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Outspoken Bob Walton Denies Being Controversial

By Susan Ellsworth
Post Staff Writer

After serving one term as county commissioner and receiving from defeat of not being elected to a second term, Rev. Robert (Bob) Walton is seeking office a third time.

This minister from Saint Paul United Presbyterian Church said he has gained strength in adjusting to the previous election loss, and that his experience in county government will be an

asset since only two incumbents are seeking re-election.

Media exposure in 1978 portrayed him as a highly controversial commissioner, Walton said.

Although he admits to being outspoken, Walton denies being controversial.

"A government body ought to debate the issues," instead of offering bland acceptance, Walton commented. "Just because you debate issues doesn't make

you a troublemaker."

There's always a problem when a minority elected official exerts leadership," he continued.

"They want a black on the board but they want him to be passive."

Walton criticized the media for not giving him fair and objective coverage. He cited his business trips as an example.

Accused by a fellow commissioner as junket-hopping using tax dollars to support trips, Walton said

the media projected an impression that "Bob Walton took a vacation trip at the taxpayers expense."

"Each trip I took was supported by the county manager and county board," Walton said, to expose him to governments in other parts of the world.

Walton said he was either invited by organizations to represent the Mecklenburg County Commission or was chosen among elected officials to get better perceptions about how other

governments work.

No policy exists for determining criteria for whether or not to take the trips.

Among his accomplishments while in office 1976-78, Walton supported an emergency medical system with satellite stations which were incorporated.

A former branch manager of First Union National Bank, Walton approved of reducing taxes by trimming budget fat without cutting county services. He favored insuring that coun-

ty government gave a fair share of business to minority businessmen.

Although Walton remarked "I am not running as a black person," he emphasized the 20 to 30 percent of the population (blacks) need to know they have a representative from this group.

Walton said he plans to appear at gatherings and do more walking through neighborhoods in his campaign talking one on one



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Fraternity Supports

1980 Census

By Susan Ellsworth
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Alpha Phi Alpha, one of the country's largest black fraternities urges the black community to support the 1980 census.

"...the effort to reach minority groups deserves the strong support we have always given to voter registration and other humanitarian efforts," said Alpha President James Williams.

Results of the 1980 census will help determine how and where more than 50 billion dollars in Federal Funds will be spent annually.



GORGEOUS LISA DUFF
...Fashion merchandising student

Lisa Duff Is Beauty Of Week

By Teresa Burns
Post Staff Writer

The old saying of "dress to impress" has become pretty redundant. To our beauty, Lisa Duff, the fashion world has much more to offer.

As a Fashion Merchandising student at Hamilton College, Ms. Duff believes that without creative fashions, the world would be a dreary place. "The world must move with fashion. Without fashion there's nothing," she stressed.

"Fashion is like music, once it was easy going. Clothes were once closed up. But now there is the disco thing, everything is now soft and silky and more loud colors," she continued.

Census figures are also used to apportion seats in the U.S. House of Representatives. Most states will use the date to redraw their legislative boundaries, too.

A summary of statistics for neighborhoods on education, employment, income, shelter costs among others will be available to local government between the fall of 1981 and spring 1982.

All census data is confidential and will be published only as part of the statistical total.

"We must make certain that our population receives an accurate count," Williams pointed out, "and the benefit of the attendant governmental service upon this information."

Census questionnaires will be mailed on March 28. The form should be completed soon and depending upon instruction, either mailed back on April 1 or held until a census taker arrives to collect it.

First Annual Project Excel Schedule

The first annual Project EXCEL will be underway June 8 to 27. A total of 198 selected students will live and attend classes on the campuses of Davidson College, Queens College, University of North Carolina at Charlotte, and Johnson C. Smith University.

The colleges and universities are cooperating with EXCEL which will provide students intense residence training in science, mathematics, government, economics, drama, English, art and music over a three week period.



There's only one cure for a man in love-MARRIAGE. If that doesn't cure him, nothing will.

City Police To

Auction Off Stolen

Property

The Charlotte Police Department will hold a public auction of found and stolen property at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 29, at the Mecklenburg County office complex (behind the Board of Elections office, under the shelter).

Employee Assistance Program Gains Support

Taxpayers Shed \$261 Million?

By Eileen Hanson
Special To The Post

Charlotte taxpayers send \$261 million annually to the Pentagon, but only \$43 million comes back to this area in Pentagon spending.

North Carolina's human needs versus increased military spending will be the topic of a people's workshop to be held Saturday, March 29 at the YWCA, 418 E. Trade St., from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Well-informed resource persons will present the issues in a panel discussion, including the war economy, the arms race, the draft, the international crisis and N.C.'s unmet human needs.

Panelists will include Rev. Ed Riddick, a vice president of Operation PUSH; Michael Myerson, director of the U.S. Peace Council; Bill Ramsey of the American Friends Service Committee, and Pat Bryant of the Institute for Southern Studies.

