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Kincaid Discussing Jobs

Randall Kincaid, ninth district Democratic candidate for Congress has been discussing jobs, productivity and industrial growth as the fourth in his series continues on "Issues of the Week."

Highlighting activities Kincaid will hold a news conference at 10 a.m. Thursday, July 17. He also held meetings with groups in Mecklenburg, Iredell and Lincoln counties to discuss the employment situation in each of those counties which comprise the ninth district.

He will speak at the Statesville Kiwanis Club at the Hungry Bull restaurant on E. Broad Street on Thursday.

Afterwards he will attend a disco party at Harris Park in Statesville.

Kincaid will speak Friday morning at a Hot Lunch Program at the Charlottetown Terrace on 1000 Baxter Street.

Water And

Sewer Rates

Jump \$1.24

On Monday, July 7th, new water and sewer rates were implemented for customers of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Utility Department. The increase, for an average residential customer, amounts to \$1.24 per month. The new rates are a result of increased costs for electricity, chemicals, personnel and expansion of the utility system. If you are a customer, your next bill will include a flyer summarizing the revised water and sewer rates.

Water and Sewer Service Rates (on a monthly fixed basis) inside the city will cost \$2.14. Service Rates outside the city will cost \$4.28. Industrial Waste Surcharges, which are applicable only to those customers whose waste strength is greater than domestic (residential) waste, will be: \$58.30 per 1,000 pounds, for Biochemical Oxygen Demand, \$3.60 per 1,000 pounds, for Suspended Solids, and \$.06 per ccf (ccf equal 100 cubic feet of water or about 750 gallons) for Industrial Waste Control.

The prices for Water and Sewer Service Connection Charges (Tape and Laterals) represent mostly residential and small commercial accounts. Costs for larger connections vary according to size. The price for water (¾" connection with 5-eights inch meter) is \$304.00, while the sewer cost (4" paved connection) is \$61. Tapping privilege fees are being reviewed at this time, and adjustments may have to be made in the near future. Currently, the fees per lot are \$335. for water, and \$775. for sewer.

The current charge for Customer Service Charges (New Turn-on or Transfer of Service from one location to Another) is \$14.00. The new charge is \$17.00.



CAPTIVATING NICHOL TOWNES
...Junior high school cheerleader

Pia Nichol Townes Is Beauty Of Week

By Teresa Burns
Post Staff Writer

Our beauty, Pia Nichol Townes, is what you might call a cheerleader enthusiast. Not only that but she has been chosen to Ranson Junior High School's Varsity Cheerleading Squad for next fall. She sees her cheerleading abilities as a sport, and even once thought of becoming a Dallas Cowboy cheerleader.

But today her ambition is different. "I'd like to attend the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill," Ms. Townes admitted. And she hasn't quite made up her mind yet, but she is leaning toward becoming a lawyer.

As an honor student at Ranson, Ms. Townes also is a member of the Beta Club, Project Aries, and the Annual Club. She was also one of two local students chosen to attend a French Conference at Camp Thunderbird.

Dancing is one of our beauty's hobbies. "I am a member of Townes Soul Troupe - a neighborhood dance group," Ms. Townes remarked. The group has

performed at Johnson C. Smith, held recitals at the West Charlotte Center and danced at various other functions.

Other hobbies of Ms. Towns include skateboarding, riding, bike riding, and cheerleading. All of these interests add up to one deduction: Ms. Townes loves to stay active.

She is a member of the New East Stonewall AME Zion family where she sings on the Youth Choir. Her immediate family consists of her brother, Bronco, and her mother, Mrs. Ruth Townes. "My mother is my favorite person," our beauty explained, "she's always there when I need her."

Our beauty's favorite entertainer is Ben Vereen while her favorite television program is Dallas. She describes both of them as exciting.

Whether our beauty decides to become a professional cheerleader or a lawyer, she will, no doubt, succeed. Being the best in her endeavors is the goal of our beauty, and with this attitude nothing can stand in her way.

After four days of dialogue with senior citizens during his "Senior Citizens Week," Kincaid, an economist and small businessman, concluded inflation is the most serious threat to the security of older Americans. He reiterated his new approaches for stabilizing the economy, including moving to a four-

Baptist Congress To Hold 58th Session Here

Seniors To Get Bonus Bus Rides

By Eileen Hanson
Special To The Post

Senior Citizens and the handicapped will get some bonus free rides on the bus this month, but it will be the last free rides offered them by the Charlotte Transit Authority.

