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## VEP Responds To Senator Strom Thurmond's Remarks

### SSI Makes 3 Program Changes

The Social Security Administration Monday announced three program changes that become effective January 1:

+ The maximum amount that beneficiaries may earn annually and still receive all of their benefits will increase from \$5,000 to \$5,500 for those aged 65-71 and from \$3,720 to \$4,080 for those under 65. Benefits are reduced \$1 for every \$2 of earnings exceeding these amounts. But, beneficiaries 72 and over may earn any amount without any reduction in their social security checks.

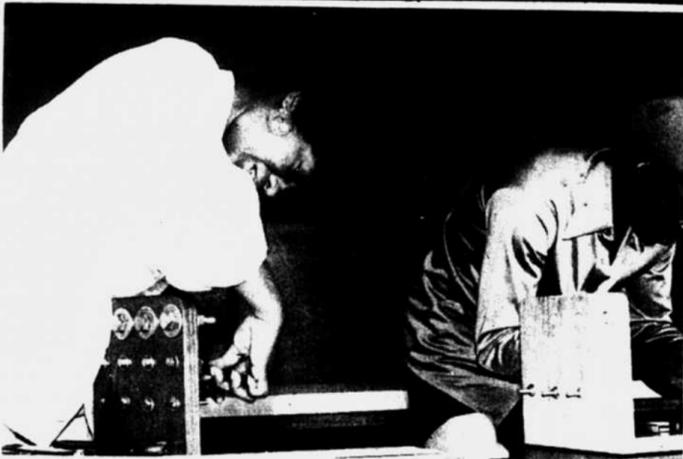
+ The maximum amount of earnings subject to the social security tax will increase from \$25,900 to \$29,700. The change will give workers earning above \$25,900 greater protection because a large amount of their earnings will be credited toward benefits than before. This will mean higher benefits for them and their families at retirement or in the event of disability or death.

+ The amount of earnings required to earn a quarter of coverage will increase from \$290 to \$310. Four quarters of coverage will be credited for earnings of \$1,240, up to \$1,160.

These three changes, required by the 1977 amendments to the Social Security Act, will be published in the November 19 Federal Register.

### UNCC Homecoming

All Alumni of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte are invited to a Homecoming Dance following the 49er basketball game on December 6.



Roma Gillard and Leonard Sumter are testing their manual dexterity. Goodwill Industries gives aptitude tests as part of its new Youth Employment and Training Program.

### Secures One-Year Contract

## Goodwill Industries Will

## Not Let CETA Program Die

By Susan Ellsworth  
Post Staff Writer

The Federal government has abandoned the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA) program, but North Carolina and Goodwill Industries will not let it die.

Under a \$42,000 grant from the N.C. Department of Labor, Goodwill Industries of the Southern Piedmont has a one-year contract to manage the CETA-funded Youth Employment Training Program.

Although a City CETA program already exists, services are not duplicated.

To be eligible for the youth program, applicants must live outside Charlotte city limits but within Mecklenburg County. They must be in the 16-21 age group, unemployed or underemployed and meet the low income guidelines.

For a single person, earnings must not exceed \$3,790. In a family of four the maximum income allowed is \$8,370 and \$11,550 for a family of six.

Unlike the City CETA program which serves the 18-65 age group and has almost equal numbers of economically disadvantaged and handicapped, County CETA does not require that applicants be handicapped.

Participants in the county program undertake two weeks of assessment where they take a series of tests measuring dexterity, intelligence, strength and interest.

Data is fed into a computer. Results indicate the best jobs for the applicant, based on aptitude. During the training program applicants share in group discussions, and receive lectures and audio visual

presentations on career goal development. They are taught how to interview for a job and get along with supervisors and co-workers.

After these sessions, youths are either placed in a job or referred for further skills training. Counseling in job-related areas after placement is also available.

Edwards said the program concentrates on a youth's weakest areas.

"Many youths have no idea how to present themselves before an interviewer," he emphasized. Edwards pointed out Goodwill uses taped interviews to show them their shortcomings.

"We take them from the point they are and move them to the level where they can hold a full-time job," he added.

The county program will serve 57 applicants, compared to City CETA's 130. Although it has fewer openings, the county program offers more individual attention.

Whereas, the city program runs three weeks, according to director Sabrina Johnson, the county program is three months long.

Edwards, a 17-year resident of Charlotte has previously served as store manager and transportation supervisor for Goodwill Industries.

Interested in applying? Call Ralph Edwards at the Goodwill branch on Freedom Drive. 372-3434

### SBA Aid To

### Minority Firms

### Hits New High

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Federal contracts and loans to minority-owned businesses made by the U.S. Small Business Administration reached new records in Fiscal 1980, which ended September 30.

In announcing the 1980 results, SBA Administrator A. Vernon Weaver said the records were linked to SBA's new management approach of "targeting program resources to small business men and women facing traditional difficulties in raising capital."

