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ROCHELLE SHERLENE BLACKMON
...Allen Brooke student

Rochelle Blackmon Is Beauty Of Week

By Teresa Burns
Post Staff Writer

There is something beautiful about every child. And this is especially true about our 10 year-old beauty, Rochelle Sherlene Blackmon.

She is the daughter of Shirley and Russell Blackmon of 2531 Celia Ave. and is in the third grade at Allen Brooke Elementary school.

"My favorite subject there is gym," Miss Blackmon began. "When we go to the gym on Tuesdays I do a lot of exercise. My gym teacher says I am the best one of all!"

Our little beauty enjoys reading and many types of athletic hobbies. "I like to swim and skate, and I like to do cheers. I like to do cartwheels and go into a split."

In fact Miss Blackmon would like to become a cheerleader. One day she may become a professional cheerleader. "I think I can make money being a cheerleader," she commented.

"At first I wanted to be a teacher, but I changed my mind," Miss Blackmon began. "Now I want to be a cheerleader and a nurse."

Even her favorite television program has cheerleaders on it - "The White Shadow." "They do a lot of

Having Trouble

Answering Your

Census Form?

Having trouble answering your census form? Call the number on the form for help. Try to return forms by mail on April 1. Residents who do not send in their questionnaires can expect a visit from a Census representative carrying an official folder within two weeks.

Census figures are used to determine how much government aid will go to programs such as CETA, Senior Citizens Hot Lunch Program, Head Start, the Department of Health, Education and Welfare and Aid to Families with Dependent Children.

TURTLE-TALK



Your troubles are probably behind you - that is, if you're a SCHOOL BUS DRIVER.

Mecklenburg County Claims 50,000 Illiterate People

Budget Cuts

To Hurt

Poor People

Special To The Post

WASHINGTON (UMNS) - "Poor and hungry people who already suffer most" should not have to bear additional burdens because of anti-inflation measures, 22 religious leaders told the President and the Congress last week.

The proposed budget cuts being discussed would "disproportionately hurt poor and hungry people" in both the U.S. and other countries, according to the statement, signed by Protestant, Catholic and Jewish leaders. They included, for United Methodists, Peggy Billings, Women's Division executive for Christian social relations, and Dr. George H. Outen, chief executive of the Board of Church and Society.

The statement noted that many of the proposals contravene recommendations from the Presidential Commission on World Hunger and Malnutrition, which urged the U.S. government to "make the elimination of hunger the primary focus of relationships with the developing nations, beginning with the decade of the 1980s."

The religious leaders also pointed out that "genuine national security, as the commission observed, includes not only military and political elements but also active U.S. participation in cooperative efforts to assist the world's poor to achieve lives of dignity and fulfillment."

"Inflation is not a peculiarly American difficulty," the statement stressed and, while American problems are serious, "they hardly compare with the extremity of need of persons in developing countries." And in this country, "the poor are hardest hit by inflation."

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things on there. I like the cheerleaders. When a person does some cheers then all the rest of them start over," she noted.

A typical week for Miss Blackmon includes playing outside. "At school I do cheers and baton twirls. On Sundays I go to Sunday School at First Baptist and I sing in the Children's Choir," she explained.

Last summer she participated in the WGIV dance contest and won. And when she was eight months old she won a First Baptist baby contest.

For right now our little beauty is concentrating on becoming an excellent cheerleader. She practices hard and regularly to reach this particular goal. This only goes to prove that whatever interest Miss Blackmon chooses in the future will probably be pursued with just as much vigor.

Business League

To Sponsor

Political Forum

Meet the candidates for Governor, Lt. Governor, Mecklenburg County Commission and the School Board at a political forum being sponsored by the Charlotte Business League.

Candidates will give brief opening remarks, then a question and answer session will follow at the Friday, April 11 forum to be held from 4 till 10 p.m. in Owens Auditorium.

A moderator and panel composed of CBL members, media representatives, and community organizations will conduct the session.

Admission is free.

Will Attend Unveiling Saturday

"Daddy" King Denies Allegations

By Susan Ellsworth
Post Staff Writer

Dr. Martin Luther "Daddy" King Sr. will attend the unveiling of the statue erected in memory of his son at the noon ceremony at Charlotte's Marshall Park on April 5. He is pastor emeritus of Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, Georgia.

According to Rev. Harold Diggs of Mayfield Memorial Baptist Church, Dr. King denied allegations that the King family was disinterested in attending the statue commemoration.

Rev. Diggs said Dr. King told him that neither he nor Mrs. Coretta King were aware they were invited to



Dr. Martin L. King, Sr. ...Expresses regrets the services until Rev. Diggs invited them on behalf of the Martin Luther King Commission.

Dr. King expressed his regrets to Rev. Diggs that he would not be able to attend the candlelight me-



Central Piedmont Community College back in 1963. was first housed in Central High School

18 Years Ago

CPCC Had Humble Beginning

By Susan Ellsworth
Post Staff Writer

Central Piedmont Community College began humbly 18 years ago as a technical vocational center housed in the vacant Central High School building on Elizabeth Avenue at the banks of Sugar Creek Rd.

Although CPCC was founded in the early 60s, the seed for a community college was planted before the Depression.

Buncomb County Community College in Asheville (now Asheville-Biltmore Junior College) set a trend in 1927 as the first junior college which was not church-owned but supported by the county.

Despite a state court ruling that the college couldn't use county money to support it, a supreme court decision overruled the lower court, according to Raymond Mason, CPCC's historian. "It opened the way for using public money for colleges," Mason explained.

When the Depression hit, funding became scarce for the state-owned and operated schools.

Following WW II 70,000 applications flooded state colleges for 35,000 openings. The North Carolina College Conference called for Education Centers in heavily populated areas.

