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VALORIA SELLERS  
...Myers Park Senior

## Attractive Valoria Sellers

### Is "Beauty Of The Week"

By Teresa Burns  
Post Staff Writer  
As a sophomore at Myers Park Senior High School Valoria Sellers has already outlined what her achievements in life will entail.

Aspects of life our beauty is interested in. An all-around person, Ms. Sellers enjoys the actress-singer Lena Horne's talents, and the "Dukes of Hazzard" television program.

Ms. Sellers' favorite subject as a tenth grader is World History. "I like to get into the past to find out what other generations have accomplished."

"I wish to go to the National Guard and study nursing as a profession," Ms. Sellers revealed. "I've always been interested in both and I thought it would be interesting to combine the two."

She also enjoys playing various forms of sports - bicycle riding, tennis, basketball and volleyball. While a 9th grader she received honors in basketball, track and volleyball. Presently she is trying out for the swim team at Myers Park.

When it comes to today's generation, Ms. Sellers feels that our economy is headed in the right direction. "No one should lay around and get something free if they are able to work."

But these are not the only

With Various Disorders

## \$2.3 Appropriated For Treatment For Children

RALEIGH - The North Carolina General Assembly appropriated an additional \$2.3 million last week to the N.C. Department of Human Resources for services and treatment for children who are seriously emotionally, neurologically, or mentally handicapped whose disorders are accompanied by violent or assaultive behavior.

that were rightfully theirs under federal and state laws. As stipulated by the court, the state has agreed to now and in the future identify these children who fit into this category and provide a "continuum of care" which will enable them to move from services that are segregated from the community to services in their community. Hopefully, most of them will be able to improve to the point that they live independently.

In their earlier session this summer, the legislature had appropriated \$1.6 million for care of these children. Governor James B. Hunt Jr. said, "I am deeply pleased that the legislature has seen fit to fund this program. I am personally deeply committed to meeting the needs of this very special group of children."

Dr. Morrow indicated that the statewide survey being conducted to locate and identify children in this class has so far nominated 1,308 potential class members. From this number, permission has already been obtained from the parents or guardians of 541 to provide further diagnostic evaluation to determine if these are indeed members of this class of children. Diagnostic evaluations have already been provided for 330 of these children.

A recent court case involving four such children ruled that these children and all others like them across the state had been denied the appropriate treatment and education

Recognizing that it would not be feasible to develop a 'continuum of care' for these children in all 100 counties of the state because some counties might have only one or two such children, we have developed a statewide plan for services and treatment that divides the state into multi-county zones. There are 13 such zones across the state which have been ranked according to the number of children in each zone and the readiness of the area to provide services," she explained.

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The majority of the total \$3.9 million allocated to the Division of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services of the Department of Human Resources is to be used to begin the "continuum of care" in four priority zones of the state involving 27 counties.

# Supreme Court To Review Civil Rights Enforcement

## That Tax Cut Don't Spend It Yet

This is the month when workers are first feeling their 5 percent income tax reduction. And even if it's a small amount, it probably feels pretty good.

"But don't spend your money yet," says Dr. Justine Rozier, extension family resource management specialist at North Carolina State University.

The reason? Increased Social Security payments in January may cancel out your increase in take-home pay.

Let's take a look at exactly what will be happening. First comes the October income tax withholding cut.

If you haven't received an October paycheck yet, you can calculate the amount of your tax cut by multiplying the amount deducted from your last paycheck for federal taxes by .05, Dr. Rozier explains.

This cut will continue until July, when another 10 percent reduction in taxes will be made. A third cut, also of 10 percent, is slated for July 1983.

That's the good news. But, effective January 1, 1982, employer and employee contributions to Social Security will change from 6.65 percent of income to 6.70 percent.

And the maximum annual wage subject to Social Security withholding will rise from \$29,700 to \$31,800.

"So, the net effect for some people with the income tax cut and the Social Security increase may be negative," says Dr. Rozier. "That is, they may have less take-home pay after January than they have now."



Tobacco farmer McKinley Brim with a favorite cow on his Patrick County, Virginia farm. Brim is one of several Blue Ridge Mountain residents pictured

in the new Library of Congress photographic book, "Blue Ridge Harvest," American Folklife Center photo by Terry Eiler

## New Publication Portrays Life Along The Blue Ridge Parkway

"Blue Ridge Harvest," a new publication from the Library of Congress, is a photographic portrait of the land, communities, religion, and people along a section of the 469 miles of the Blue Ridge Parkway. In these pages one meets Ernest Jarvis for a tour around his family farm, McKinley Brim, a bright-leaf tobacco farmer in his early 80's, Carrie Severt, a quilt-maker, and D.J. and Janet Keith, high school teachers who also farm over 400 acres.

