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MISS WILLETTE ANTHONY ...West Charlotte senior

## Willette Anthony

### Is Beauty Of Week

By Teresa Burns Post Staff Writer

.Willette Anthony is presently a senior at West Charlotte Senior High and she has big plans for her future.

"My intention is to go into the field of data processing. I plan to attend Central Piedmont Community College for two years and then transfer to Winston-Salem State for four more years," she

commented. Because she has taken computer science and data processing for the past three years, Ms. Anthony was given the chance to realize her talents in the

Her talents however aren't limited to the computer domain. She also enjoys making many of her own clothes. She received the sewing award in her Home economics class and is a member of Fashion Merchandise.

Our 4'9", 105 pound beauty also runs track, attends football games with a Commodores. "I enjoy listening to music by myself. I don't go that much and I don't talk much but I still like to be around people.," she stated.

Scott Davis is Ms. Anthony's favorite person. "He's a nice person," she revealed. And the "White Shadow" is her favorite television program.

Work is not foreign to our Capricorn beauty. She has worked on various CETA programs. Once school begins for students officially, she will be the office assistant at West Char-

Ms. Anthony is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Grimes. She attends First United Presbyterian Church where she is a member of the chorus and youth group.

Our beauty is an independent soul and when it comes to the tracks of her life, she wants to be the conductor, "I want to live my life as a person - letting no one lead my life. I want to be myself and I'm not passion, and adores the trying to impress anyone."

### **NAACP** To Conduct Voter

The Charlotte-Mecklenburg County Branch of the NAACP, has received a grant from the National NAACP Voter Education Department to conduct a voter mobilization project in Mecklenburg Co.

The mobilization, patterned after one in Philadelphia, Penn., has as its goal a 25 percent increase in black voter turnout for the November 4 general election.

The project will be housed at the Henry Lawrence McCrorey Branch of the YMCA, 3801 Beatties For Rd. The project will run from September 2 to November 4.

Unlike several efforts presently underway to register new voters, the NAACP will concentrate its energies on getting those voters presently on the books (29,000) to come out on election day and vote. The black vote made the



MIDDLE AGE has arrived when you have a choice of two TEMP-TATIONS, and you choose the one that gets you home EARLIEST.

**Mobilization Project** critical difference in the 1976 Presidential election. Since that time it has been an ever growing force in local elections. NAACP firmly believes that the black vote could decide who will be the next President, Governor of

North Carolina and what the composition of the



**Blacks Honor** 

#### Governor

#### Jim Hunt

Governor James B. Hun Jr. received \$20,000 for his campaign Thursday night from over 300 enthusiastic workers who crowded into the library at Saint Augustine's College in Raleigh for a reception in his honor.

The check was presented to the Governor by Henry Frey of Greensboro, cochairman of Hunt's campaign and a nominee for the North Carolina Senate from Guilford County.

The group who honored Hunt Thursday night iscomposed of a "group of young people who have been meeting together for three years exchanging ideas on how they can have an impact on state government to benefit a wide range of the minority community," according to Ben Ruffin, Gov. Hunt's special assistant. Ruffin said Thursday's reception for Hunt was one in a series of events sponsored by the group, including a Martin

Luther King Memorial in Raleigh last January 12. Ruffin said the group worked for six weeks to raise the funds for Hunt in numerous counties across the state. In addition to Ruffin and Frye, others participating in the program included Ms. Linda Daniels, president of the Black Women's Organization in Wake County, Mrs. Eleanor Numm of the Wake Citizens Committee and John Sledge, a member of the school board in Moore County.

In presenting the check, Frye called Hunt "not only a good Governor, but a great Governor, perhaps one of the best Governors ever to serve in North Carolina

Hunt said he was especially appreciative that the contributions had come at a time when money was tight. "I also recognize that this is the first time many of you have contributed to a political campaign." Hunt told the group, "and that makes tonight even more significant to me."



