

With Susan Ellsworth

# Along The Campaign Trail

## Trail

As a result of the White House Conference on Small Business, Republican members formed a plan to aid small businesses, says a committee newsletter. They introduced the Small Business Development Act of 1980 to provide policies, the Republican Administration would enact.

Under the proposal, Republicans advocate tax exemptions, and a reduction in regulations. They favor opening new opportunities for minorities and women to build or expand small businesses, the newsletter said.

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 Meanwhile, the Amalgamated Clothing and Textile Workers Union embraces the Democratic Party. "The Democratic Party platform," declared the union's statement, "includes a vigorous program for providing jobs, and for funding programs needed to expand and strengthen employment opportunities and revitalize American industry."

This statement contends if the Republican Party gains control of the Senate, Orrin Hatch of Utah, who led the fight to kill the Labor Law Reform Bill, would become Chairman of the Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee.

Jake Garn of Utah, allegedly another foe of workers, would become Chairman of the Senate Banking and Housing Committee. Jesse Helms of N.C., who opposes farmers and consumers, would accede to the leadership of the Senate Agriculture Committee, and Strom Thurmond of South Carolina, who opposes the Equal Rights Amendment would be elevated to the chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee.

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 Gov. Jim Hunt attended a precinct workers meeting in Charlotte Tuesday, Sept. 9 during his statewide campaign swing.

Other activities for this week will include a Thursday, Sept. 11, news conference in Raleigh followed by a kick-off of a combined state employees and United Way campaign.

Chatham Co. will give a reception for Gov. Hunt in Siler City Thursday afternoon, and the Alliance Co. will sponsor a dinner for the candidate in Burlington.

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 Do you know where to register to vote before the October 6 deadline?

Registration is underway at all Mecklenburg branches of First Union Bank, Mechanics and Farmers Bank, the Mobile City Service Van and all 16 public libraries.

The Election Office is now open from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday for voter registration and absentee ballot applications. Absentees may only be obtained at the Elections Office, 710 E. Fourth Street, Charlotte, N.C. 28202 or by mail.

Voter registration will be available at nine NCNB branches during the week of Sept. 29 and at Festival in the Park (Sept. 16-21).



UNC-Charlotte's Day Care Center is just one vital need housed at the Greenville Center. Above, Sarah Garvin (an aide), provides the children not only with instruction, but also with words of advice about life.

## Serves Important Purpose

# Greenville Center Is More Than A Brick Construction

By Teresa Burns  
 Post Staff Writer

Greenville Center is more than a brick construction housing discos, banquets and pageants. It serves an important purpose for the community according to the center's director, Rev. Johnnie Wallace.

"It's important because people are important," Rev. Wallace began. "Prior to the establishment of Neighborhood Centers Department services similar to the ones offered here were provided in a round-up fashion - citizens in need of services were herded into a central location. The citizens were treated as numbers. But the current way of providing services gives the citizens a sense of worth and provides a more accurate way of accommodating the data regarding clients."

Greenville Center is part of the Neighborhood Centers Department and funded by the city of Charlotte. This center is one of four centers situated around Charlotte providing services of various types.

**DAY CARE:** The UNCC Day Care Center is located at Greenville Center and is open Monday through Friday, from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Children 6 months to five years are allowed to attend.

According to the Day Care Director, Jo Ann Springs, the Day Care Center is sponsored by the Mecklenburg County Department of Social Services. If parents are interested in enrolling their children they should contact the Social Services Department. This service will determine if the parents are eligible to apply for the day care. A fee according to income is set on a sliding scale. Often the service is free.

The center is certified, which means certain requirements have been met. Child-staff ratio must be met, meals must be served and even the equipment the children work with must be of a certain type.

The Day Care located at Greenville Center accommodates 30 children. "The clients may need this day care because they cannot afford the private day care. It's necessary for clients in schools or those working. The children need the day care - they may need the stimulation and the experience of being around other people," Ms. Springs explained.

**WELL-CHILD CLINIC:** Held every Wednesday, the

Well-Child Clinic assures that children receive inoculations required by the state. Examinations are given to children - infants to six years of age.

Registered nurses from the Mecklenburg County Health Department will conduct the clinics and also give referrals.

**WIC: Women, Infants and Children,** also sponsored by the Mecklenburg County Health Department, is held every Thursday at Greenville Center. Supplemental and nutritional foods for infants and children are provided through this service.

**INFANT-CHILD DEVELOPMENT SESSIONS:** Held each second and fourth Thursday and by appointment this service is provided by the Center for Human Development. Children experiencing motor difficulties and those who need aid in the development of their extremities are aided.

**FOOD STAMPS:** The center is also a site for certifying people for food stamps each second Wednesday of the month.

**SENIOR HEALTH CLINICS:** Once a month (the third Monday of each month) the Community Health Association holds a clinic for senior citizens. The clinic, according to Rev. Wallace, is designed to keep them healthy. General examinations include blood pressure and heart beat checks are performed.

**EDUCATIONAL ASPECTS:** Weekly activities for pre-teens, a survey of the old and new testaments, classes include weight control, adult basic education, macrame and sewing are available.

These classes are open to any citizen. The health clinics, however, are generally provided on a sliding scale are provided free - depending upon the family's income and family members. Many times the services are provided free. The senior citizens program - the Senior Health Clinics - is also open to any citizen.

"More than 1,767 people utilized the facility in the month of August," Rev. Wallace revealed. "This center was started by former Greenville residents. They asked to participate in the Urban Renewal to upgrade the community and requires facilities similar to Greenville Center."

Greenville Center, 1330 Spring St., is a branch office of the Belmont Regional Center located at 700

Parkwood Ave. Other branch offices include Alexander St. and Armay James Center, 2415 Lester Street.

The above four centers provide necessary services at the neighborhood level.

## Services Held For James Fulson

James Harold Fulson, one of Charlotte's most well-known and loved individuals died Saturday, September 6. Funeral services were held Tuesday at Simpson-Gillespie United Methodist Church.

Fulson, a Charlotte native, was born December 26, 1919. He was a United States Postal carrier from September, 1956 until his death. "Jim" as he was affectionately known, was an alumnus of Second Ward Senior High School, Johnson C. Smith University, and A&T State University. He served in the U.S. Armed Forces during World War II.

From early childhood Fulson was a member of Simpson-Gillespie United Methodist Church. His involvement in church activities included Secretary of the Sunday School until he entered the Armed Services; a Steward for several years; a member of the Board of Trustees; and for two terms served as President of the United Methodist Men.

Fulson was also instrumental in organizing the first Boy Scout Troop at Simpson-Gillespie, and served as the troop's first Scout Master. He was one

of the first board members to publish the "Voices of Simpson," a newsletter that told news about Simpson Memorial. He was also one of the first members to comprise the church's adult choir.

As a member of the Scorpions Club and the Charlotte Chapter of Braves, Fulson became active in civic and social activities. Both organizations are family oriented. His wife, Bernice, their children, grandchildren and other family members enjoyed the organizations' activities as a family unit.

Surviving are wife, Bernice; daughter, Earonita F. Strong; and son, Everette James; grandchildren, Monique Rochelle Duff; Kenneth James and Adrien Renard Strong; uncle, William Haywood Fulson of St. Albans, N.Y.; aunts, Ruby Frances Fulson and Cleo Matthews of Charlotte; Vivian Fulson Pierce, Zebada and Zenada Poage of Rockville Center, N.Y.; and Sylvia Rivers of Chicago, Ill.

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