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Black Community Leaders

Will Meet With Chief Goodman

Hearings Set
 For 1980-81

City Budget

The Charlotte City Council will hold two public hearings on the proposed 1980-81 City budget.

Agencies which receive funds from the City and other departments are asked to attend the public hearing on Monday, June 9 at 3 p.m. in the Council Chamber at City Hall. This hearing will be held to receive comments and suggestions on general revenue sharing proposals and budget requests.

Citizens, neighborhood organizations, and other persons are encouraged to attend the public hearing scheduled for Tuesday, June 10 at 7 p.m. in the United Community Services Auditorium, 301 S. Brevard St. This hearing is being held to consider the City budget, pay plan recommendations and various proposals which would balance the budget and avoid an increase in property taxes. These proposals include:

- +End City funding of commercial garbage collection
- +Eliminate vacuum leaf collection
- +Implement "roll-out" garbage collection
- +Reduce street lighting program
- +Increase bus fares
- +Use Community Development cost allocations funds
- +and other suggested changes

NOTE: A special public hearing on bus fare increases is required by federal law. The hearing will be held on Tuesday, June 24 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber at City Hall. Comments made at the June 10 hearing concerning transit matters will be entered into the record of the June 24 meeting.

Persons wishing to speak at any of these public hearings should contact the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 600 East Trade Street, Charlotte, or telephone 374-2247. Comments may be made orally at the hearings or submitted in writing.



Mini-Camp Instructor
 ...Prepares Musical Demonstration

Las Amigas Honors

24 Outstanding Students

By SUSAN ELLSWORTH
 Post Staff Writer

The Charlotte-Mecklenburg chapter of Las Amigas recently honored outstanding high school students and mini day campers at its second annual "Youth Recognition Program."

Twenty-four youths received engraved trophies.

For scholastic achievement the following students were honored: Katherine Ardrey, Monique Dixon, Gloria Graham, Carol Jolly, Sonya Lee, Eric Miller, Jamie Murray, Karen Steele, and Colleen Barnes. Community involvement awards went to Calvin Brown Jr., Cheryl Corbett, Loretta Gleaton, Rosalind Harris, Kenna House, Wynetta Murray, Stephanie Pressley, Jackie Withers, Shelia Young and Monica Morrison.

Recognition was also given to Arleen Brooks, music; Loretta Lewis, fine arts; and Carolyn Johnson, Alfred Hart III and John Price Jr. in sports.

All 32 members of Las Amigas voted on the award recipients.

"So many black students are not recognized for contributions in their community and school," explained, Mrs. Dora Mason, founder of the Las Amigas

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Chapter. Among the 70 mini day campers who received certificates, four also were rewarded for compiling the best scrapbooks on black history. They will ride on the Las Amigas float during the Johnson C. Smith parade.

Highlighting the agenda, mini day campers and New Zion's Youth Choir members performed gospel musical selections.

Mrs. Dorothy Johnson delivered an inspirational speech on pursuing education.

Parents appeared impressed, Mrs. Mason said, with the arts and crafts exhibits made by the 6-15 year old mini day campers.

Mrs. Mason stressed a need for mini day campers to become inspired by the accomplishments of high school students.

She emphasized that parental attendance was good and further encouraged the youths.

Council To Consider

Weapons Proposal

On Monday, June 23, at 3 p.m. the Charlotte City Council will consider a proposal that the City prohibit the possession of dangerous weapons within 300 feet of parades or funeral processions, and in or on property owned, leased or controlled by the City.

Dangerous weapons are defined as firearms, knives having blades, metallic knuckles, clubs, blackjacks and nightsticks, dynamite cartridges, bombs, grenades, mines and other powerful explosives, loaded canes, and chemical agents.

Main Concern Is Lack Of Job Opportunities

By Eileen Hanson
 Special To The Post
 Could Miami happen in Charlotte?

Business promoters call it the "new South." But the explosion of violence in Miami May 16-18 ripped off the mask of the new South and laid bare the open wounds of frustration, hopelessness and poverty that grips the black population throughout the South and across the nation.

