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Hagans Reports

Conditions Remain Grim For Black Business Enterprise

Economy Pose Devastating Threat To Minorities

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WASHINGTON, D.C. - In his annual assessment of Black business and economic development, National Business League President Theodore R. Hagans Jr. today issued a sobering review of the past year, and predicted a continuation of the "grim" conditions for 1981. Citing the unusual volatility of the American economy, Hagans declared: "The conditions that have dampened the U.S. economy now pose a devastating threat to the Black and minority business community."

communities, has not retreated from its upward climb, thereby adding a significant drag on an economy already in decline.

The leader of the nation's oldest business organization insisted that the continued exclusion of Blacks and other minorities from the nation's economic agenda would only serve to hamper the country's economic recovery. Reviewing the failure to relate Black and minority economic development to such broad economic issues as urban revitalization, unemployment and inflation, Hagans stated: "Without our inclusion, this nation cannot achieve its fullest economic potential, nor hope to succeed on its journey to economic recovery."

The full text of Hagans' statement follows: "Measured by any traditional standard, 1980 has been an unusually volatile year for the U.S. economy in general, and a staggering period for the Black and minority private sector in particular. Prospects for 1981 are even more grim, with the certainty of rising inflation and the possibility of a deepening recession as well."

The conditions that have dampened the U.S. economy now pose a devastating threat to the Black and minority business community. Within the short span of ten months, this nation has been shaken by unprecedented peaks in the prime lending rate; in fact, the record high level of 20 percent, reached last April, has now been exceeded by a new high of 21 1/2 percent, and may rise even further by the end of December.

Sky-high interest rates spell tight money markets, and produce a credit crunch for business firms and consumers alike. Housing construction is down and industrial productivity is low, while prices for essential goods and services, especially food and fuels, have continued to grow. Couple with inflation, the net effect of such conditions has stifled business expansion and dashed the hopes of increased consumer spending. In addition, unemployment, with its disproportionate rate in the Black and minority



Bobby Bolin
Teamsters' VP

Bobby Bolin Has Made History?

Bobby Bolin has made history. He was elected vice president of Teamsters Local Union 71 recently, defeating a fellow union member and ex-employee of Johnson Motor Lines by a vote of 1,181 to 818.

This marks the first time a Black has held such a high office in either of the Carolinas in the International Brotherhood of Teamsters.

The Teamsters are the largest labor union in the country with a membership in the Charlotte area alone exceeding 2,600 workers.

Bolin has been an employee of United Parcel Service in the automotive maintenance shop since 1967. He has served as shop steward since 1969.

In 1977 Bolin was appointed to the Executive Board of Local 71 as a Trustee. Later that year, he was elected to a Trustee position.

Bolin and his wife, Mary, reside at 2920 Cricketer Drive in Charlotte. Mary is employed by Sears. They have two sons, Bobby Ray and Maseo.

The Bolins attend St. Paul Baptist Church, where Bolin plays a bass guitar for the "Highway Spirituals," a gospel group. He also is serving as president of the "Husband and Wife" social club for his second year. Aside from providing social activities for married couples, the club assists needy families at Christmastime.

Along with Bobby at the Union, is the Carolinas first Black business representative of the Teamsters. He is Larry Miller.

Miller, a former Johnson Motor Lines Employee and Shop Steward, joined the local in 1979. He and his wife, the former Katrina Black of Charlotte, reside in Union County near Indian Trail. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Preston Black of Irma St.

Democratic Gala To Be Held

The biennial Democratic Gala will cap off a weekend of activities in January celebrating the inauguration of Gov. James B. Hunt Jr., Lt. Governor Jimmy Green, and the Council of State.

Plans for the Gala were announced today by the event's co-chairmen: Jeanette Carl of Raleigh, a member of the state Transportation Board; Durham attorney Eric Michaux; and state Sen. Jim Garrison of Albemarle.

