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MRS. PATRICIA BROWN
.....In distress

Due To Unfortunate Circumstances

Mrs. Brown And Her Sons

Have No Place To Call Home

By Gayle Hinson
Post Staff Writer

After a tiring day running around from place to place filling out job applications Patricia Brown came home to 2529 West Hampton Drive and was greeted by the sight of her burning house.

Her husband, Christopher Brown, 35, a paranoid schizophrenic, (a mental disorder classified by delusions of persecutions), had started the fire.

"He thought that the house was bugged and that by burning the house down he was getting the bugs out," Mrs. Brown began.

The couple has been married for 12 years. Mrs. Brown reported that her husband had not exhibited any signs of mental illness before the fire.

"Something came on him all at once. He started

talking about people on the job but I didn't pay any attention to him," she continued.

Brown, in jail now, will later be sent to Dorothea Dix Mental Hospital for treatment.

Luckily no one was hurt in the fire. But now Mrs. Brown and her two sons, Christopher, 14, and Leonard, 12, have no place to call home. What worse time of the year than the Christmas season to be without a home.

At present she is renting a room in a local hotel but says that she wants a permanent place to live. "This place is too expensive," she remarked.

Mrs. Brown is looking for an apartment to rent in the Steele Creek Road, Wilkinson Boulevard, West Boulevard area near where the family was previously

living. She prefers a place where "some utilities are included, particularly water and lights."

She listed her other requirements by stating, "I do not want anything with upstairs because I have fallen down steps before."

Despite personal tragedy one must always work. The mother is working at temporary jobs now. "I work for Norell Services now, going from job to job wherever I am needed," she said.

The hard working woman listed her skills as being in the line of domestic work. "I can cook and clean. I have done a lot of breakfast cooking and some dinner cooking," she explained. Mrs. Brown does have transportation to get to work.

She speaks strongly of the future with a Christian's sense of perseverance. "I will make it but it takes patience," she declared.

Insurance will help only so much. The insurance company will help pay for a place for the family to stay and clean up the furniture.

Mrs. Brown needs help. She has contacted the Crisis Assistance Ministry to see what aid they could offer. The help there has been limited. Anyone having information that can help this mother with two sons find a job, home, or just give aid of any kind, please contact the Post who will pass the information on to Mrs. Brown.

departure time is now 7:01 a.m.

Route No. 50X-Freedom Drive has been rescheduled to improve on time performance.

The 5:20 p.m. trip from Fourth and College Streets to Richway has also been cancelled. Trips are available at 5:10 or 5:40 p.m. Alternate Route No. 7 service is available from the Square at 5:17 p.m. for points along Monroe Road.

City Bus Route

Changes Announced

Have you ever thought about changing? Well, the Charlotte Transit System has and they are changing for the better.

Schedule adjustments began November 30 with six various routes.

Route No. 29 SouthPark-UNCC has minor schedule adjustments to reflect service to new Park N' Ride Lots. Some trips switched from Sharon Presbyterian Church to other church lots to relieve overcrowding.

Minor schedule adjustments have been made to Route No. 39X-Square-UNCC to improve on time performance. New trip leaves the Square for UNCC every weekday morning at 8:07.

Route No. 40X-Albemarle Rd. will see a change also. The 5:05 p.m. trip from Fourth and College Streets has been cancelled. The 5 and 5:10 p.m. trips remain.

Route No. 45X-Carmel has combined the 6:56 and the 7:06 a.m. trips from Highway 51. The revised

Hearing Set On CD Program

If you live in Cherry, Grier Heights, Five Points, North Charlotte or Third Ward, mark December 16 on your calendar.

At 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 600 East Trade Street, on that day the Charlotte City Council will hold a public hearing to receive citizens' comments on the progress and performance of Charlotte's Community Development (CD) Program.

Persons wanting to speak at the hearing should contact the Office of the City Clerk, 600 East Trade Street, or call 374-2247 by noon of December 16.

The CD program strives for improvement of areas which were designated by the City Council. With the use of federal aid the department strives to improve houses, streets and has also begun some special programs.

Speakers are asked to place their comments in writing for the record. Those not able to attend may send their comments to: Director, Community Development Department, Cameron-Brown Building, 301 South McDowell Street, Suite 510, Charlotte, N.C. 28204.

Homeowners To

Save On Property

Insurance

Homeowners in the Idlewild and Mint Hill Fire Districts in Mecklenburg County will save money on their property insurance as a result of improvement in their fire protection classifications.

The North Carolina Insurance News Service reported the savings will apply to homeowners' and fire insurance policies.

White: Black Youths Need To Get Involved



PAT COLEMAN
....Field Underwriter

Gorgeous Pat Coleman

Is "Beauty Of The Week"

By Teresa Burns
Post Staff Writer

Besides from being apparently what she is, a beauty, Pat Coleman has also made an impression upon the insurance industry.

"It's rough, but I enjoy it," Ms. Coleman pointed out. "The more I learn about insurance the more important I realize it is."

For six months our beauty has been a Field Underwriter for New York Life Insurance. "Insurance is protection for the future; it can be used as a retirement plan; to educate children; or to borrow against and still have money left," she continued.