The weekend of rebellion that left 16 dead and \$100 million in property damage did more to expose how the system has failed blacks than all the statistics on black unemployment and widening wage gap.

The acquittal of 5 white policemen by an all-white, all-male jury of the brutal murder of a black businessman triggered the outbursts of rage that rocked the nation.

But behind the rage are the facts:

- +23 percent black unemployment in Miami
- +18 percent inflation rate

- +black men earning 57 cents for every \$1 earned by a white man
- +black women earning 39 cents for every \$1 earned by a white man

- +a widening wage gap between black and white families
- +cutbacks in food stamps, CETA jobs, education programs
- +a growing military budget at the expense of social services at home

Could Miami happen in Charlotte?

Many community leaders, black and white, are concerned that some of the same conditions exist here. Unemployment, cutbacks, inflation - all affect the black community the hardest.

"When the employment level is good, racist factors are there but within so much tension," said City Councilman Ron Leeper. "But when people are out of work and the dollar has to stretch further and further, this creates tension. It is especially difficult for the one-parent family. It doesn't take much to blow the lid off."

Black community leaders will meet this week with Police J. C. Goodman to discuss tensions between blacks and the police.

"We can try to improve the sensitivity of the Police Department and show them how they are perceived by blacks," said Leeper.

The anger of the Miami rebellion was directed against the police and the justice system, as rioters seized a police station and burned police cars.

The Community Relations Committee is also discussing the issue, according to staff member Bob Stiff. Their main concern is lack of job opportunities due to the economy and the lack of contact between racial groups.

"We will be contacting community leaders to see what critical situation exists," said Stiff. Unemployment in Mecklenburg is officially 4 percent, but for blacks it was about 7.5 percent, and for black youth, about 15 percent, according to Randy

Allen, Labor Market Analyst for the Employment Security Commission.

"The main problem here is that more people are entering the job market than there are new jobs available," he said.

Nationally, black youth unemployment is 4 to 5 times greater than the population as a whole, and as high as 60 percent in some cities.

In Mecklenburg 8,720 people were out of work in April, the last available figures. An estimated 6,000 of these were black workers.

But even those with jobs are faced with the lowest wages in the country. Mecklenburg's average hourly production wage in April was \$5.16, but wages for blacks are much lower.

A recent study by UNCC sociologists shows that in 1978, 27 percent of all black households in Charlotte earned less than \$4,000 a year, and 51 percent earned less than \$8,000.

Former City Councilman Harvey Gantt resents what he calls a "knee-jerk response to race relations."

"Police brutality, housing discrimination, unjust judicial processes didn't occur overnight," he said. "You don't resolve deep and profound problems by task forces and knee-jerk reactions to events elsewhere."

Gantt praises the human relations projects of groups like the National Council of Christians and Jews and the Community Relations Committee, but thinks they have not been visible enough.



Robert L. Davis
 District representative

Davis Chosen

Presidential

Elector

Robert L. Davis Jr. was chosen as a Presidential Elector for the 9th Congressional District at a Democratic Convention held Saturday in Lincoln, N.C.

Davis is the principal of the Street Academy and the second vice president of the North Carolina Democratic party. He was selected by delegates from Lincoln, Mecklenburg and Iredell Counties to endorse President Carter.

Davis will represent the 9th district in Raleigh in December after the November, 1980 general election to participate in the electoral college.

Although an independent body, the electoral delegates usually pick the same winner that the majority of voters do.



Miss Gloria Mungo
 ...Wants to teach

Gloria Mungo Is Beauty Of Week

By TERESA BURNS
 Post Staff Writer

She was six years old our beauty, Gloria Mungo, has wanted to be a teacher. She completed all the necessary steps; first attending Central Piedmont Community College and then finishing up at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

She walked away with a Bachelor of Arts degree, wanting desperately to teach. Teaching jobs in the Charlotte area are scarce, so for now she has and aide's position at Collingswood Elementary School in the reading lab.