Operated by the school board these centers "prepared a student to enter a four year college as a junior," Mason said.

Dr. Elmer Garinger, the superintendent of City

First Of A Series

Schools and Bishop Herbert Spangh, a Moravian minister discussed transforming education centers into one junior college called Charlotte College.

After the idea became a reality blacks protested the segregated school and consequently founded Carver College.

By 1955 the first state aid was allocated by Governor Luther Hodges for Carver, Charlotte College, Asheville-Biltmore and Wilmington.

A Community College Act in 1957 declared that these four junior colleges plus Elizabeth City and Gastonia were not allowed to teach trade or vocational courses, Mason said.

Industrial Education Centers then were established for "people who couldn't attend college and were entitled to trade vocational education," according to Governor Hodges.

JCSU Plans Health Fair

The second annual health fair will be held at the Johnson C. Smith University Plaza from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. on Thursday, April 17.

The health fair, sponsored by the men of JCSU, is part of a week-long observance of Men's Week on campus.

"The week is set aside each year to show our appreciation for the counseling and development of programs which helps to

facilitate individual and group development," said Cleveland James a 1972 graduate of JCSU and assistant director of Student Life.

The theme of the week is, "Reaching for Tomorrow." Health services available will include: free blood pressure checks, sickle cell anemia testing, information on drug education and alcoholism.

Other agencies and organizations that will be available for counseling and information will include: the Epilepsy Association, the Red Cross, The March of Dimes, the Heart Association, Planned Parenthood, Florence Crittenton, the Cancer Association and the Mecklenburg County Health Department.

Other activities planned for the week include: an annual Men's Breakfast at 9:30 a.m. Sunday April 13, at the University Student Union. The speaker will be Dr. William Greene, director of Career Counseling and Placement.

Monday, April 14 will be host day. Campus men will carry the trays of female students and staff in the dining hall.

Tuesday, April 15, is the day to meet school board candidates. Candidates will be addressing: "The place of Black Students in see JCSU on page 4

Volunteers Needed To Teach Reading Skills

By Susan Ellsworth
Post Staff Writer

Millions of Americans cannot get or hold jobs because they cannot read. Mecklenburg County alone claims 50,000 illiterate people.

If you can read you can help them.

The Mecklenburg County Literacy Council is offering two tutor workshops - one in basic reading skills and another in ESOL (English Speakers of Other Languages).

Volunteers are needed to donate time and a small amount of money to teach reading.

A ten-hour workshop held on alternate months, trains readers 12 years and older on how to teach basic reading and writing skills.

For ESOL the workshop is 15 hours. Laubach National Affiliation for Literacy Advance provides the training at a total cost to the tutor of \$20.

Registration for the next ESOL workshop is scheduled for Wednesday, April 9 from 6:30-7 p.m. at the St. Mark's Lutheran Church at 1001 Queens Road.

Classes will begin Thursday, April 10 from 7-9:30 p.m. and will continue on

Wednesdays and Thursdays, April 10-24.

A \$13.50 fee is required for books and materials.

Within one or two years an illiterate person can reach a seventh grade reading and writing level, according to Milton Terte, Literacy Council Publicity Director.

Tutoring is done in a mutually convenient area such as a church, community center or a library. The student buys his own materials consisting of five workbooks.

Role-playing, dialogue and use of phrases all help boost the student's vocabulary to 600 words. Terte said.

Students are accepted on a first-come-first-served basis as the number of students is expected to exceed the number of tutors available.

Students are anxious to learn. "They're eager. They want to be assimilated," Terte explained.

If you are motivated to help the illiterate person overcome his frustration of not being able to read and help increase his self-esteem, the Literacy Council would like to hear from you. Call 334-6324 to enroll as a tutor.

Georgine Says

High Interest Rates Are

Not Solution To Inflation

WASHINGTON-- Robert A. Georgine, President of the Building and Construction Trades Department, AFL-CIO, last week charged that fighting inflation through high interest rates and budget cuts spell disaster for construction workers.

"What good is a remedy that is worse than the disease?" Georgine asked. "It is neither effective nor fair to fight inflation by throwing more people out of work, cutting real wages, and bringing on a recession. Creating more human hardship to achieve abstract, economic goals is not a solution. Trading inflation for unemployment is no answer."

Speaking at the annual conference of the Building and Construction Trades Department at the Washington Hilton Hotel here, Georgine described the economic plight of the construction industry and called on the 4.1 million members of the building trades unions to become more active in the 1980 electoral campaigns.

"Every new percentage added to the interest rate means less construction activity," Georgine said. "For the Building Trades member that will mean fewer jobs, fewer hours of work, and eventually, lower wages." He noted that construction workers comprise between four and seven percent of the U.S. labor force.

"Economic sacrifice must fall on all segments of society," he said. Georgine also criticized proposed budget cuts for mass transit grants, general revenue

sharing and the solar and energy conservation bank. Along with proposed cuts of dam and water reservoir projects, sewer grants, highway and airport construction and housing rehabilitation loans, the new budget "could mean a devastating year for the construction industry," Georgine warned.

"Home ownership is fast becoming an impossible dream for most Americans," Georgine said, "and along with the end of that dream go thousands upon thousands of construction jobs."

Georgine outlined other legislative concerns, which include retaining wage protections for publicly funded construction; preserving the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) from proposed cutbacks; and demanding higher standards of accountability for corporate abuses.

City Offices

Will Be Closed

Easter Monday

All offices of Charlotte City government will be closed on Easter Monday, April 7. Regular business hours will be resumed on Tuesday, April 8 at 8 a.m.

Due to the holiday there will be no meeting of the Charlotte City Council on Easter Monday.

There will be no curbside trash collection during the week. Items should not be placed on the curb until Tuesday, April 15 for collection on Wednesday, April 16.