According to Transit System General Manager David Hines, "Any TAPE tickets already issued to seniors and handicapped can be used at any time, peak or non-peak hours, until the end of July." The TAPE tickets are no longer being sold because of bus fare increases that went into effect July 7.

Next month those who still have the TAPE tickets will have to add 10 cents to ride during non-peak hours. At peak hours (weekdays 6-9 a.m. and 3-6 p.m.) seniors and handicapped will pay the full fare of 50 cents (75 cents express).

Photo identification cards for those eligible for the special fares will be issued eventually. For now, Hines says, seniors and handicapped can use the special fare passes they already have.

Last year over 7,000 Charlotte residents registered for the special fares. The federal government requires that bus systems receiving federal subsidies have a reduced fare for senior and handicapped citizens. About a third of the Charlotte Transit System's operating expenses are covered by federal grants.

Last week the City Council raised the bus fares to 50 cents for a regular ride and 75 cents for an express ride. Seniors and handicapped rode for free before the increase, except during peak hours when they had to use TAPE tickets costing 20 cents.

The revenue generated from the increases will be \$748,341, according to Hines, with \$66,720 coming from senior and handicapped fares.



Learning to be chefs at the Chef's Choice restaurant are Ervin McKinley of Huntersville and J. C. Williams of Davidson. The restaurant in the Trade Street

YWCA is sponsored by the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Youth Council and Mini-cities project. (Photo by Eileen Hanson)

Chef's Choice Provides Good Food And Good Jobs!

By Eileen Hanson
Special To The Post

Good food prepared and served with a touch of class. This is what you'll find at the Chef's Choice, a restaurant, coffee shop and catering service sponsored by the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Youth Council.

Located at the YWCA, 418 E. Trade St., Chef's Choice is open to the public Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Catering is available by calling the Youth Council (333-5241).

The restaurant is a quiet place, decorated with green plants and fresh flowers. Soft background music creates a relaxing atmosphere for a business lunch or a respite from a busy office.

But the best is yet to come. The menu! REAL food for under \$2.00! Once you've tried Chef's Choice your stomach may say farewell to plastic-fast-food forever.

Chef's Choice offers a variety of sandwiches and

salads at prices you can still afford (\$1.50 to \$2.25). Soups are delicious and homemade: French Onion (with plenty of cheese, for \$1.00), vegetable (\$1.25) or daily special (65 cents) are served with fresh bread and corn muffins. A vegetable platter features fried okra. On Monday the daily special was roast beef with

all the trimmings, for under \$3.00. Salads are fresh, served with homemade dressings.

And if you can't resist, try fresh pie, cake or banana pudding for dessert, or ice cream pie with fudge sauce. Everything is made on the premises.

But what makes Chef's Choice REALLY special is the people who work there. They are youth (ages 17-21) training for careers in food service, part of a pilot project of the Youth Council to train disadvantaged youth for profitable careers. Here they learn food preparation, serving and the restaurant business. Nine students are

currently in the program. "This is a job training program with experience built right into it," said Greg Reid, job developer for the program which is funded by a state project called Mini-cities.

"This program may be unique in the whole country," said Reid, who helps applicants select the training program they are most suited for. He also helps the participants find permanent jobs after their training.

(To apply for training contact Reid at the Youth Council, 501 E. Morehead St.)

Four other training centers are part of the same Mini-cities program, supervised by Youth Council Director Phyllis Lynch. They are: Petal Pusher Florist (328 N. Brevard), three day care centers (2650 S. Tryon, Boulevard Homes and Dalton Village), Mini-city Auto Service (4817 Rozzells Ferry Road) and Rehabsco Construction Co. (7th and McDowell).

Now in its second year of state funding, the program's goal is to be self-sustaining by September 30, 1980.

"We need lots of publicity and more customers," said Reid, who feels more people would patronize the five businesses if they knew about their purpose.

Students in training work 40 hours a week at their jobs and are paid \$3.10 an hour (minimum wage). Training may last from a few weeks to 18 months.

