

## "Credit: Your Options"

### Seminar Set

A seminar "Credit: Your Options" will be held by the Small Business Action Council of the Greater Charlotte Chamber of Commerce Thursday, October 29, from 5-7 p.m. at the Chamber office, 129 West Trade Street.

"Extending commercial credit and collecting on overdue accounts is something many small business persons are faced with," said Alvin Tans, seminars task force chairman, "and often don't have adequate information to make sound decisions. This seminar will include advice on how to obtain that information."

The seminar topics will also include telemarketing skills, collection and check acceptance, points of sale enhancement and how to use the Merchant Association and the National Association of Credit Management.

The panelists are John Alexander, Collections Manager of the Charlotte Merchant's Association's Credit Bureau; Jane Reyes, Manager in Business Sales at Southern Bell; Ben C. Smith, Vice president of NCNB's Bank Card Department in Greensboro; and A. R. Nosse, executive vice president of the National Association of Credit Management.

Cost of the seminar is \$5 for Chamber members and \$15 for non-members. Those interested in attending should contact Jerry Hancock at the Chamber of Commerce 377-6911.

## RC Halloween Program

### Teaches Safety

Trick-or-treating can be fun...but it can also be dangerous if children aren't careful. The Greater Carolinas Chapter of the Red Cross will be doing something to make this Halloween a safer one for our community.

A Halloween Safety Program is being sponsored by Red Cross Youth Services. It's a lively, action-packed 20 minute program designed for first graders. The focus is on trick-or-treating safely and developing a safety-conscious attitude toward Halloween.

The program will be presented to first graders in elementary schools throughout Charlotte over the next two weeks. Teresa Crump, a senior social work major will be the "Halloween Pumpkin" that gives the safety tips. These tips include how to dress properly for Halloween parties and trick-or-treating and many other valuable suggestions.

The Youth Services department at Red Cross provides many opportunities for children and youth to volunteer in a variety of ways to serve the community. There are in-school programs as well as summer volunteer programs.



ATTRACTIVE TORRI KIRKPATRICK  
...Harding High junior

## Torri Kirkpatrick Is Beauty Of Week

By Teresa Burns  
Post Staff Writer

For some reason one can already imagine Torri Kirkpatrick sporting a nurse's cap and uniform, going to the aid of patients and making sure that her job performance comes from her heart.

Ms. Kirkpatrick has already envisioned what her career will be like. "Even as a child, it's always been my dream to be a nurse... I've always wanted to be one."

And now, as an 11th grader at Harding Senior High School, she has already taken classes in the field, joined an Explorer's program in nursing and decided to attend UNCC's four-year programs of nursing.

One of her favorite people is her mother, who down through the years, has encouraged her daughter to perform well in any capacity. "I've always looked up to my mother... She's an all around person."

Another person who has inspired Ms. Kirkpatrick a great deal is Sarah Auten, a professional in the field of nursing. "She helps me a lot and she is good in the profession. She's encouraging me now and willing to listen." Mr. Auten teaches Health Occupations at Harding and is also a nurse.

Our Virgo beauty describes herself as friendly and one who tries to get along with everyone - necessary characteristics for an upcoming nurse. Ms. Kirkpatrick realizes that this career goal entails coming in contact with people from many walks of life.

But Ms. Kirkpatrick will be more than just a nurse when she completes her education. One of her major concerns are the hospitals and facilities for the aged. "I feel that the aged should have better care than they have now and receive more attention as an individual. One shouldn't treat people just because it's a job, but it should come from your heart."

Ms. Kirkpatrick's plan is to work with elderly and

**Halloween Tips**  
Parents, here are some reminders if your children are going out for trick-or-treating on Halloween night.

When buying Halloween costumes, inspect the label first; many are made with highly inflammable material. If the costume is not light in color and easily seen at night, iron on some bright reflector patches. Don't allow your child to go out alone.

# Natural Gas Decontrol Threatens Nation's Poor

## Gilmore Challenges Blacks

Tom Gilmore, Deputy Secretary of the North Carolina Department of Human Resources, challenged members of the Third Congressional District Black Leadership Caucus in Goldsboro on Saturday, October 17, to "dare to dream together for a better future."

