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## Democratic Platform Hearings Set

The N.C. Democratic Party's Platform Committee will hold regional hearings at six locations across North Carolina at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, May 13. Interested organizations and groups are invited to testify.

"These hearings are the first step in a process leading up to the adoption of a platform at the State Democratic Convention on

June 21," according to Sam Poole, Platform Committee chairman. "We are hoping for broad participation as the Party draws up its 'contract with the people' for 1980."

The hearings will be held simultaneously at the following locations:

--Greenville, Pitt County Courthouse.

--Fayetteville, Hearing Room No. 3, Old County Courthouse

--Raleigh, Room 700, Wake County Courthouse

--Gastonia, Courtroom B, Gaston County Courthouse

--Asheville, Room 906, Buncombe County Courthouse

Witnesses will be permitted to make a brief oral presentation, but should also prepare a written statement for distribution. Persons or groups wishing to testify at any of the hearings, should notify State Democratic Headquarters, P. O. Box 12196, Raleigh, NC 27605, 919-821-2777.

## Army Reserve Gives Boost To Black Senior

Scores of Black youths are disappointed each year when high school graduation fails to lead to a challenging career or educational opportunity. Black youths are motivated, but too often the economy has limited ways to market that incentive. The U. S. Army Reserve is a positive alternative.

For qualified youths at least 17 years of age the U.S. Army Reserve offers training in over three hundred job skills and while they are learning, they are earning Army pay.

For example, a high school student can enter the Army Reserve as early as six months prior to graduation, with initial military training deferred until after graduation. And prior to that training, students attend monthly Reserve unit drills (16 hours, usually on a weekend) for which they receive pay. On the other hand, if a student is planning on going to college, the Army Reserve has programs designed so as not to interfere with school schedules. One provides for Split Training. That is, the enlistee can take Basic Training during the summer following high school graduation, with Advanced Individual Training (AIT) deferred up to one year. This option gives the student two full summers of employment and offers part-time work with the Reserve during the rest of the school year.

## ESC Recovers Insurance Overpayments

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ENGAGING ALTAVIA FILMORE...Garinger High junior

## Altavia Filmore Is Beauty Of Week

By Teresa Burns Post Staff Writer

There is no special reason for the appeal of small children. Even our 16 year old beauty Altavia Filmore can't explain it. She knows, however, that her life will probably be connected with children in some fashion.

"I just like kids," she said. "I want to be a teacher and work with small kids, maybe child care."

Presently Ms. Filmore is in the 11th grade at Garinger Senior High. There her favorite subject is mathematics. From 3:30 until 6:30 she does what she enjoys the most - working with children.

"I work with kids now - I work at a nursery in Grier-town. Just a few days ago we took them to the Grier-town Park," she said. "I really don't have any problems with children. The only thing is riding the bus to go to work - sometimes the buses may not come on time."

Children are just one facet of our beauty's life. She also enjoys dancing, basketball, (she won a trophy in the Gethsemane Baptist Church Basketball Program), and acting. Besides being a teacher, Ms. Filmore has even thought of becoming an actress.

"I'm in the drama club at Garinger and I enjoy the stage," Ms. Filmore commented. "The Wiz," sponsored by the Gethsemane Baptist Church Program,

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# From Black Precincts Black Candidates Gain Overwhelming Support

## Rights Council Sets Attic Sale

By Eileen Hansn Special To The Post

The Charlotte Equal Rights Council will hold an attic sale to benefit the on-going work of the organization on Saturday, May 10, at the Firemen's Hall, 2601 E. 7th Street, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Furniture, clothing, household articles and other attic sale goods will be in good supply. Refreshments and balloons will also be available. At 2 p.m. shoppers will be able to fill up a bag of clothing items for \$1.00.

The Charlotte ERC was formed two years ago as an affiliate of the national Equal Rights Congress, an umbrella of organizations joined together to struggle for the equality of all people who have been discriminated against because of their nationality, color, religion, sex or economic status.

Activities of the Council include working for a new trial for John E. McCombs, Jr., co-sponsoring International Women's Day, and uniting black and white groups in opposition to the Ku Klux Klan and Nazis.

The Council has also supported several union drives, including the workers at Harris-Teeter warehouse, the city bus drivers, the sanitation workers, and textile workers at Woonsocket Spinning Co.

The Southern Advocate is a newspaper published by the regional ERC and circulated through the South.

The Charlotte ERC hopes to unite a wide range of groups through unity of action in the struggles for equality and economic justice. For more information, contact the Equal Rights Council, P. O. Box 31594, Charlotte, NC 28231.

## Pants Hangers

Tousers should be hung on special pants hangers that suspend them by the cuffs. In this way, gravity helps pull the crease straight and removes minor wrinkles.

## Post's "Mother Of The Year"

# Mrs. Hailey: "I've Been Happy Over What My Parents Taught Me"

By Susan Ellsworth Post Staff Writer

"Honor your mother and father. I've been happy over what my parents taught me," declared 80 year old Pearlle Hailey, "The Charlotte Post's choice for Mother of the Year."

She in turn has taught her children to obey the same commandment.

Mrs. Hailey, a former postal clerk who has lived on Holly Road near Johnson C. Smith University for the past 20 years, is a native of Anderson, South Carolina. She and her late husband, Charlie, formerly a painter, had moved to Charlotte in 1926.

