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FAYE ANNETTE PETTIS
...Ambitious Aquarian

Faye A. Pettis

Is Beauty Of Week

By Teresa Burns
Post Staff Writer

It is not everyday you come across a lady like Faye Annette Pettis. She is ambitious, yet she is warm enough to treat others with consideration.

Many often describe Aquarians as humanitarians. This certainly fits our beauty. Born February 10, Ms. Pettis is the epitome of beauty, inside and out.

Presently she is employed as an Inventory Clerk at United Coatings. The company manufactures paint and one of her responsibilities is to see that goods don't run out.

"I make sure that the paints are stocked and I also complete the inventory on finished goods," she explained. Ms. Pettis would like to continue working and saving money for her future.

She is the only daughter and youngest child of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Lee Pettis. Her two brothers are Harvey Jr and Carl.

"Star Wars" is Ms. Pettis' favorite movie for 80-81 while "Dallas" and Stevie Wonder took first place in their respective categories.

When she is not listening to the wonders of Wonder or the next scheme of R.'s, Mrs. Pettis may be spending her time sewing or bowling.

She also is involved with her church, St. Paul Com-

munity Missionary Baptist Church. There she is a member of the choir; she is the church secretary and assistant secretary of the Sunday School.

"I enjoy my work with the church," she confided. "I like doing something for the Lord."

God is loved by our beauty because God is love. But the earthly being she most admires is her mother, Anne B. Pettis.

"It's easy to talk to my mother when I have problems. She tries so hard to teach me the right things to do about being a lady," Ms. Pettis explained.

Evidently Ms. Pettis' mother must have gotten her point across successfully for our beauty is one extraordinary lady.

Women Of Color

Mini-Conference

Scheduled

"Women of Color Mini-Conference" will be held 7 p.m. Thursday, February 19, at the YWCA, 418 E. Trade Street.

The purpose of this conference is to discuss the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) and its impact on the black community.

Featured speaker will be Dr. Bertha L. Maxwell, Director of the Afro-American and African Studies at UNCC and Frank Graham Porter, Professor, Black History Month will also be recognized at this conference.

But the main focus will evolve on the ERA and whether the black community should support it or not.

Section 1 states: "Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex."

The public is invited to attend this "Women of Color Mini-Conference."

Income Tax Check-Off Urged

North Carolina's two major political parties have joined forces to urge participation in the state's income tax check-off. State Democratic Chairman Russell G. Walker of Asheville and former Republican State Chairman Jackson F. Lee of Fayetteville have co-signed a letter to accountants and tax consultants across the state, urging them to remind clients that they have the check-off option. Lee leaves his post on March 1 to take a position with the Reagan Administration.

"Elections are expensive, and the check-off affords everybody a chance to contribute," said Walker of the joint venture with the Republicans. "Democracy thrives on grass-roots involvement. The income tax check-off is vital to broad-based funding of elections."

"Many people don't give through the tax check-off because they think it will increase their tax or reduce their refund," said Lee of the project. "Better information will increase participation in the check-off plan."

The North Carolina individual income tax form (D-400) has a provision for each taxpayer to designate one dollar to the North Carolina Election Campaign Fund. Income from the 1980 check-off total \$243,805.

Women's Day Observance

Mount Sinai Church

To Hear Famed Educator

Mrs. C. R. Edwards, one of North Carolina's most outstanding Christian women and educators, will appear Sunday, February 22, as guest speaker at the Annual Woman's Day Observance at Greater Mount Sinai Baptist Church, 1243 West Blvd.

Mrs. Edwards will speak during the 11 a.m. worship service.

A native of Rocky Mount, N.C., Mrs. Edwards now resides in Fayetteville, N.C. Mrs. Edwards is a graduate of Shaw University in Raleigh, where she majored in Religious Education. She has done further study at East Carolina and North Carolina A&T Universities.

An active member of the First Baptist Church of Fayetteville, where her husband, Dr. C. R. Edwards is pastor, Mrs. Edwards serves as Second Vice President of the Woman's Baptist Home and



Ron Leeper
...District 3 Councilman



Charles Dannelly
...District 2 Councilman

City Councilmen Say:

Without Progressive Future

There Can Be No History!

By Loretta Manago
Post Staff Writer

Black history is not exclusive to its past. As a matter of fact without a sound present and a progressive future there can be no history to speak of.

In talking with city councilmen Charles Dannelly and Ron Leeper, the black community has its work cut out for them to insure that the richness of its past transcends into the future.

Obviously, one way of cementing a prosperous future is to reflect upon the past and multiple contributions of our ancestors. February is Black History Month and although there

have been many activities and programs to acknowledge the black people's contributions, Dannelly felt that more needed to be done. He is concerned with the fact that, in his opinion, older adults aren't doing justice to the young people in telling them about the richness of our culture and historical heritage. Dannelly remarked, "We've come a long way, but we still got a long way to go."