The Gala will be held from 8 p.m. until midnight on Saturday, January 10, at the Hilton Inn and the Velvet Cloak Inn on Hillsborough Street in Raleigh.

"Holding the Gala in these two locations, less than a block apart, will help us avoid the overcrowding that has been a problem in the past," Mrs. Carl said. "We will be able to accommodate over 2,000 people, and we feel certain that a record number of Democrats from across the state will want to be a part of this great event."

The \$100-per-person tickets will admit the holder to both locations, where an abundance of food and drink will be on hand. Tickets can be purchased from county Democratic chairmen and from State Democratic Headquarters, 220 Hillsborough St.



EARLS' UNITY IS MAIN

.....Ingredient for strength

Earl Family Looking Forward To Year Of Health, Strength

By Teresa Burns
Post Staff Writer
This is a story about the Earl family. Nothing bad happened to the mother, Lula, or to Tonya, 11, or Johnny, 9. In fact they had one of the nicest Christmases in their lives.

To make this story even more beautiful, the family is looking forward to a year of continued health and strength. "It's just good to see the children happy, with food upon the table and shelter," Ms. Earl said.

The New Year will also bring advantageous changes and challenges. If all expectations are met

the family will be on their way to smoother trails; many desires like visits to Disney World will become reality; and as Tonya explains continue to "...look forward to love."

There are friends of the family like Ted McManus, Ms. Earl's fiancée. "He helps the children a great deal - he gives them goals to achieve, gives them his time - he is just wonderful with the children. They think of him as their father," Ms. Earl explained.

Friends and the joy of family love are not the only gifts the Earl family received for Christmas.

"My celebration is for Him," Ms. Earl explained. "In my heart I recognize Christmas as the birth of Christ - if not for Him my children and I would not be upon this earth today."

For Ms. Earl's daughter, Tonya, who is a sixth grade student at Lincoln Heights Elementary School, Christmas brought love and time to spend with friends. She also received skates and various games and clothes.

Johnny, who is a third grade student at Devonshire Elementary, received clothes, games, balls, shoes, a gun and the "Incredible Hulk."

Both Johnny and Tonya enjoy school and doing their homework. Tonya also likes to skate and play games. She plans to go out for track and cheerleader next year. Johnny wants to be a football player, and enjoys all types of sports - especially playing them.

The family attends Columbus Chapel AME Zion Church in Davidson where Rev. Boulware is the pastor. They participate in various functions of the church - especially programs and attend regularly.

The key to the family's happiness seems to be their continuous push for improvement. Next semester Ms. Earl will attend Central Piedmont and begin classes to become a nurse.

"I want something permanent," she began. "I want a better income for my family for more comfort and a better future for them as far as education goes. They are tomorrow's world."

Along with learning something new everyday the Earl family has confidence in God. With His help the family believes stagnation can be overthrown and their destination in life will be a happy fulfilling one.



LOVELY IVONDRA THOMPSON
...Business College student

Ivondra Thompson Is Beauty Of Week

By Teresa Burns
Post Staff Writer

With the new year upon us it only seems appropriate to review a former beauty's plans and accomplishments. Four years ago Ivondra Thompson graced the POST's front page. Today she is still a vibrant, eager to learn individual.

Ms. Thompson has only three quarters to complete at Hamilton Business College for a degree in Secretarial Science. Presently she is working at Frito Lay and living with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Gibson.

But to become a secretary has been her dream for years and she plans to return to Hamilton College this summer to complete what she began.

As a senior in high school Ms. Thompson participated in the DECCA Club, ran track and was elected to the Student Council. Today she is still politically conscious.

"Things can't get any worse. And I'm happy with President-elect Ronald Reagan," she admitted.

But there is one major change according to our beauty that needs to be made. The change should be conducted in the Food Stamp Program. "People once paid a certain amount for food stamps and received more. Now people are getting food stamps free, but the stamps are not amounting to much. For instance, one elderly lady is now receiving only \$10. a month in food stamps, and that's just not enough," she explains.

