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NAACP Sets "Project Power"

"Project Power" (Political Organization With Education and Registration) is one of the most ambitious projects ever undertaken by the NAACP, which has as its goal to educate and register over two million potential young voters between the ages of 18 to 24.

According to NAACP President Benjamin Hooks, "black youth in this country, plagued by high unemployment and declining expectations clearly have the most to gain from aggressive participation in the political process."

Project Power will be conducted in three phases: (1) seek legislation in every state legislature authorizing the deputizing of all High School Principals as voter registrars, (2) provide NAACP voter education materials to all secondary school and college curriculums to focus on the importance of the youth vote, and (3) provide financial assistance from the NAACP Voter Education Department to NAACP Youth Councils and college chapters which will target certain geographical areas in their communities to encourage voter participation among 18-24 year olds.

The NAACP is investing over \$500,000 in its voter registration efforts for 1980. Many of the 1,700 local branches have already been funded. Emphases have been placed on those congressional districts which have 30 percent or more black population. There are currently 33 such districts throughout the nation.

"The largest group of unregistered potential voters in the country today," Hooks insists, "are our nation's youth. Our political action program therefore, will specifically focus on registering and educating them and getting them to the polls."

The South has the poorest voting participation record among young blacks than any other region in the nation. Approximately 1.8 million black youth represent 18-24 years who are eligible to vote live in the South representing 53 percent of the 3.4 million black youth, 18-24 years, nationally who are eligible to vote. However, only 37 percent of the South's eligible black youth registered and only 26 percent voted in the 1978 Congressional elections.

Georgia State Sen. Julian Bond, who serves as National Co-Chairman of the NAACP's High School and College Youth Voter Registration Campaign, is traveling throughout the southeast region speaking to high schools, colleges and adults on the importance of the black vote in this crucial Presidential election.

Only 16
Days Left
To Register



Many a man is proud of his father and mother merely because they are the parents of a fine fellow like himself.



WINSOME GWEN WALLACE
...NCNB Teller

Gwen Wallace Is Beauty Of Week

By Teresa Burns
Post Staff Writer

Our beauty, Gwen Wallace, is an ageless rose. Her caring attitude represents the stem of support she readily hands to others. And with each passing day she allows pedals of knowledge to emerge.

There is no accomplishment too difficult to defeat, Ms. Wallace insists, "You can really do and be whatever you set your heart and mind to if you work hard enough at it." This belief alone sets our Sagittarius beauty apart from the mass.

Originally from Bronx, N.Y., Ms. Wallace decided to make a change in 1972. She moved to Charlotte and in 1976, was hired as a teller at NCNB Bank. Presently, she works at the bank on Beatties Ford Rd.

"If I stay with the bank, eventually I would like to go into the credit department with the end result becoming a loan officer," she explained.

On the job she sees nothing to complain about. "I like where I am," she remarked, "I live in the community and I get

familiar with customers from the same community. I have access to a wide variety of people and I like meeting people. It seems like I'm doing something for them as well as myself."

Ms. Wallace, 29, enjoys reading, playing backgammon and sewing. She attended Seward Park High School and Manhattan Community College in New York. She has two daughters, Ronette 12, and Ronda 6. She also mentioned that one of her favorite people is her mother, Mary Chaney. "I feel like since I have become older, we can understand and appreciate each other more now," Ms. Wallace commented. She also has two sisters, Veronica and Nickie, and four brothers, all of whom reside in New York.

If you really know Ms. Wallace you have probably sensed her characteristics of patience and understanding. "I'm sincere about anything I do," she revealed. And as a result this blossoming rose will forever have a positive affect on those around her.

Here Sunday Afternoon

Mayfield Memorial Church To Celebrate Homecoming

Mayfield Memorial Baptist Church, 700 Sugar Creek Rd. West, will gather for their annual Homecoming and Revival Services beginning Sunday, September 21, and ending Friday, September 26.