He also felt that black history should be a year-round effort in the homes, churches and schools. The increasing awareness and interest in the black people's contributions to Leeper is gratifying. It was

his thought that "We must first recognize our own people's achievements before anyone else will."

That the black community should concentrate on contemporary issues was made clear by both city councilmen Leeper and Dannelly. Both men seemed to agree that the economy, the political process, housing, education of the young and social programs for the elderly are matters of both immediate and long range concern.

Discussing these matters in reference to the economy, Dannelly replied, "We have to make sure there are enough jobs for everyone who needs work and that jobs are generated at all levels of employment for all levels of people."

There was total agreement by both city councilmen, about the role the black community should play in the political process. Leeper has this to say: "We've got to start monitoring the political process. It is the key that the black community benefits from." Also feeling strongly about this issue, Dannelly went so far as to say "the political process is the black community's salvation."

Another major priority of the black community should be the housing situation. According to Dannelly, "too many people are living in conditions that are unbelievable." He added, "there are still people in Charlotte who are living on dirt floors and are housing six people to one room." Even Leeper commented that "there are 2,300 black people who are on waiting lists for low-cost housing."

Educating the young seems to be a matter of top consideration, also. "Education of our youth is their best vehicle to break away from joblessness," said Dannelly. "Too many young people think educa-

Trend Is Developing;

No White Schools Closed

By Susan Ellsworth
Post Staff Writer

"The Board of Education is using solutions of the 60s and 70s to deal with problems of the 80s," declared Calvin Harris, president of Double Oaks PTA.

If Double Oaks Elementary School closes, it will join the growing number of schools in the black community shut down for racial imbalance.

Residents of the Fairview Homes community (where the school is located) PTA and agency members will comprise a 12 person task force to negotiate with Dr. Jay Robinson, superintendent of Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools and the Board of Education.

The task force, if it persuades them not to close the school, then will be authorized to formulate a plan for more acceptable racial distributions, according to Harris.

Double Oaks now boasts of a 45-50 percent black student population. Harris said Robinson wants blacks to remain a minority at the elementary school, not consist of almost half of the student population, as is the current situation.

"Black schools are singled out for treatment when there is a problem with racial balance," Harris commented. "That automatic solution is to close the school."

When bussing white stu-

dents to black communities white absenteeism increase and admissions to private schools rise, he explained.

"A trend is developing. No schools in white areas close, but five or six schools in the black neighborhoods have already closed," Harris said.

Under the new bussing plans proposed for September 81, the 30 students from Fairview Homes who now walk to school would be bussed to the isolated Reedy Creek area 12 miles away.

Then 379 students who presently are bussed to Double Oaks would walk to Devonshire. Another 275 students bussed from Albarle, Piney Grove, and Devonshire and those who normally walk to Double Oaks would have longer bus rides and be bussed for 12 years instead of nine.

Closing Double Oaks would have a negative effect on the Fairview Homes community, Harris said. He emphasized that parents and teachers would find it difficult to communicate since some parents do not have telephones and must rely on public transportation. Parent involvement would diminish with the school such a distance away, he added.

Harris said to close Double Oaks would be an echo of the status quo as opposed to being in the forefront of change.

NAACP To Honor

Unsung Heroines

How often have women in your church, at work, or even in your family given extraordinary service and never been recognized?

How many women do you know who have worked many tireless - but thankless - hours on community projects?

To spotlight the importance of the "extra-effort" woman and her often thankless work, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is calling for nominations for "Outstanding Women Awards" to be presented at the Second NAACP Women's Conference in Cincinnati on May 1 and 2 this year.

Each nomination is limited to one person and only in one of the following categories: Arts and Sciences, Education, Government, Homemaker, Law, Business Education, Engineering, Health Services, Household Technician, Religion, Community and Civic Volunteer, Labor Unions, and International Affairs.

A double-spaced type-

written explanation in 200 words or less, indicating why the nominee should receive the 1981 NAACP Women's Award, should be submitted as an entry and postmarked by February 21, 1981. Send entries to: NAACP Second Women's Conference, 131 N. Ludlow St., Talbot Tower, Suite 260, Dayton, Ohio 45402.

Among last year's award winners were women recognized for outstanding work in community and civic leadership, in the improvement of relations between unions and the black community, and for service above and beyond the call of duty to employer, church and family.

The presentation of the Women's Awards will climax the two-day conference which will be held Friday and Saturday, May 1-2, at the Cincinnati Netherland Hilton Hotel.

Conference activities will end on a social note Saturday evening with a Kentucky State Derby Dinner in Louisville, Kentucky, one hour's drive from Cincinnati.



The SECRET of PATIENCE is finding something else to do in the meantime.