Besides being thoughtful of others' needs, Ms. Thompson is family oriented. "It's important to love your family," she revealed. "Most of the time no one else will help and I

believe that one's family is the main inspiration." She has two sisters and two brothers. "The special someone in my life is my little sister, Tawana. She is eight now, and she is my favorite person."

Ms. Thompson most admires her mother, Mrs. Magaline S. Gibson. "I love my family," Ms. Thompson began, "and my mother has always been like a sister to me."

Dancing and visiting clubs are still among Ms. Thompson's favorite past-times. Her taste, as far as television is concerned, has changed from "Good Times" to soap operas. "I don't have time to watch television that often, but when there is nothing else to do I'll watch soap operas."

She is a member of Cathey Memorial AME Zion Church where Rev. Ell Price is the pastor.

At 22 our Capricorn beauty has grown into an impressive young lady. Her ambitions still remain strong and her love for family still in tact.

Gathering To Reach Souls For Christ

City's Most Stirring Crusade

Convention Begins Thursday Morning

By Teresa Burns
Post Staff Writer

One of Charlotte's most soul stirring crusade conventions will be held January 1-10 at the Cannon Cathedral, 200 Tuckaseegee Road.

Entitled E. C. Cannon Evangelistic Crusade Convention, the purpose of the gathering is to reach souls for Christ and to let them know that Jesus is the answer.

Pastor E. C. Cannon founded the Evangelistic Crusade Convention with the expressed purpose of bringing people closer to God. Last year over a thousand attended, and this year more worshippers are expected.

From as far as New York, Texas, Virginia and South Carolina, many will travel to hear the 12 noon sermons that will be delivered by Pastor E. C. Cannon January 1-3 and 5-10.



Elder E. C. Cannon
...Crusade Founder
At the January 1 service, 12 noon, Pastor E. C. Cannon will deliver the annual New Year message and prophecy for 1981. Free lunch will be served to all attending at the 12 noon service January 1.
Miss E. C. Cannon will be crowned January 1 at 8 p.m. January 2, Evangelist Nancy Carree of Greensboro, will speak at 8 p.m. Elder John Boyd from Jamaica, N.Y. will deliver

the message January 3 at 8 p.m.

There will be three services Sunday, January 4 - the 11 a.m. morning worship service with speaker pastor James C. Moore; the 3 p.m. service with speaker pastor J. L. Dunlap; and the 8 p.m. program with Elder John C. McClurking and congregation as guest.

On January 5 pastor Mason Boughman and congregation from Belmont will be guest at the 12 noon service. Pastor E. C. Cannon will deliver the sermon. January 6 and 7, pastor C. E. Williams and the Evangelistic Team from Philadelphia, Pa., will host the 8 p.m. service.

At 3 p.m. January 8-9 Elder Larry Simmons from Champaign-Urbana, Illinois will host the program and on January 10 the 12 noon service will officially

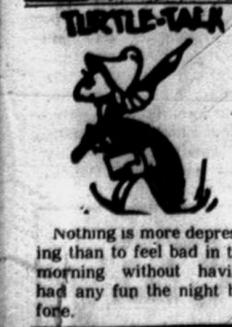
close the 1981 Annual Crusade with fellowship communion and feet washing.

During this time the five churches - that pastor E. C. Cannon pastors, friends and co-workers will be in attendance. All ladies are asked to wear white; men are asked to wear dark suits; and ministers are asked to wear white robes.

The public can also tune to WHVN radio station, 13-10 on your dial Monday-Friday at 1:45 and Saturdays at 4:45 p.m. for a special message from pastor E. C. Cannon.

Consulation will be held daily 1-3 p.m. January 2-10. If you would like to take part you must make an appointment with Mr. Griffin.

Join the fellowship and worship of God at the E. C. Cannon Evangelistic Crusade convention January 1-10. The Comforter is come - all you have to do is take the step to meet Him.



Nothing is more depressing than to feel bad in the morning without having had any fun the night before.