Homecoming dinner will be served at 2 p.m. the 21st and the annual Homecoming Service will begin officially at 4 p.m.

Dr. R. E. Devoe, the choir and congregation of Shiloh Baptist Church in Shelby, are special guests.

Beginning Monday, September 22, and continuing each evening through Friday, September 26, Rev. Dr. Otis Moss of Cleveland, Ohio, will deliver sermons. This guest speaker pastors the largest Black congrega-



Dr. Rev. H. S. Diggs
...Mayfield's pastor
in the state of Ohio
and serves on various

The Dropout Problem

Approximately 30,000 students -- 8 percent of the total enrollment -- drop out of the public schools in North Carolina each year. It is believed that the primary causes are: a lack of basic skills and adequate guidance counseling, and a need for improved professional attitudes and skills, a more responsive school program, employment, expanded vocational programs, and participation in school activities.

In recent years, a variety of programs have been implemented in the schools to counteract the dropout problem. The Kindergarten Program and the Primary-Reading Program have resulted in excellent progress in basic skills achievement for children in K-3. The Annual Testing and the Competency Testing Program are aimed at assuring that all students possess necessary basic skills. The Extended Day Program -- extending the regular school day into the late afternoon and early evening hours to meet the individual student's needs -- has been very successful. North Carolina has one of the most comprehensive vocational education programs in the country. Primarily because of these programs, the dropout rate has decreased from 13.7 percent in 1956 to 8 percent in 1979.

State assessment and annual test results show that children in K-3 are performing at or above grade level. The Board of Education feels that these grades now have sufficient personnel to reduce class size and enough funds for instructional material and training for teachers. Since test results show a serious decline in achievement of children in grades 4-12 in basic skills as they progress up the grade span, this year's biennial budget



Bishop Walter McCollough
...Receives special salute

Work Incentive Program Reduces Welfare Payments

Special To The Post
RALEIGH - North Carolina's Work Incentive Program (WIN) reduced welfare payments in the state by an estimated \$6.9 million during the first nine months of fiscal year 1980 which ended June 30.

Employment through WIN also reduced tax dollars used for Medicaid and Food Stamps while it increased state and federal government revenue through income taxes.

For the third consecutive year, the WIN program was rated the most cost effective in the nation for fiscal year 1979. WIN is a federal program designed to help adults receiving Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) to become economically independent of public assistance.

In spite of a shrinking budget and increasing inflation and unemployment, WIN, operated jointly by the Employment Security Commission (ESC) and the Division of Social Services (DSS), is succeeding in helping the traditionally unemployed find jobs.

In the first nine months

of fiscal year 1980, the ESC helped thousands find permanent employment, coordinated on-the-job training for 216 participants, provided WIN-funded institutional training for 261 people and located non-WIN-funded training for 464 people.

The DSS staff provided supportive services to 2,907 participants during this period. Child care, counseling, transportation, and home and money management were the services most frequently used.

Total WIN expenditures by both ESC and DSS for the first nine months of fiscal year 1980 were only \$4.1 million, or less than 60 percent of the welfare savings alone during that period. The federal government supplied 90 percent of the WIN funds and North Carolina contributed 10 percent.

"WIN is a very successful program," says ESC Chairman J. B. Archer. "both in terms of utilizing human resources and in terms of cost effectiveness. It is a program in which you can point to individuals and measure their progress and this is very satisfying."

WIN participants entered 5,472 jobs during this period, an increase of 2 percent over the 5,282 jobs found during the same nine-month period of fiscal year 1979. (This does not include AFDC recipients entering employment who were not registered for WIN, nor those who entered jobs with Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA) sponsors unless the placements were made by ESC staff.) WIN expenditures dropped by \$131,515 during this period.

During the first nine months of fiscal year 1980, training of WIN participants dropped 6 percent from the level of the same period of fiscal year 1979. This decrease may be partly attributed to the shift in program emphasis from training to job search and placement.

During the first nine months of fiscal year 1980, about 90 percent of the WIN job entrants entered unsubsidized employment.