### GOP Would Repeal

## 1965 Voting Rights Act

Special To The Post  
ATLANTA, Ga. - The Voter Education Project, Inc. (VEP) issued a statement last week responding to Senator Strom Thurmond's reported remarks favoring repeal of the 1965 Voting Rights Act.

Senator Thurmond was quoted as saying he favors repeal of the Act in order to remove Federal control over local affairs.

VEP noted that the Voting Rights Act came into being because local governments had acted in a discriminatory manner toward minorities and there is no reason to believe they would not resume those discriminatory patterns if the Act were repealed.

Sherrill Marcus, executive director of VEP, stated, "Senator Thurmond's belief that state and other local governments can be counted on to act responsibly toward minority voting rights simply does not hold water in light of the historical facts since the passage of the Voting Rights Act." He continued, "The Senator's statement rejecting the need for Federal control over voting rights protections indicates that, as the next Chairman of the Senate's Judiciary Committee, racial and language minorities will not have a friend as was the case with Senator Thurmond's predecessor, Senator Edward Kennedy."

Under the Voting Rights Act, local governments are required to submit notice of any changes in voting rights laws, practices and procedures to the Voting Section of the U.S. Department of Justice. The Justice Department can then raise objections if the change would have a discriminatory effect on minority voting rights. VEP data indicate that 385 objections have been made by the Justice Department in eight southern states

### EEOC Office

### Is Moving To

### E. Morehead St.

The Charlotte District Office of the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) is moving.

Effective December 1, the offices will be located at 1301 East Morehead St., at the corner of Kenilworth.

Office hours will remain 8:30 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. The telephone number, 371-6437, will stay the same. Ample parking and access to public transportation will be provided.

The EEOC Office has jurisdiction over employment discrimination complaints in North Carolina. It enforces the Civil Rights Act of 1964 which prohibits discrimination in employment based on race, color, sex, religion or national origin.

Additionally, EEOC enforces the Age Discrimination in Employment Act which prohibits discrimination because of age (40-70) and the Equal Pay Act which prohibits wage discrimination because of sex.

since the law's passage. In addition, a substantial number of state and local governments have been taken to court as a result of making changes.

The Voter Education Project, Inc. is a non-partisan, nonprofit, tax-exempt organization which has worked since 1962 in the 11 southern states to promote minority political participation.

### City Offices

### To Close For

### Thanksgiving

All departments of Charlotte City government will be closed on Thursday, November 27, for Thanksgiving Day. Regular business hours will be resumed on Friday, November 28, at 8 p.m.

Due to the holiday the City Sanitation Division will operate on a four-day work schedule. There will be NO curbside trash collection during the week. Items should not be placed at the curb until Wednesday, December 3. Bagged leaves will be collected from curbside on Wednesday and Friday Thanksgiving week. Backyard garbage collection will be made on a Monday-Wednesday and Tuesday-Friday schedule. The York Road Landfill will be closed on Thanksgiving Day.

The City Animal Control Division, located at 2700 Toomey Ave., will be closed on Thanksgiving Day. Only emergency cases will be handled.

Community centers operated by the Charlotte Parks and Recreation Department will be closed on Thanksgiving Day. Parks and the Revolution Golf Course will operate on a regular schedule.

On Thanksgiving Day the Annual Carolinas' Carousel Parade will be held in uptown Charlotte starting at 2 p.m. Due to the parade many routes operated by the Charlotte Transit System will be detoured for the duration of the parade starting at 1:30 p.m. All North-South buses generally using Tryon St. will be using Mint St. and Church St. All East-West buses generally using Trade St. will be using the one-way pair of 5th and 6th Streets.

### Careful Shoppers

### Can Buy Bad

### Merchandise

Even a careful shopper can buy bad merchandise. But there usually is something the shopper can do to get satisfaction, believes Dr. Thelma Hinson, extension family resource management specialist, North Carolina State University.

First, go back to the store where the item was purchased. If that doesn't work, contact the manufacturer.

If that fails, turn to a Consumer Action Panel. These panels are set up in several industries, including the furniture, major appliance, auto and insurance industries.



SINGER JOANNE BARNETTE  
...Talent flourishes

## Joanne Barnette Is Beauty Of Week

By Teresa Burns  
Post Staff Writer  
Talent flourishes, especially in Charlotte. If you've ever heard Joanne Barnette sing you would agree she is certainly a local star.

She also writes what she sings, expressing herself through ballads and poems.

"I guess you could call me a sentimental writer. My writings are based on my life, style and experiences and I have to have inspiration - then it just comes out," she stated.

Ms. Barnette, on occasion, performs her material locally but has realized through experience that artists must protect their works. She is still optimistic that her messages can reach many despite the needed cautiousness.

"When people can identify with you, I think you are well on your way to stardom," she remarked.