Jerome Scott, an international correspondent on African and Middle East affairs, will discuss the current international crisis see TAXPAYERS Page 2

At Park Center

Dr. Clyde Adams To Lead

Second Evangelical Crusade Here

By Susan Ellsworth
Post Staff Writer

Rev. Dr. Clyde Adams, pastor of the Union Baptist Church of Fort Wayne, Indiana will be the guest evangelist during Charlotte's second annual Evangelical Crusade.

To be held March 23 through 28 at the Park Center located at 310 Kings Drive, the crusade is expected to attract more than 1,500 people a night, according to Rev. Wilch Caldwell, a Zone 1 organizer.

Services will begin at 4 p.m. Sunday and continue Monday through Friday at 7 p.m.

Dr. Adams is a Stewardship Instructor-Precacher for the National Sunday School Congress of the National Baptist Convention U.S.A. He participates on the NAACP's Executive Committee, is a member of the CETA Board of Directors and founded the Frontiers Club of Fort Wayne.

The speaker holds a Doctor of Divinity degree from Michigan Baptist Theological Seminary and School of Religion, and Doctor of Sacred Literature from the Ministers Institute and College in West Point, Mississippi.

This year's crusade will be moderated by three local pastors: Rev. R.M. Young, Rev. J.B. Humphrey and Rev. L.D. Parker will represent the three black Baptist Associations sponsoring the crusade—Mount Peace, Mecklenburg General and Lane Creek.



Ms. Elizabeth Chavis and Mrs. Jessie McCombs - two North Carolina mothers fighting for the freedom of their sons

Here March 30 "Unity And Justice" Is

Theme Of Palm Sunday March

By Eileen Hanson
Special To The Post

A call for Unity and Justice will be the theme of a Palm Sunday march and rally in Charlotte, Sunday, March 30. Coming at the beginning of the Easter season, and in the week that commemorates the 12th anniversary of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., the march will stress that "the dream

is not yet fulfilled in North Carolina."

Sponsored by People United for Justice and the Charlotte Equal Rights Council, the brief procession will begin at 3 p.m. from the Square (Trade and Tryon Streets), march to the County Court House, and conclude with a service and rally at Ebenezer Baptist Church, 733 E. Trade St.

"Easter holds a special meaning for Justice," said Rev. James Barnett of PUJ. "The dream of Martin is still not fulfilled. We long for a resurrection of Justice in our state."

The rally at Ebenezer church will include Gospel Choirs from local churches and representatives from community and equal rights organizations.

The rally will launch a petition drive to secure a new trial for John McCombs, Jr., currently serving a 65 year sentence in Central Prison for killing a plainclothes policeman who burst into his Durham apartment on April 29, 1976, waving a gun at McCombs. The defendant pleaded self defense.

A new trial was ordered by N.C. Court of Appeals in June, 1977, when 98 errors were found in the first trial. However, before a new trial could be held the State Supreme Court overruled the Court of Appeals.

"This march is very important to let people see that justice is still not being upheld in the courts in North Carolina," said Mrs. Jessie McCombs, mother of McCombs, Jr. "Dr. King's dream that all men should be free is still not fulfilled. We should be able to walk together, regardless of race or station in life. We will march to show that people are still concerned about justice. We cannot sit back and take what the courts do to us."

Troubled Employees Identified

Special To The Post

RALEIGH—An executive order to be signed by President Carter will be released shortly which stresses the importance and need for all federal agencies to adopt employee assistance programs.

Here are some of the reasons why:

In North Carolina Duke Power Company's annual investment is \$155,000. The return, a hefty \$1,000,000.

At General Motors for every \$1 invested, the return is \$3.

Both companies have adopted an employee-employer benefit program which pays off both in increased productivity and in saved human lives. Known in North Carolina mostly as employee assistance programs, these programs are designed to identify troubled employees through an objective system which looks at decreased productivity, increased absenteeism, and other indicators that people might be having problems.

A quarter million employees are covered in North Carolina through more than 340 on-going EAP's set up in business, industry and government, reports Dick Rhyne, state occupational programs director with the N.C. Department of Human Resources.

In a workshop held in Charlotte recently 100 people gathered to talk about the history and future of employee assistance programs on this state.

Bill Lee, president of Duke Power Company, was there to give testimony about the results he has seen since the Duke program began in 1976.

Citing two reasons why Duke Power is involved, "compassion" and "the bottom line," Lee reinforced the benefits of assisting valued employees rather than letting them go, and then having to hire and train new ones.

Duke Power employs 19,000 people. More than 1,000 have received assistance for a variety of problems, including alcohol and drug abuse, family and emotional difficulties.

Rowland Austin, director of General Motors' Subsee EMPLOYEE Page 2