United House Of Prayer's Convocation Begins Sunday

Week-Long Celebration To Attract Over 15,000

A special salute will be given to Bishop W. McCollough at the 54th Annual Holy Convocation of the United House of Prayer. The convocation, which will last from September 21st through 28th, will be held at the House of Prayer, 2321 Beatties Ford Road.

Throughout the convocation, delegates from each state will salute Bishop McCollough for his impressive leadership skills exhibited over the last 20 years.

Citations and proclamations have been showered upon Bishop McCollough from various governors across the U.S. President Jimmy Carter also set a day in honor of Bishop McCollough. He has been the leader of this holiness group for 20 years and is affectionately known as Sweet Daddy McCollough.

Bishop McCollough is credited with displaying goodness, mercy, miracles, soul-saving teachings, spiritual guidance, parental support, and compassion. His prayers have helped to feed the indigent and cure crippling diseases.

Higher education and instruction have been made available through fund drives and personal financial assistance from Bishop McCollough.

Today there are more than four million members of the United House of Prayer For All People. Including 5,000 local members.

The convocation will begin with an introductory service Sunday, September 21. Bishop McCollough will be guest speaker during the convocation also.



Elder C. B. Gibson
...Pastor, Chairman
On Saturday, September 27, a softball game will be played starting at 2 p.m. at West Charlotte High School. Baptismal Services will be held at the House of Prayer, 2321 Beatties Ford Road, Sunday, September 28, at 11 a.m. and a band exhibition will follow at 2 p.m.

Representing pastors from the state include Elder H. Dillard, pastor, Charlotte No. 2; Elder J. Wynn, Biddleville Mission; Elder Guy, North Charlotte No. 2; Elder C. Bailey, North Carolina No. 1; Elder R. Belton, First Ward Mission; Elder H. Williams, Third Ward Mission; Elder Rhyne Sr., Matthews; Elder W. Sim Jr., Concord; Elder S. Ford, Derita; Elder R. Patton, Gastonia; Elder D. C. Truesdale, Huntersville; Elder E. Webb, Mallard Creek; Elder G. Grier, Mooresville; Elder O. Smith, Statesville; Elder J. Barringer, Hickory; Elder F. Barringer, Dallas; Elder J. Henderson, Lancaster; Elder Dockery, Rockingham; and, Elder C. B. Gibson, pastor of Mother House.

High Surplus Of Public School Teachers Exists

Not even half of the 1979-80 teacher graduates from North Carolina Colleges and universities found teaching jobs in the state this school year. A definite surplus of both elementary and secondary public school teachers exists in the state as well as the nation, with the exception of a few specialized areas.

For the 1979-80 school year, the total demand for teachers who had not taught in the state the previous year was 4,551. About 2,000 new North Carolina graduates found employment. Nationally, the number of prospective teachers from the 1979 graduating class seeking teaching positions exceeded by almost 60,000 the number of teaching positions open to them.

Teachers accounted for almost 25 percent of the total graduates (23,617) from North Carolina public and private schools last year. Among the state institutions, Appalachian State produced the largest number of teachers followed by East Carolina University, UNC at Greensboro, Western Carolina

University, and UNC-Chapel Hill. Mars Hill College graduated the largest number among the private schools followed by Atlantic Christian, Meredith, Campbell, and Elon College.

The new supply of .. teacher graduates has declined slightly each year both state and nationally since the all-time high in 1972. In North Carolina, the supply of graduates completing preparation to enter teaching in 1979 was about 1 percent smaller than the number reported in 1978. Nationally, the decrease was 4.7 percent for the same time period.

Some 56,270 persons were employed as classroom teachers last year, another 16,000 worked as teacher aides, while 10,355 worked as superintendents, principals, supervisors and other instructional staff.

If entry patterns in the profession continue, the supply of trained teachers is expected to significantly exceed the demand. Teacher demand continues to drop along with pupil enrollment