And on a more personal note, "I get to meet a lot of people and various personalities. My ambition is to continue selling insurance and to reach the \$100,000 a year goal. I want to become a chartered life underwriter and make the million dollar

round table," she added. The daughter of Shirley Massey, our beauty is a Leo...easy going and friendly. "I enjoy working with people and helping people. My job for instance is to be of service. As long as I can help a person I've helped myself."

Ms. Coleman's favorite person and the most inspiring personality in her life is her mother. "She explained many things to me as I was growing up and now I see they are true. I think back on a lot of things she has said and this the reason I've become as successful as I have with New York Life."

Listening to music is one enjoyment Ms. Coleman has time for. She attends Friendship Baptist Church and is a member of the Life Underwriters Association. Job and pleasure are not the only confrontations our beauty experiences. She truly would like to see more caring and more love in the world.

Young People Are Vital

Resource

A Temple University sociologist believes black youth need to fight their crippling unemployment rate by registering to vote and joining community-based political organizations.

"Black youth need to respond to their situation in a very pragmatic manner. If they don't pursue the issues themselves, no one will do it for them," predicts Clark White, a black sociologist who has done extensive research on rates of black youth unemployment, and who was a commentator on NBC-TV's recent "White Paper." "America - Black and White."

"Given the condition of the economy, nothing of great significance can be expected from the private sector for providing jobs.

"Young people should participate at the grassroots level in the political organization of their neighborhoods and communities.

"Forming interest groups and unemployment councils could provide the mechanism for effective lobbying of politicians and special commissions," White said.

"These interest groups and councils made up of youth who are eligible voters could have tremendous political clout at the local level and be able to determine the outcome of elections and the implementation of various manpower programs."

He believes elected officials can and must be lobbied for their support of special interest groups, such as young, black, unemployed, registered voters.

"Black youth have to be taught political values that will move them beyond the traditional solutions that usually blame the victim rather than the structural causes of the victim's problems.

"Black youth should also be taught to realize that the world economy is in a state of rapid change and it affects their lives."

According to recent statistics released by the U.S. Department of Labor, the unemployment rate for black youth is at least 50 percent. But some experts, including White, believe the numbers are too conservative.

"These statistics indicate that within urban America there is a 'lost generation' of young people between the ages of 16-25, who face the possibility of never finding a job on a long-term basis," claims White.

"These young people are a vital resource if America is to experience an urban renaissance.

"Unemployed black youth don't fit any of the popular stereotypes that some 'experts' would like us to believe," he continues.

"Not all of them carry guns, shoot dope or attack innocent people. A large percentage of them attend school on a regular basis, and participate in church and community activities." See "White" Page 4

Charlotte Business League Serious About Having A Profound Impact On City

By Loretta Manago
Post Staff Writer

For an infant organization the Charlotte Business League is serious about having a profound impact on the Charlotte minority and majority communities.

A predominantly black organization, the Charlotte Business League was founded in 1978 and chartered one year later in order to enhance the opportunities for minority development and to raise the image of minority businesses in the community.

Since its conception, the Charlotte Business League has been dedicated to eliminating the isolation of the black business community from the business community at large, to promote business, to optimize community involvement, to improve communications to provide for the pooling of resources, to stimulate black business



Bobby Lowery
...New president

opportunity and eliminate racial prejudice and discrimination, and to prevent the continued deterioration of black- or minority-occupied areas.

Needless to say the task before the Charlotte Business League is an enormous one. One instrument

that has been extremely vital to the League in meeting its objectives is the Charlotte Business League's annual awards banquet. More than just a time for dining, the annual banquet recognizes people in the community who have, over the years, contributed to the growth and development of the minority community. This recognition elevates the level of awareness in the majority and minority communities and it also raises the community awareness of the League and its purposes.

Also, at the annual banquet, new officers are elected. This year's elected officials are: president, Bobby Lowery, president of Better Cleaning Maintenance Supply, Inc. and Better Cleaning Janitor Service, Inc.; vice president, J. Phillip Hatchett of Hatchett and Cunningham Assoc., Inc.; secretary,

Roy Johnson of North Carolina National Bank and treasurer, Omar Leatherman of Hertz Lease-A-Car.

As newly elected president Lowery wants to place the Charlotte Business League on a solid base. "I plan to develop a League Membership Directory, to be distributed throughout the community, the Chamber of Commerce and other business-seeking organizations," remarked Lowery.

Other priorities high on Lowery's list are to increase the League's membership and to increase the League's image of visibility.

The existing image of the Charlotte Business League is impressive for its tender age. The league was instrumental in attaining a 15 percent minority business goal at the airport, in developing a minority busi-

ness enterprise program and in conducting a seminar which greatly enhanced the image of the League.

Businessmen who are interested in joining the League should apply by writing to CBL, P. O. Box 30426, Charlotte, N.C. 28230.

The Charlotte Business League is an affiliate of the National Business League in Washington, D.C.

Secretaries To

Honor Olive

The Charlotte Legal Secretaries Association honored Leon Olive, 1981-82 Boss of the Year, and Sandra Atkinson Parker, 1981-82 Secretary of the Year, at the luncheon held in their honor recently.

Mr. Olive, an alumni of Duke University, is a partner in the law firm Olive, Robinson, Wilcox & Blackford.

TURTLE-TALK



If a MAN could have
HALF his wishes he would
DOUBLE his TROUBLES.