1.5 Million Black Baptists Join

INTENSE: All heads are turned to listen as a tough question is posed to Gov: Jim Hunt during a luncheon session with black publishers in the Governor's Mansion last Friday. Seated from left are: John M.S. Killimanjaro, Carolina Pace-

maker; Bill Johnson, Charlotte Post; Hoyle Martin, City Executive; Ernie Pitt, Winston-Salem Chronicle; and Stan Davis, Carolina Peacemaker. (Winston-Salem Chronicle photo by A. Blue

### Governor Hunt Meets With Black Newspaper Publishers

By John W. Templeton Special To The Post

RALEIGH- Gov. James B. Hunt Jr. has said he wants the state Courts Commission to study ways to prevent blacks from being kept off juries in cases such as the Nazi-Klan trials in Greensboro.

Hunt was responding to a question from Greensboro publisher John M. S. Kilimanjaro, one of the six black publishers from around the state who attended and met in the Governor's Mansion last

During the 90-minute session, Hunt also warned that the nomination of Richard E. Erwin to become a U.S. District Court judge is in trouble in the U.S. Senate and talked about steps his administration has taken to aid education, housing and minority business.

"In a single-defendent trial, the lawyer has so after a while and then they when he organized poor seat the jury," said Hunt. people in Greensboro while challenges combined and the defense can effectively keep any class of people they want off the jury.

Kilimanjaro, publisher of the Carolina Peacemaker. had told the governor he had not thought blacks were excluded from juries in the United States anymore until he had found out that it had been done in this trial The publisher warned that such events severely tarnished the faith of blacks in the criminal justice system.

The Peacemaker owner also told Hunt that Nelson Johnson, a leader of the Communist Worker Party. which has disrupted several Hunt appearances and caused the governor to increase his security, was a former student of his. Kilimanjaro said he considered Johnson "perhaps many challengers and the most significant black

"But in a multi-defendent still a junior in college. The trial, you've got so many publisher said it was unyoung people like Johnson had been turned away from the system by the lack of progress The governor turned

dour when Johnson's name was brought up, made no response to Kilimanjaro's observation.

Hunt urged the publishers to inform their readers that Erwin's nomination may not be considered before Congress recesses for the election campaign because senators are reluctant to break the tradition of a home state senator being able to block any nomina-

tions from his state. "They're feeling like they might want to do it at some later point." Hunt. He suggested that national civil rights organizations such as the NAACP and Operation PUSH should make the Erwin nomination a major issue to bring pressure on the members of the Senate Judiciary Committee.

The incumbent is the first N.C. governor to have the chance to succeed himself due to a constitutional amendment passed in 1978. "I've got ten times as much influence as I might have had, had this been the end of my term," said Hunt. "A governor's normally out of

influence by this time." In response to a question, Hunt said his administration had the "challenge" of showing that it will be able to provide greater leadership during a second term.

Charlotte natives and their Once the group moved into the library of the mansion. Hunt took the opportunity to review several of his campaign issues. 'Our administration is dedicated in three areas jobs for people. There have been one-third of a million new jobs during my administration and that's getting something done; secondly, we've got to prepare our people to hold those jobs; and third, we've got to have equal see HUNT Page 10

### Canty: "We Must Register

### Now And Vote November 4

Sumter, S.C. - The Rev. Ralph W. Canter, newly elected president of the Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc. this week pledged an all out mobilization of 1.5 milliom church members in support of non-partisan black voters crusade.

In announcing his support for OPERATION BIG VOTE: Crusade '80, Rev. Canty joined the growing number of national black organizations which are affiliated in the National Coalition on Black Voter Participation. He urged members of the 1,700 Progressive Baptist Churches to work in their communities "to convince blacks that the upcoming elections are important." "We must register now and vote on November 4 to make sure we are counted in an not counted out during the next four years," he said.

OPERATION BIG VOTE is a nationwide non-partisan voter participation program sponsored by 84 national black organizations representating a wide cross section of the black community. In addition to churches, this unique coalition includes civil rights. labor, fraternal, social civic, political, and educational organizations.