Speaking to the caucus at the First African Baptist Church, Gilmore told the members to ask themselves two questions: 1) What problems do we have in common in the Third Congressional District? Analyze the strengths as well as the weaknesses, and then as 2) What can be done to make the region what we want it to be?

Gilmore told the group that our children are our most valuable resource and that the strength of our state and nation lies in the investment we are willing to make in their future.

He said the goals of our state should be to provide opportunity for good health, good education and good jobs for all of our citizens. Education, of necessity, must be our primary concern. Education develops human resources, and human resources, in turn, determines the quality of life.

Gilmore said that the "Reagan administration through across-the-board cuts is hurting the working poor -- those very families which are making the greatest effort to help themselves."

He urged those in attendance to renew their commitment for a better North Carolina for all citizens.



REV. JOHN PERKINS

Distinguished Evangelist

Column To Appear Weekly

## Rev. John Perkins Joins Post's Editorial Staff

By Susan Ellsworth  
Post Staff Writer

"Walk Your Talk" Would you believe this is the title of a column written by an evangelist? Beginning in this issue, Rev. John Perkins' editorials will appear in THE CHARLOTTE POST.

Perkins, 51, president and founder of the Voices of Calvary Ministries in Jackson, Mississippi, writes editorials for non-Christians that appear in papers in Mississippi, California, Louisiana, Florida and now North Carolina.

He also publishes the "Voices of Calvary Ministries" which is the official news piece of his church for 30,000 readers.

In his editorials Perkins

said he provides a "spiritual application to secular issues. He appeals to non-Christians with Christian perceptions," he added.

As an evangelist for a non-denominational church, Perkins said he "addresses central truths that all Christians believe."

Rev. Perkins also will begin a religious radio broadcast on WQQC commenting on national issues with a Christian perspective.

His columns are an outgrowth of his philosophy to achieve reconciliation between the races through the church.

When he formed the Voices of Calvary Church in Mendenhall, Miss., in 1964, the church not only cared for the poor but led drives for voter registration, integration and rights.

A Mississippi native, Perkins holds an Honorary Doctor of Law Degree from Wheaton College and received a Ford Fellowship.

Biblical principals of relocation, reconciliation and redistribution form a basis for VOC missionaries.

## Kroger Brand Peanut Butter Will Drop 15¢

After rising to record highs during the 1980 drought, the price of peanut butter has started to go down. Kroger Food Stores today announced that the price of Kroger brand peanut butter will drop 15 cents per pound effective October 25.

The price reductions include Kroger smooth, crunchy and super crunchy peanut butter. Kroger's price reductions were followed by announcements of reductions of 15 cents per pound for Skippy and Jif peanut butter.

Peanut butter prices rose to record levels last year after the summer's prolonged drought in the South destroyed about 47 percent of the U.S. peanut crop.

## Financial Burdens Fall On Poor!

Special To The Post

Eddie N. Williams, president of the Joint Center for Political Studies told the American Gas Association that he applauded their opposition to accelerated decontrol of natural gas prices. "However," he said, "I believe your efforts in this regard must be more vocal and considerably expanded if the powerful forces for immediate decontrol are to be thwarted."

Speaking at the AGA conference in New York City, Williams said that the financial burdens of immediate decontrol would fall most heavily on poor and fixed-income households. According to recent AGA estimates, families earning less than \$7,000 per year now spend about 10.7 percent of their income on gas and would spend about 13 percent under immediate, total decontrol. By comparison, middle-income families (earning more than \$14,000 per year) would still spend less than 4 percent of their income on natural gas, even after decontrol. Moreover, according to the most recent census data, the number of poor in America is not declining but growing. In 1980, the number of people living below the poverty line increased 11 percent over 1979, to 29.3 million.