After putting her six children, Mrs. Laverine



"Food stamp funds are going to feed the military budget, not hungry people," according to Rev. Bob Morgan (2nd from left) at a press conference organized by food stamp recipients in Dalton Village and Piedmont Courts, to protest cuts in the food stamp program effective June 1. (photo by Eileen Hanson)

## Survival Week Protests Food Stamp Cuts

By Eileen Hanson Special To The Post

Over half a million North Carolinians will face a bare cupboard next month because the federal food stamp program is broke.

But the poor aren't the only ones who will suffer. The loss of \$19 million in food stamps to North Carolinians will have an overall economic impact of over \$71 million, according to the N. C. Hunger Coalition.

Residents of Dalton Village and Piedmont Courts, joined with representatives of social services and religious groups last week to explain the food stamp crisis and to call for united action during "Survival Week," May 4-11.

"People are literally going to 'bite the bullet' because our food stamp money is going to feed the military, not hungry people," said Rev. Robert Morgan, pastor of Seigle Avenue Presbyterian Church. "We're paying for it now in taxes, and will pay for it later in lead poisoning."

The proposed military budget for 1981 is \$161.8 billion, while the food

stamp budget will be \$6.5 billion.

"Our taxes are not going to feed the poor, they're going to feed a hungry military machine that consumes 47 percent of our tax dollar, while only 29 percent goes for human services," according to Carrie Graves, a Dalton Village resident and organizer of the press conference.

Speakers called for passage of Senate Bill 1309 now before Congress, which would appropriate \$2.5 billion to the Department of Agriculture to bail out the food stamp program.

They also urged the defeat of the "Helms Amendment" offered by N.C. Senator Jesse Helms, which would take away \$10 in food stamps for every child in the school lunch program.

Activities planned during Survival Week include letters and phone calls to members of Congress, and involving school children in drawing pictures and writing letters about the effects of no food stamps on their families.

On Sunday, May 10, people from across the South will converge in Atlanta to

confront President Jimmy Carter when he speaks at Morehouse College at 3 p.m.

"We must send a message to Carter and Congress that poor people must have food stamps to survive," said Ms. Graves, who is organizing buses from Charlotte. (For information call 374-0557.)

"The message to Carter is that we're tired of this. He has to put more focus on people and not on guns and bullets," said Ms. Graves. "The crisis we face is here in the U.S., not in the Middle East or in Iran. Come back home and take care of things here."

Last January 577,034 low-income people in North Carolina participated in the food stamp program. The \$19 million they received went right back into the economy - to local grocery stores and farmers.

In Mecklenburg County some 35,000 food stamp recipients will face a bare cupboard come June. Local food stamp authorities have already stopped taking any new applications for next month. Current recipients were notified May 1 not to expect an "Authorization to Purchase" card in June.

The loss to Mecklenburg County will be about \$1.25 million a month, but the human loss can never be measured.

"If people don't eat well they develop permanent medical problems," said Sandy Welton of the N. C. Hunger Coalition. "The main beneficiaries are children, the elderly, the unemployed and the handicapped."

Speaking at the press conference Dalton Village resident Ruth Andrews said, "It would have a whole lot of effect on my kids if we don't get food stamps. I don't know what we'll do."

## President Will Nominate Britt

For U. S. Judgeship The President announced last week that he will nominate W. Earl Britt, of Lumberton, North Carolina, to be U.S. district judge for the Eastern District of North Carolina.

## Bob Walton Is Top Vote Getter

By Susan Ellsworth Post Staff Writer

"Vote" blacks are advised repeatedly. "Your vote can make a difference," a slogan reads.

Many blacks took the message seriously as Tuesday's primary results produced some surprises.

Robert (Bob) Walton became the first black to lead in the Democratic County Commission primary race.

Although early returns placed him fourth, top numbers of votes in the black precincts pushed him up to first.

Capturing 21,713 votes, Walton secured 33 percent of his support from the black community.

Walton attributed his being favored to a "combination of a good black voter turnout and general approval across the board."

Dr. Raleigh Byrum who got the last of the five Democratic County Commission seats received 26 percent of his 16,701 votes from black precincts.

While L. C. Coleman derived 35 percent of his support from the black community, only a total of 11,928 ballots were cast in his favor.

The seven blacks nominated to the school board generally did well in the black precincts with Phil Berry as the top vote-getter followed by Ella Scarborough and Sarah Stevenson.

Berry with 26,460 votes, won overwhelming support not only from the black community but from many white precincts as well. He is the only definite winner of the school board election.

Ms. Scarborough with 11,138 votes along with Ms. Stevenson who received 11,048 votes will be in the run-off competition for two of the six seats remaining.

In the North Carolina 36th District House of Representatives, Democrat primary winner Dr. Bertha Maxwell received the top number of votes in most of the black precincts.

Among her 16,926 votes, 27 percent came from the black community.

T. Michael Todd will retain his judgeship in the 26th Judicial District since he faces no Republican challenger.

Walton urges blacks to continue supporting black candidates by registering and voting in the November election.

## Youngsters To Compete On Fire Safety

In a format similar to the popular "High Q" and "College Bowl" television quiz shows, elementary-age youth will represent their schools on Saturday, May 10, in the Mecklenburg 4-H Fire Safety Bowl. The contest, sponsored by the Independent Insurance Agents of Mecklenburg County, tests the students' knowledge and quick recall of fire prevention and safety.