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ANITA DAWKINS
...Enjoys jogging

Miss Anita Dawkins

Is Beauty Of Week

By Teresa Burns
Post Staff Writer

"Without trust and discipline, you can't go very far in life," was the profound statement made by our beauty of the week, Anita Dawkins.

Dawkins is just 15 years-old, but possesses the discipline displayed only through maturity. For instance, she jogs 1 mile just about everyday.

"I enjoy jogging - I've been jogging since last year and I try to do it every day," she informed the POST, adding, "I jog to keep in shape - if I don't exercise I might get fat - I don't want that - I've been fat before."

Our beauty said that when she was overweight she felt "horrible" and avoided mirrors.

"But now I can't pass a mirror without looking in."

Standing an even 5 feet, our beauty is a slim 105 pounds. And in addition to running, she enjoys creative writing, dancing and cooking.

Her future plans involve fashion modeling. photo-

graphy and college.

"I plan to attend either Winston-Salem State or N.C. State in Raleigh," Dawkins stated.

But our beauty has two more years of high school to attend before college. Asked what would she like to see changed at her present school, Harding High School, Dawkins noted only one thing.

"I would like to see less destruction of school property. Whether they know it or not their parents are paying for it and it doesn't look nice."

Dawkins has observed discrimination nation wide and wishes that both races would see each other simply as people.

"If everyone was one color the world would get along a lot better, but instead we must work around the color."

Our beauty has learned a lot about life in general from her sister, Johnnie Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. Coleman Dawkins of 125 Verbena St. are the proud parents of our Capricorn beauty. Anita has two sisters and two brothers.

In Greensboro, Nov. 18

Interfaith Service And Rally

Will Be Held Against Klan Killings

By Eileen Hanson
Post Staff Writer

An Interfaith Service and Rally will be held in Greensboro, Sun. Nov. 18, at 1:00 p.m., in response to the recent murder of five anti-Klan demonstrators. The service will be held at Mt. Zion Baptist Church, 1901 Spencer Street in Greensboro. It is sponsored by a local committee of ministers and civil rights leaders.

The five, members of Workers' Viewpoint Organization, were slain by Klan and Nazi members who drove into a black housing project Nov. 3, just before an anti-Klan rally was to begin, pulled out weapons and began shooting. Only 14 men in the 9-vehicle convoy, believed to have carried 30-35 people, have been arrested and only one van has been confiscated.

According to Jerome Scott of the Southern Regional Equal Rights Congress, "there has been a tremendous outpouring of response from across the country." Scott will serve as staff person for the Interfaith Service, which is expected to draw people from all over the nation. Members of the local committee are Rev. Cleo McCoy, Rev. George Brooks, Rev. George

Union To Picket Right To Work Meeting Tuesday

The Charlotte Central Labor Council is calling on other equal rights supporters to join their picketline when the National Right to Work Committee meets Tues. Nov. 13 at the Sheraton Center.

The informational picket will take place at Independence and McDowell from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and again from 5 to 8 p.m.

According to a Labor Council spokesman, "These right-to-work folks are union-busters, a modern version of slave masters."

Union members have long opposed the right-to-work laws which now exist in 20 states, including every state in the South. The laws make it illegal for a union to negotiate a "union shop" where all workers must join the union. Other laws require unions to bargain for and represent all workers in an organized plant, regardless of union affiliation.

"The thrust of these laws is to weaken unions and keep wages low. It also means a reduction of social services because organized labor has been the main force fighting for these things," said the union spokesman.

In 1961, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. said of the right-to-work laws: "It provides no 'rights' and no 'work.' It is a law to rob us of our Civil Rights and job rights. It is supported by Southern segregationists who are trying to keep us from achieving our Civil Rights and our right of equal job opportunity."

King went on to say that such laws "destroy labor unions and the freedom of collective bargaining by which unions have improved wages and working conditions for everyone. Whenever these laws have passed, wages are lower, job opportunities are fewer and there are no Civil Rights."

The National Right-to-Work Committee says the laws are only to forbid "compulsory unionism." The national office in Virginia refused to comment to the Post on the Charlotte meeting, saying "it is an unpublicized meeting."

"Why are they so secret? What do they have to hide?" asked members of the CLC organizing committee. "They want to sneak into town and sneak out because they are planning more of these laws with the aim of making unions illegal in this country."

The N.C. AFL-CIO at its annual meeting in Fayetteville in September called for a repeal of Section 14(b) of the Taft Hartley Act (the 1947 amendment to the National Labor Relations Act), which gives states permission to outlaw the union shop. The resolution points to N.C.'s low wages, discrimination against blacks and women, and low quality of education and social services as a direct result of the right-to-work law.

The National Right-to-Work Committee has been active in initiating new laws in states outside the South.

LaSalle Street Improvement

NCDOT Will Conduct Second

Public Information Meeting

Open-Forum Meeting Set

For Wednesday

RALEIGH--The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) will conduct a second public information meeting on proposed improvements to LaSalle Street-McArthur Avenue from Statesville Avenue to Graham Street in Charlotte.

The informal, open-forum meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 14 at 7:30 p.m., at Druid Hills Elementary School in Charlotte.

State Transportation Secretary Tom Bradshaw commented, "This meeting represents our commitment to involve the public in our highway improvement process. We welcome and encourage interested citizens to attend and make recommendations or ask questions concerning proposed improvements."

NCDOT representatives and members of the private firm of Madison Madison International will be at the meeting to explain proposed plans and answer any questions.

The project is included in the state's 1979-1985 Transportation Improvement Program. Planning studies are now underway for improvements to LaSalle Street-McArthur Avenue beginning at Statesville Avenue and extending easterly to Graham Street for approximately one mile. A public hearing will be held before a specific improvement alternative is selected.