"The black vote will be decisive in numerous elections this year as it was in 1976," Rev. Canty said. "Of sides in these 17 states

the 17 million eligible black ocers today, our goar musi be to make sure that at least 11 million of them are registered and that at least 10 million vote on Novem

The new president of the influential Progressive National Baptist Convention added: "There is too much at stake for us to get weary now and stay at home The future of black Ame rica is at stake. The presidency and numerous congressional, state and local elections are at stake And this means that our votes must be heard on election day so that our voices will be heard on every day thereafter

Dr. Canter, concluded with this perspective on the continuing civil rights struggle: "Black votes this year will have an enormous influence on our lives and livelihood in years to come. We have a unique oppor tunity not only to underscore the coming of age of the black vote, but to demonstrate its maturity Therefore, I call on all black organizations to support OPERATION BIG VOTE

OPERATION BIG VOTE founded in 1976 is functioning in 50 state, including Birmingham, located in 17 states which have a total or 322 electoral votes, more than eough to elect the next president. Seventy percent of the black population re-

### **Black Political Action**

#### Forum To Hear Hawkins

Special To The Post

Dr. Reginald Hawkins, a Charlotte dentist, minister and long-time civil rights activist, will be the keynote speaker for the first convention of the North Carolina Black Political Action Forum when it meets in Raleigh, September 19-20.

The meeting is called to develop an agenda of vital issues for the black community in the 1980s. The convention will be held at the Holiday Inn Downtown in Raleigh, beginning at 9 a.m. Friday, September 19, and will conclude after Dr. Hawkins' presentation at the banquet Saturday evening.

"Blacks need to re-evaluate the whole political scene in North Carolina.' said Hawkins. "This is an attempt to involve grass roots organizations across the state. We want people to have a say, and not just those who are paid to be our spokesmen by the white power structure."

Sessions will focus on political prisoners, the criminal justice system, hunger and malnutrition, quality education and unemployment.

'Of course we will discuss political candidates and parties. We will evaluate their performance on issues that affect us," said Hawkins, who ran for governor in 1968. "There are some differences now, but nothing has really changed for us.

Hawkins emphasized that not all issues blacks



well-known dentist

face are race-related Some are class related and therefore low-income whites and other minor ity groups have a common interest with the Black Political Forum and he hopes some of them will be re presented. "This is part of a national trend to get grāss roots people involved in the political process.

Dr. Hawkins, a native of Beaufort, N.C., is a graduate of Howard University Dental School and has practiced in Charlotte since 1948. In 1961 he launched the first desegration suit against dental organization, a suit which gained national attention and opened up other professional organizations for blacks. He is also pastor of H. O. Graham Memorial United Presbyterian Church.

Charlotte residents working on the planning committee for the Political Forum are Carrie Graves, June Davenport, Jessie McCombs, and Rev. James Barnett.

#### see NAACP Page 2 they're usually exhausted man in North Carolina' Charlotte Girl Finalist In Ebony's

### "Most Beautiful Women" Contest

Post Staff Writer

On the outside she is sophisticated and elegant. Internally she is a sensitive and caring person - one who likes to help others. This is what 13-year-old Valia Blackwell thinks about her sister Shari Blackwell, So she decided to tell EBONY magazine.

In 25 words or less she sent a description of her 21-year-old sister along with a photograph to EBONY magazine, revealing not only the external but internal beauty of a sister she knew was a gem. As a result Shari Blackwell ranks as one of EBONY's 25 most beautiful

black women in America. "The reason I entered little Ms. Black-



Shari Blackwell ... A caring person well admitted, "is because I knew she would have a

chance of winning." As if she could predict the future the phone rang at the Blackwell's household (1834 Haines St) last week and on the other end was Herbert Whipson of



Valia Blackwell ...Nominates sister EPONY magazine. Later

the senior editor, Lerone Bennett, called asking questions. And Sunday, Sept. 7, Moneta Sleet, EBONY photographer. came to Charlotte and captured the essence of Ms. Blackwell's beauty

If Ms. Blackwell is chosen as one of the final 10 most beautiful black women in America by EBONY, she will receive \$1,000 and her sister will receive \$500 for nominating The Blackwell sisters are

parents are Mr. and Mrs. John Blackwell. Emily Blackwell, also of Charlotte, is their grandmother. But the spotlight is on Shari, a 21-year-old, 5'7" and a half, 115-pound college student. She is a senior at UNC-Charlotte and also attends Central Piedmont Community College. Her majors are Afro-American and African Studies and Business Administration.

She possesses a unique see CHARLOTTE Page 2