

Dr. Bertha Maxwell Advocates Programs

May 6

"Addressing The Needs Of The Entire Community"

Bertha Maxwell is a democratic candidate for the North Carolina House of Representatives. She is an advocate for programs addressing the needs of the entire community.

Programs such as alcohol control and drug abuse; reforms in juvenile correction, utility and energy conservation, planning development and land use regulation; and accountability for the use of the state tax dollar are her concerns. She favors a reduction of class sizes from kindergarten through 12th grade, increased benefits for teachers, better educational services for severely handicapped children not presently served in public schools.

She wants to remain visible, viable, accessible and accountable to all citizens if she is elected. Because of her numerous community activities she has come in contact with people in all walks of life. For instance she organized Charlotte's first volunteer teachers' program for 84 economically disadvantaged children, a catalyst for Head Start and state-supported kindergartens in Charlotte. She was the first black administrator in a predominantly white school in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg system and developed Charlotte-Mecklenburg's first open education program. At the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, Dr. Maxwell conceptualized and implemented the curriculum in Afro-American and African Studies, thus broadening the range of knowledge for many of black history, literature,

and accomplishments.

What is important too is that Ms. Maxwell has served on various boards and been a part of many organizations whose main purpose is to improve humanity. Among

her many involvements are the North Carolina Women's Task Force on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, Hope Haven, Inc., Charlotte Mental Health Center, The Charlotte Arts and Science Council and the

Charlotte Drug Education Center. She is also an active member of Friendship Baptist Church.

Indeed, Ms. Maxwell's career has also placed her in contact with people. She began her career in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg School system as a classroom teacher and corrective reading teacher. She distinguished herself as an administrator with principalships at Morgan Elementary School and at Albemarle Road Elementary

School. She furthered her professional career as Professor in the College of Human Development and Learning at University of North Carolina at Charlotte; Vice President for Administrative Affairs and Planning at Johnson C. Smith University; and Frank Porter Graham Professor and Director of Afro-American Studies at UNC-Charlotte.

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Calling inflation the "cruellest tax" North Carolinians have to pay, House Speaker Carl J. Stewart Jr. said last Friday that it's time for the State to give taxpayers more relief in the form of tax adjustments.

He specifically proposed that the General Assembly increase the standard state personal income tax deduction from \$550 to \$1,250 and make adjustments in the tax brackets so that gains North Carolinians make in income won't be eaten up by inflation.

The proposals came during a press conference in Raleigh. Stewart is seeking the Democratic nomination for Lt. Governor in the May 6 primary.

"As I have been campaigning around the state, people have told me they can't keep up with infla-

tion," Stewart said. "They're making more money, but they're being placed in higher tax brackets, which cancels any real increase in income."

The tax proposals would return over \$67 million to the taxpayers, probably in the form of tax refunds next spring, Stewart said.

He emphasized that the proposals will require careful legislative study and debate but said he feels confident the General Assembly will react favorably to the idea.

"At the end of this fiscal year, the state will have a credit balance of upwards of \$330 million," the House Speaker said. "The tax measures should not and will not affect much deserved pay raises for teachers and state employees or any essential state programs.

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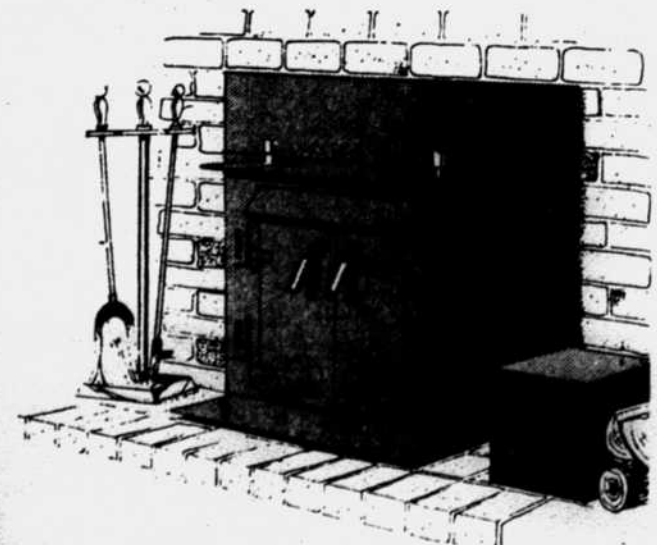
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