The approximately 100 black-and-white photographs in this 116-page publication were taken during the Blue Ridge Parkway Folklife Project, conducted in 1978 by the Library's American Folklife Center in cooperation with the National Park Service. The project was limited to areas in seven counties along the Parkway, between Rocky Knob, Va., and Doughton Park, N.C. A team of folklorists conducted an intensive field survey of the region, recording hundreds of peo-

ple and taking thousands of photographs. A survey of the recorded religious expression of the region is the subject of a forthcoming two-record album and booklet.

"Blue Ridge Harvest" is available for \$4.75 in person from the Information Counter, Library of Congress, Thomas Jefferson Building, or by mail from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402, (Stock No. 030-000-00127-3).

## CAF Accepting Energy Assistance Applications

The Charlotte Area Fund, 1326 Woodward Ave., is now taking applications for North Carolina's Low Income Energy Assistance Program. The office is open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, and applications must be received by December 11.

This program provides a one-time cash payment to help eligible households pay a portion of their heating bills. The Area Fund is operating the program in conjunction with the Department of Social Services.

In order to be eligible, a household must (1) meet income requirements, (2) have heating bills, and (3) have household assets of \$2,200 or less.

## What Are The Most Pressing Concerns Of Blacks In 1981?

### First of a series

right now in the 80's, the budget cuts really weigh heavy on the minds of a large number of our people. Concern for the welfare of Aid to Families With Dependent Children, programs to help mothers, and then of course Social Security, the CETA jobs program, cuts in these and many others are very much in the minds of people. The same is the case in housing as well. I know at least in Raleigh, and I'm sure it's the same in North Carolina, there is a housing shortage of low income housing whether it be in the public or the private sector. All kinds of racist organizing is going on around us. While the most racist form is the Greensboro massacre, in Goldsboro, Winston-Salem, and all of these places there is something to be concerned about. Finally, I think probably what might be considered the cutting edge of this assault on black people is the issue of police

them are not black owned. They call themselves black stations but they're not. Getting the privilege of going into these places in the 1960's was important, but in the 1980's it's a bread and butter matter. The economics that Jackson is working on is bound to help the masses of people because they spend money for those soft drinks. For years I carried on the bottom of our paper "The races that buys everything and doesn't sell anything is always going to be a beggar race." The mere fact that you are selling things will help everybody.

The Area Fund Office is located in the Double Oaks Community Center, which is on Woodward Ave., just off Statesville Ave., two blocks north of Oaklawn Avenue. Anyone who is physically unable to apply may send a representative or call 372-9930 to complete an application. Applicants must bring, or send with their representative, information verifying their household's income. This includes verification of earned and unearned income - pay check stubs for October 1981, dividend check copies, letter from renter stating amount of rent he or she pays you, written certification of Social Security, veterans benefits, unemployment compensation, workman's compensation, railroad retirement, income from annuities, pensions, stocks etc.



William J. Kennedy III  
N.C. Mutual president

son's success with the Coca-Cola boycott indicated that he's got the right idea when he emphasizes the importance of our people being able to work in these large corporations; to get distributorships; to have black people sitting on the board of directors; and to get advertising for black newspapers. I was glad when Jackson emphasized black-owned radio stations because most of

Gordon Dilahunt, organizer of the Black United Front, Raleigh: "The black community is divided up along class lines. So you find a division of it. Although you'll find a number of things that people hold in common, the pressing concerns. I think on one hand

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## LEAA Case To Be Argued In December

In the fall of 1975, the National Black Police Association and twelve individuals sued LEAA (the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration) and its officials to compel civil rights enforcement and to win monetary damages because of the federal agency's willful disregard of its civil rights enforcement mandate. In the fall of 1981, the U.S. Supreme Court will review the case, now styled *Velde v. National Black Police Association*, No. 80-1074.

The outcome of this case will determine, in large part, whether federal agencies and officials can be sued at all to remedy their refusal to enforce civil rights requirements.

At the time that LEAA was sued, the agency was pouring billions of dollars into state and local law enforcement agencies, many of which blatantly discriminated against blacks, other minorities, and women. Yet, at the same time, LEAA was governed by a most stringent civil rights enforcement law (authored in 1973 by Representative Barbara Jordan) which barred LEAA from giving any money to police departments engaged in discrimination and which obligated LEAA to cut-off funding to discriminatory police departments. LEAA, however, refused to comply with this governing federal statute as well as with the non-discrimination requirements of the Fifth Amendment.

The National Black Police Association sought to counter this defiance by suing LEAA and its officials to compel enforcement and to recover monetary damages. Initially the litigation was unsuccessful; the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia dismissed the lawsuit. The dismissal, however, was reversed by the U.S. Court of Appeals and the case was remanded for trial. The Justice Department then sought and obtained review by the Supreme Court.

This case will be argued before the Supreme Court in December, 1981. Briefs are available from ACLU national staff counsel E. Richard Larson, the lawyer for the National Black Police Association, et al.

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