"But I'm not looking to just become a star but also become financially successful," she continued.

Our Scorpio beauty possesses the talents to achieve both. Her singing ability reflects the long hours of practice. Her songs are evidence of her various interest. From ballads to country and western, to the message of life songs, Ms. Barnett can create then perform them all.

"Know Where You Are Going," "Especially To You A Song," and "Life Of A Black Man" are a few of Ms. Barnette's works. She has performed locally in nightclubs, in South Carolina and Atlanta; won several talent shows; and received the distinguished honor of Best Vocalist of 1977-78 from S.E.A.R.C.H., a talent scouting agency.

Presently she sings with the band called MAGIC and is now preparing a package

### MCABSW To Meet

The regular meeting for the Metrolina Chapter of the Association of Black Social Workers (MCABSW) will be held Thursday, December 4, at 7:30 p.m. at the Belmont Regional Center

deal with original material with her arranger Alfred Caldwell.

Ms. Barnette enjoys writing and has been doing it for 13 years. She has attended Central Piedmont Community College, furthering her knowledge in musical theory, learning to play the piano, and improving her overall knowledge concerning the entertainment field.

A slim chance exists for Ms. Barnette to be 'discovered' if she stays in Charlotte. "So I'm willing to relocate," she confessed. "I would like to move to California. I believe there are job opportunities there. I'd have a better chance of running into the right people willing to invest in a talent without them having reservations."

The favorite being in Ms. Barnette's life is God. She attends various churches. Her mother, Emma Crockett, is a local evangelist. She has three brothers, Willie, John and Frank Crockett, one sister, the late Jean Evelyn Straite, and one son, Charonn Barnette.

### Parade Set For Saturday

## Masons Will Hold First Grand

## Conclave Here This Weekend

The first annual Grand Conclave of United National Free and Accepted Masons and O.E.S., Inc., will be held in Charlotte November 28-29 at the Radisson Plaza Hotel.

The highlight of this event is twofold. There will be a motorcade parade Saturday, November 29, at 3 p.m. beginning at the intersection of Poplar and Trade Streets, proceeding east on Trade to Ebenezer Baptist Church (733 E. Trade St.).

An Imperial Ball will be held at the Civic Center from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m. The public is invited to attend. Advanced tickets are on sale at the Soul Shack and Pete's Barbeque. Door prizes will be given.

The United National Supreme Council Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Freemasonry of the World, and 33rd and Last Degree and Order of Eastern Star was incorporated April 4, 1980 and organized May 31, 1980 in Wilmington, N.C. They are presently operating in the states of North Carolina, South Carolina and Florida.

Their Certificate of Incorporation gives them the



Ill. Windell Daniels  
...Chief executive officer

right to promote and advance the cause of freemasonry throughout the U.S. and foreign countries. Additionally, it gives them the right to establish businesses and institutions to be operated by and for the mutual benefit of the members. They are an extreme progressive organization.

Their main objectives are to develop leaders not only in the organization but also in the community. They propose to carry on a benevolent and patriotic fraternal society for the cultivation of friendship among members; and to carry on benevolent work for the relief of the helpless and needy without prejudice or bias. Further, they believe that every individual has intrinsic dignity and worth.

Ill. Windell Daniels, Most Puissant Sovereign Grand Commander, serves as the Chief Executive Officer. Sis. Gwendolyn Moore serves as Most Ancient Worthy Grand Matron.

Ill. Windell Daniels has received eleven distinguished awards, including Master Mason of the Year, Modern Free and Accepted Masons in 1979 and First Place - State Participation - Modern Free and Accepted Masons of the World, Inc., 1979. He is presently plant superintendent at Koch Fuels Products Company in Wilmington. He is a graduate of Fayetteville State University and attended Cape Fear Technical Institute.

Sis Gwendolyn Moore, presently a drafting clerk at Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph in Wilmington, obtained an Associate Degree from A&T State University and attended LaSalle Extension University and the University of N.C. at Wilmington. She, too, has received numerous certificates and awards of recognition for outstanding services in the Modern Free and Accepted Masons of the World, Inc.

Presiding over the state of North Carolina are Ill. Willie Nixon, Grand Master of Greensboro and Sis. Patricia Walters of Charlotte, Grand Worthy Matron.

Local lodges include St. James Lodge No. 33, Ill. James Steele, Worshipful Master; Solomon Lodge No. 357, Ill. Charles June, Worshipful Master; Sons of Joseph, Lodge No. 007, Ill. Joseph Lloyd, Worshipful Master; and St. John Lodge No. 10, Bro. Jesse Jackson, Worshipful Master.

Local chapters are Alpha Centauri Chapter No. 9, Sis. Patricia Walters, Worthy Matron; Dixon Chapter No. 4, Sis. Elizabeth Murray, see MASONS on Page 2



He who does not give thanks on Thanksgiving Day is the true TURKEY.