Her goal is to achieve a teacher's position, but in the meantime her desire to be close to children, helping and teaching is being quenched by being an aide. She would like to someday complete her Master's in counseling also.

Our beauty is the type who actually doesn't work just for the money. Her job is virtually a part of her. "I learn a lot from children - I like to observe them. I'm not interested in pay; I'm interested in seeing faces when they have understood a lesson. That to me is more rewarding than any money," Ms. Mungo revealed.

There is one aspect of teaching Ms. Mungo would change if she could. "I would change the requirements to take the National Teacher's Exam (NTE).

The score on a test does not determine the competence in the classroom. Passing the NTE just shows you have the ability to take a test."

Kershaw, S.C. is the home of our Leo beauty. As far back as she can remember she has always wanted to travel. She is a member of the Eastern Star, Bethune, S.C. and loves to read, sing, and listen to gospel music.

She is an avid churchgoer and attends St. Luke Baptist and Union Missionary Baptist Churches in Charlotte, and Mount Olive Baptist in Kershaw. There she is vice president of the Usher Board, second leader in the choir, and assistant secretary of the church.

"From church I get more than fellowship," our beauty confided, "I also get spiritual growth and motivation."

Her favorite person is her pastor, Rev. Hudely. "He takes a personal interest in the members of the church and I think that is a genuine quality."

Ms. Mungo feels that people should be able to share and care for each other. "What I mean by sharing," our 27 year old beauty began, "is that it is our duty to help our brothers and sisters (everyone). If you can feel good while someone is down, then you aren't doing the job we are here to do."

63 Percent Disapprove Of Mandatory Emission

The federal government over-regulates the auto industry, according to seventy-two percent of the

motorists who answered a poll conducted by the Carolina Motor Club.

Sixty-three percent disapproved of the mandatory Emission Inspection and Maintenance Program for car exhaust proposed for next year.

These findings are taken from over 2,000 replies to the April survey received from club members in the Carolinas.

How have rising costs affected motorists?

Survey results showed 92 percent changed their driving patterns because of higher gas prices; and 72 percent said it would affect their summer vacation plans.



Your temper is one of the few things that IMPROVES the longer you keep it.

Steele Creek School Principal's Book Sharpens Test Taking Skills

By TERESA BURNS
 Post Staff Writer

Most people have ideas. The difference emerges, however, when an individual chooses to implement his idea into a constructive project.

The principal of Steele Creek Elementary School, Harold Clawson, has headed such an idea. The idea has been verbalized many times. But he has gone one step farther and placed this idea, and more, into written form and practice.

The most recent in a series of written works by Clawson is entitled "Ways to Become Test W-I-S-E." Students are given advice and samples on how to become better prepared for standardized tests, Clawson revealed.

"There has been so much stress about test results



Harold Clawson

...Verbalizes bright idea that children need test-taking skills," he said.

The book has been copyrighted (January, 1980) and is now in the home of each student. "In less than one year we've seen students helping themselves, and parents helping their children," Clawson began.

"There is about 95 percent parental involvement."

A program supplements the book also. All students take tests at Steele Creek, but they are in standardized forms.

"When students aren't used to taking standardized tests, they get frustrated," Clawson commented. "But when they've had booklets and sheets they become used to it; and they have time to take the test without stress."

Clawson's written series started with three Curriculum Guides: one for kindergarten, one for grades 1 through 6 and another explaining the reading skills taught at Steele Creek. Ideas were accumulated from teachers for each book, but Clawson added more information, organized the information into

book form, started to involve parents more in the learning process of their children, and began the program's implementation.

"Without the dedication of the teachers," Clawson admitted, "these books would just be gathering dust."

Through this process parents know exactly what is expected of their children. Also, "this way each teacher has the same objective. Even though each one may teach in a different manner, the children are exposed to basically the same skills," Clawson continued.

The second series is entitled "Student Handbook." For each grade level it explains research skills, how to write special reports, research papers, see STEELE on Page 12