For more information, interested citizens can contact Mr. T.L. Waters, Manager of Planning and Research, NCDOT, Division of Highways, P.O. Box 25201, Raleigh N.C. 27611, (919) 733-3141.

City Government

Offices To Close

Veterans Day

All Charlotte City government offices will be closed for Veterans Day on Monday, November 12. Regular business hours will be resumed at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, November 13.

Due to the holiday there will be no meeting of the City Council on Monday, November 12. The next regular Council meeting will be held on Monday, November 19 at 6 p.m. in the board room of the Education Center.

The City Sanitation Division will not collect backyard garbage on Monday. Each residence will receive refuse collection on a Tuesday-Thursday or Wednesday-Friday schedule. Curbside trash will be picked up with the garbage on Thursday and Friday.

Leaf collection crews will operate as normally scheduled Monday through Friday. The York Road Landfill will open as usual Monday through Saturday.



Walter Tucker (center) receiving check for \$20,000 deposit from officers of the American

Baptist Churches of the South

Mechanics And Farmers Bank

Enjoying Tremendous Growth

By Teresa Burns
Post Staff Writer

It looks like any other bank-carpeted floor, tellers behind booths and the usual hustle of clients hurrying in and out. Yet, Mechanics and Farmers Bank's main office on Beatties Ford Rd. is different.

If you look closely the average client is Black and living in the middle income bracket. A Johnson C. Smith

University student will most likely come in. And it might be a long time before you see a white customer." We only have about 4 or 5 white customers," one employee of Mechanics and Farmers Bank said.

The bank is rather spacious and if you notice there's a glass enclosed office to your left. And behind the door is Mechanics and Farmers senior vice president Walter S. Tucker.

According to Tucker, Mechanics and Farmers is small compared to other banks, but in the past 20 years the bank has grown from a 6 million dollar deposit to a 42 million dollar deposit.

In addition to its fast growth, Mechanics and Farmers has proven its endurance.

"This bank was organized in 1908 and was one of the few banks that stayed open (except for the declared holiday) during the depression in 1932," Tucker said.

Today the bank still faces perils. Since the increase in robberies and embezzlements in the state Tucker feels that it is necessary not to create temptation.

"We have certain minimum security precautions-electronic equipment-cameras and alarms to police," Tucker said.

In addition, employees are instructed how to conduct themselves during a robbery.

Concerning embezzlements, Tucker said "It's not much we can do-if a person wants to (embezzle) he will. However, we have audits by outside auditors and internal auditors. We also communicate with customers about their statements of account and educate people about the consequences of being caught."

The uncertainty of embezzlement or robbery is a threat, but the recent bankruptcy legislation "stinks" according to Tucker.

"It will make it difficult for a lot of people to borrow

money. Banks will be selective to their customers and not as liberal," he continued.

Tucker also foresees a downward trend in borrowing. "Borrowing money is about at the same level now, but I foresee a downward trend especially in 1980 after people have had their last swing in 1979."

He predicts that future borrowing will be aligned to the economical situation. "If the cost of living does not taper off in 1980 people will have some tendency not to borrow for things they really don't need."

In the present economical state of the country, Mechanics and Farmers senior vice president stated that his bank is competitive with other banks price wise on a consumer basis.

Take for instance the finance of a car-other lenders may charge 12 percent interest rate. Well, Mechanics and Farmers will have to charge 12 percent also to offset the 12 percent interest charge on the money they have.

Financial advice from Tucker during the present economical state stresses the importance of being cautious. "Be careful not to create debts for things not necessary. Instead think in terms of saving money instead of spending money."

TUCKER VP

Tucker is a family man. His wife is Doris and he has three children, Wanda, Velma and Michael.

The operation of Mechanics and Farmers Bank is under the leadership of a 46 year old man with 22 years of banking experience. He remembers how his banking career started, "I came down to North Carolina after I was in the Army and walked into Mechanics and Farmers in 1958. I started as a teller... was promoted to assistant cashier, then to assistant vice president... and to my present position as senior vice president."

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Rev. James Barnett of People United for Justice, and Carrie Graves of the Equal Rights Council speak out against the murder of 5 people by the Klan and Nazis. (photo by Eileen Hanson)

Gay, and George Gardner. The Charlotte Equal Rights Council and People United for Justice sponsored a news

conference on Nov. 7 to denounce the Klan killings and to begin mobilizing Charlotte support for the Interfaith Service.

A joint statement signed by members of local religious, labor and community groups called on every citizen to "denounce the Klan, Nazis and other right-wing hate groups." It also called on the state and federal governments to "disarm these groups because they stand only for

violence, terror and racial hatred."

Rev. James Barnett, head of People United for Justice, said, "We've been warning people that the Klan was violent. They should be outlawed completely. The Klan is not dead and not harmless. The Greensboro killings prove racism is alive and doing well in North Carolina."

Barnett told The Charlotte Post that the people killed by the Klan last weekend had been active in support work for the Wilmington 10, Charlotte 3 and other human rights struggles.

"You have to believe that these murders were planned," said Barnett. "The police say they had no reason to stop the convoy of 9 vehicles. But they know the Klan has a history of carrying and using weapons. Why didn't they stop them?"

Greensboro Police Chief W.E. Swing said Tuesday that an unmarked police car followed the convoy for 17 minutes before the gunfire erupted, but that the police department "was not in a position to stop the violence."

Representing the Equal Rights Council, Carrie Graves called the slayings a



It takes both the BLACK and WHITE keys on a piano to play the star spangled banner.