"Most of our participants are what you'd call 'hard-core unemployed.' They could not find jobs, they lacked experience and training," said Reid. Some are from economically disadvantaged homes. Others have emotional or physical handicaps. Reid says 70 percent of the students find permanent jobs in the public or private sector.

The "chef" at Chef's Choice is Bobbie Hunter, whose culinary experience includes two degrees from

Mount Carmel To Host Convention

The fifty-eighth Annual Session of the Mecklenburg General Baptist Congress of Christian Education (Sunday School and B.T.U. Congress) will take place on Thursday and Friday, July 17-18, at 7 p.m. (both days).

The event will be held at Mount Carmel Baptist Church, at 3201 Tuckaseegee Road, and will be structured around several themes.

The National Baptist Theme for 1979-1981 is: "Rethinking the Meaning of Christian Education." The State-General theme is: "A New Fellowship Fully Joined Together," and the Congress-Emphasis theme is: "Effectively Utilizing Programs and Materials Through Christian Education for a Renewed Fellowship."

One of the major highlights of the state convention will be the 1980 James F. Wertz Oratorical Contest, sponsored by the State Baptist Training Union Congress. The contest will be divided into two divisions. The Senior Division contest is open to high school seniors and college freshmen who are active Baptist Training Union or Sunday School Students. The Junior Division contest is open to ninth, tenth and eleventh grade high school students who are active Baptist Training Union or Sunday School Students. Contestants will be judged on content (25 percent), composition (25 percent), and delivery (50 percent).

The top three winners in the Senior Division will receive scholarships and certificates of participation. First place prize is \$150, second \$100, and third \$50. Scholarship checks are awarded after the contestants are enrolled in an institution of further study, and non-winning contestants will receive \$5, and a certificate of participation. The top three winners in the Junior Division will receive certificates of participation, along with a first place prize of \$15, \$10 and \$5 respectively. Non-winning contestants will receive certificates of participation and \$2.

A "Welcoming Program" and "Officers Night" will be held on Thursday evening, beginning at 7 p.m. The First Business Session starts at 7:30 p.m. and will be followed by the President's Message (delivered by Cedric H. Jones) at 8 p.m. At 8:20 the Finance Committee will read the Offering and Churches Report. The Annual Sermon, delivered by Rev. William Lee Jr. (Pastor of Silver Mount Baptist Church and Choir) begins at 8:30. The Rev. Dr. J. B. Humphrey will deliver the Moderator's Challenge at 9:15, followed by the benediction.

"Youth Night" will be held Friday evening, which begins with devotion at 7. see Mount on Page 2

Academy Of General Dentistry Awards Fellowship To Dr. Murphy

By Anthony Hayes
Post Staff Writer

On June 29, John M. Murphy Jr., D.D.S., a Charlotte family dentist, was among a class of more than 500 members who received a Fellowship of the Academy of General Dentistry. To earn Fellowship, an AGD member must complete a minimum of 500 hours of continuing dental education credit in specifically approved areas of study and fulfill other requirements. AGD represents the interests of family dentists and the patients they serve in the development of national health care legislation and dental care programs. Dr. Murphy, a graduate of Morgan State (1959) and



Dr. John M. Murphy Jr.
...Family dentist

Meharry Medical College School of Dentistry (1965), has practiced preventive dentistry at 951 South Independence Blvd. since 1973. Before he established his practice in Charlotte,

Murphy was clinical director of dentistry at the Charles Drew Health Center in Dayton, Ohio for two years. Prior to that, he was a staff dentist at the VA hospital in Dayton for four years.

In reference to his interest in dentistry, Murphy said, "I was looking for a profession that would allow me the opportunity to control my time. It was also a field that contained many different disciplines - and that appealed to me. I looked forward to the challenge. I decided to go into dentistry while in the Army. My score on the aptitude test gave me an option to choose the type activity or work that I preferred. I chose bio-

chemical research, working with nerve gas agents."

Murphy explained that several changes are taking place in dentistry, including the delivery service. He noted one example known as forehand-sitdown dentistry. This is when the dentist and assistant are seated with the patient (instead of standing over the patient). Murphy is licensed to practice dentistry in three different states, including North Carolina, Tennessee and Ohio.

Murphy, a Charlotte native and a member of Little Rock AME Zion Church (of which he is a board of trustee member), is active in many organizations. see ACADEMY on Page 14

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