Charlotte on Fri. Oct. 26 at the Greater Bethel AME Church, 201 Grandin Rd., at 7:30 p.m. The program is free and open to the public.

"The campaign is beginning to pick up interest now," said Earline Nelson, Ms. Redding's

campaign manager in Charlotte. She has organized a local campaign committee called "Friends of the People" (P.O. Box 18342, Charlotte, N. C. 28218). "We hope to enlist many volunteers in the coming months, and of course, raise campaign funds."

Ms. Redding is the first black woman to run for governor of North Carolina. She has been active in human rights issues for many years, and has authored two books, "Nothing: The Mentality of



W.C. Coffey of Grier Heights and Sean Reid, oil as members of Carolina Action. (photo by Eileen Hanson)

Oil Bill And Profits Of Oil

Companies Soaring Out Of Sight

By Eileen Hanson
Special To The Post

Edna Reid of Woodate Terrace saw two things soaring out of sight last week: her oil bill and the profits of the oil companies.

"Oil is so high I can't make my payments," said Mrs. Reid at the Oct. 17 rally on Square to protest Big Oil Companies. "I'm worried about how to get through another winter, living on social security I just can't afford heating oil."

At the same time, Exxon, the world's largest oil company, reported quarterly profits of \$1.14 billion, up 118 percent and the largest in the company's history.

The protest against oil prices was called by Carolina Action and local labor unions as part of a national campaign of the Citizen-Labor Energy Coalition aimed at lowering energy prices. Over 200 labor unions, consumer, religious, senior citizen and community groups joined the national coalition.

In Charlotte Local 725 International Association of Machinist, Local 64 Laborers International Union, Local 850 United Rubber Workers, and the Amalgamated Clothing and Textile Workers Union joined with Carolina Action and the Carolina Brown Lung Association.

They passed out 300 "discredit cards" to people as they passed by, and collected signatures on petitions with the same message.

"I'm tired of the oil company rip offs, windfall profits and higher prices." The coalition called on Congress to put a lid on oil prices, appoint a special prosecutor to investigate oil shortages, create a publicly owned energy corporation and end the oil monopolies.

The energy campaign will focus on getting this legislation through Congress in the next few months. Community leaders are concerned that many people, like Mrs. Reid, will face a cruel

choice between food and heat this winter.

Speaking for Carolina Action, Brenda Best said, "The choice between freezing and starving is really no choice at all, especially to our senior citizens, living on fixed incomes, the unemployed and working people, who are already hit hard by energy inflation."

Mildred Nix, also of Carolina Action, said "the big oil lobby has been dictating to the White House and Congress for too long. Now we are beginning to fight back."

Minority Business Agency To Provide Assistance

Under Secretary of Commerce Luther H. Hodges, Jr., recently announced substantial changes in federal efforts to bring minority businessmen into the mainstream of the American economy.

Hodges said the Department is upgrading and expanding its current minority business development program under a new federal entity called the Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA). The new agency will replace the Department's 10-year-old Office of Minority Business Enterprise (OMBE).

According to Hodges, the reorganization of the

Department's minority business program is designed to help minority businesses develop into medium and large-sized firms in growth industries that produce jobs, add stability to communities, and improve the overall economy.

"Minority business is no longer all 'mom and pop' stores struggling for survival in ghettos," Hodges said. "In terms of the overall national economy, \$35 billion in receipts from minority business enterprise may seem like a small sum. But it reflects some very substantial progress."

"For another capital formation is now high on the list of needs for minority businesses. I share a strong conviction with many observers that the federal government, and the Department of Commerce, can and must play a major role in this area," Hodges added.

He said the reorganization will make basic changes in the structure, management, and focus of existing OMBE programs in a far-reaching effort to increase the quality, duration, and accountability of management and technical assistance to smaller firms, and to provide comparable assistance to medium-sized firms.

Task Force To Concentrate On City Council Elections

By Eileen Hanson
Special To The Post

The Vote Task Force, which brought out the largest black vote ever for a city primary a month ago, is back in the swing again, now focusing efforts on the Nov. 6 City Council elections.

Under the theme "Promote that Vote," the Task Force's campaign will include spot announcements on WGIV signs in the community, letters to churches and a ride service to the polls.

Lonnie Graves, co-chairman of the Task Force, said, "We want to ensure a good voter turnout Nov. 6 from the Black community. We have political power, but only if we use it."

The ride service, which operated effectively during the primary, will again furnish rides to those who need transportation to the polls. Beginning Oct. 29, anyone needing a ride should call 333-0907 between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. to reserve a ride.

The Task Force will send letters to churches asking ministers to publicize the telephone number in church bulletins.

WGIV's public relations director Deanie Maxwell will cooperate by publicizing the importance of voting and the ride program.

Task Force chairman

Samuel Reid will be a special guest on Ms. Maxwell's "Let's Talk" show on WGIV Sunday, Nov. 4 at 9 p.m.

"Anyone who can volunteer to drive or staff phones should also call us," said Graves, who wants to enlist a hundred volunteers in the "get out the vote" effort.

The non-partisan Task Force worked throughout the summer months to register some 2,500 new black voters. There are a total of 28,000 black voters in Charlotte, about 18 per cent of the total registered voters.

According to election superintendent Bill Culp, about 45 per cent of the registered black voters participated in the Sept. 25 primary. City-wide, 35 per cent of the voters went to the polls. The close race between councilman Harvey Gantt and attorney Eddie Knox for the

democratic nomination for Mayor moved many people to vote for the first time. Knox won by a slim margin.

The polls will be open on Nov. 6 from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Those needing absentee ballots must contact the Board of Elections offices at 710 E. 4th Street by Oct. 31 for a mail ballot, or by coming into the office by Nov. 1. For more information call 374-2113.

Some Elderly Will Get Cash

Instead Of Food Stamps

Special To The Post

WASHINGTON — The U. S. Department of Agriculture will conduct a demonstration project to provide cash rather than food stamps to participating households in which every member is 65 years of age or over, or has been determined eligible to receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI).

Supplemental Security Income is a cash assistance program administered by the Social Security Administration that provides benefits for aged, blind and disabled people.

"The project will examine whether this alternative form of food assistance will encourage participation by eligible elderly and handicapped persons, enabling them to improve their nutrition," Assistant Secretary Carol Tucker Foreman said. "Checks in the amounts of their food stamp allotments will be mailed on a monthly basis." The project is authorized by the Food Stamp Act of 1977.

Currently, about half of the eligible households with aged, blind or other handicapped members are participating in the food stamp program.

Eight sites will be selected, nationwide, with an urban/rural balance. Project areas may be on a statewide or local basis, and all eligible households in the designated area will participate. The demonstration projects will begin in April 1980 and operate for a year.

The project will also test

whether more aged and handicapped will participate if they can apply and be interviewed at a location other than a welfare or food stamp office. In some demonstration areas, people applying for Supplemental Security Income at a Social Security Office will be able to file an application for food stamps at the same time.

For further information, contact: Claire Lipsman, Program Development Division, Food and Nutrition Service, U. S. Department of Agriculture, room 658, 500-12th St. S. W., Washington, D. C., 20250. Telephone (202) 447-8325.

A notice of intent is scheduled to be published in the Oct. 12 Federal Register asking for applications from state welfare agencies.

President

Nominates Giles

For Judgeship

Washington — President Jimmy Carter last week nominated James T. Giles, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. He would replace Herbert A. Fogel, who has resigned.

Giles has been associated with the Philadelphia firm of Pepper, Hamilton & Scheetz since 1968.

He was born January 31, 1943, in Charlottesville, Virginia.



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