"America's poor are unlikely to find drastic price increases acceptable policy now or in the future," Williams said. "Although government can choose to drown out their concerns with ideological platitudes, you, the providers of the commodities, are on the front lines. You are most vulnerable to expressions of public outrage. What began some time ago as an essential and well-considered process of selective deregulation," said Mr. Williams, "appears to be turning into an indiscriminating assault on important values in our society. A single, simplistic but often compelling idea - deregulation is being pushed into every nook and cranny of our lives. From the school room and the voting booth to industry and government, we are witnessing a massive overconfidence in the capacity of a largely unregulated marketplace to respond efficiently and equitably to many of the nation's vital needs. So pervasive is this push to get the government out of our lives that we are on the brink of becoming a nation without central purposes, a people overwhelmed by the onslaught of change."

## Council Seeking Suggestions, Appointments

The Charlotte City Council is seeking comments and suggestions from the public to fill vacancies on various boards, committees and agencies. In the Monday, October 26, City Council meeting, nominations will be made to fill these positions.

The vacancies are: Council on Aging, one unexpired term (term expires March 30, 1982); Clean City Committee, nine positions at varying times; Private Industry Council, one unexpired term (term expires May 18, 1982); Tree Advisory Committee, one 3-year term; Charlotte Historic District Commission, two appointments (one unexpired term to expire June 30, 1983 and one 3-year term).

Also, City Council is requested to appoint 26 persons to serve on the Board of Electors of the Southern Piedmont Health Systems Agency, Inc. (SPHSA). The deadline for submission of the names is November 16, 1981. City Council is also requested to provide nominations for nine consumer positions to be voted on by the Board of Electors and for four provider positions to be voted on by the SPHSA Governing Body.

Anyone interested in any of the above vacancies may request a Talent Bank Form from the Community Relations Committee, 623 East Trade St., 28202, telephone 374-2424 or you may contact any member of City Council.

Proposals for immediate, total deregulation of the well-head price of natural gas must be viewed as part of this ominous trend. Such proposals are still very much with us, as the President's recent vacillation on the issue suggests. If not raised by members of Congress this year, they must certainly will reappear after the 1982 elections. And if not then, there is still the specter of substantial deregulation in 1985 under the terms of the Natural Gas Policy Act.

## Fourth Awards Banquet

## John Fennie To Address

## Charlotte Business League

Celanese Fibers Marketing Company President John A. Fennie of New York City will be guest speaker October 31 at the Charlotte Business League's fourth annual awards banquet.

The banquet, to be held at the Radisson Plaza Hotel, honors outstanding minority businessmen in the Charlotte area.

Fennie has been president of Celanese Fibers Marketing Company since April 1978 and a vice president of its parent Celanese Corporation since September 1978. The company Fennie heads markets the acetate, triacetate and polyester fibers and yarns manufactured by Celanese Fibers Company and Fiber Industries, Inc., a Celanese subsidiary.

A native of Scarsdale, N.Y., and a former resident of Charlotte, Fennie is a 1955 graduate of the School of Textiles at North Carolina State University. He joined Celanese in 1957 at Rock Hill, S.C., and transferred to the market-



John A. Fennie  
...CFMC president

ing company in Charlotte in 1959. He has been based in New York since 1962. He was senior vice president - textile marketing prior to becoming president of the company.

Fennie is an active fund raiser for the Anti-Defamation League, the Greater New York Councils of the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts of America, the March of Dimes and the United Jewish Appeal. In 1979, he received both the Distinguished Community Service Award from Brandeis University and the Textile

Salesmen's Association's "Man of the Year" award. In 1978 he received the Humanitarian Award from the National Conference of Christians and Jews and the annual Achievement Award of the Textile Veterans Association.

Fennie is married to the former Jane Lattam of Garner, N.C. They have four sons and live in Ridge-wood, N.J.

## Three-Day Workshop

### Scheduled

A three-day workshop for motor fleet supervisors is scheduled at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte October 20-22.

Instruction will be provided by specialists in the motor fleet industry. The cost is \$235.

For registration and other information, contact UNCC's Office for Continuing Education and Extension at 377-2121 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.

## TURTLE-TALK



You can win more friends with your ears than with your mouth.