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Hunt Proclaims Day For Church - Governor Jim Hunt proclaimed February 14 Richard Allen Day, in honor of the founder of the AME Church. Hunt is presenting the proclamation to Mr. James E. Odom of Rocky Mount. Also present were the Rev. Donald Wess, pastor of St. Mark AME Church in Rocky Mount; the Rev. W. W. Easley Jr., pastor of St. Joseph AME Church in Durham, and Attorney William Marsh Jr. of Durham. Hunt was presented an AME flag.

Amendments To Result

In Loss Of Disability Benefits

Special To The Post
RALEIGH - Federal amendments will result in the loss of Social Security disability benefits for an estimated 5,000 to 7,000 North Carolinians. They may lose their disability benefits due to annual regulations passed by Congress in 1980.

Congress added the requirement that persons be judged by stricter criteria and accelerated the review process. Approximately 16,000 North Carolinians who receive disability benefits will have their cases reviewed for eligibility during 1982. Thirty to forty percent may lose their benefits because of stricter requirements imposed by federal regulations.

These continuing disability investigations, called CDIs by the Social Security Administration,

will be conducted by the State Disability Determination Section, a subsidiary of the Social Security Administration located in the Department of Human Resources' Division of Social Services. Edwin Hamlin, assistant director for Disability Determination, said approximately 8,500 of these "periodic review" cases had been received from Social Security in 1981. Of these 5,000 had been completed, resulting in the termination of disability benefits for some 2,000 people - or a rate of 40 percent.

The state agency, which has its counterpart in all 50 states and four other jurisdictions, has assisted the Federal government in this manner since the start of the disability program under Social Security in 1957. The state agency's function is to develop the

necessary medical and vocational information needed to determine if the individual making a claim is disabled and thus entitled to benefits. Each claim must meet Social Security standards. The decision is made by the Federal government, which has jurisdiction in all cases.

Over 200,000 disabled North Carolinians and their dependents received in excess of \$42 million dollars each month in disability benefits under Title II and Title XVI of the Social Security Act, according to Hamlin.

According to Hamlin, the cases selected by Social Security for review in 1981 were based on computer profiles of cases most likely to show medical improvement; thus, a higher than normal termination rate was experienced. This resulted in more complaints to public officials, and greater dissatisfaction among those submitting claims. Hamlin said many of the cases had never been reviewed since their original approval five to seven years ago and today's criteria are much stricter than when they were placed on the rolls. Recipients who are dissatisfied with the decision rendered on their benefits may request a reconsideration and redress through the appeals process and the courts.

people who are success-conscious and want to control their own destiny," he says. "They come from all walks of life, but our members all have one thing in common - an Enabling Mental Attitude."

Davis says anyone can attain EMA, but they first have to rid themselves of what he calls "bad-think," a condition he feels is the true cause of people not succeeding. "Many people are letting chances for financial independence slip through their fingers because they don't believe in themselves. Too many blacks have become conditioned to accept poverty as a way of life," Davis stated. "They accept and feel it's their destiny. Frankly, our members think that's a lot of garbage. It's time to wake up and start using the talents we have for self-improvement. This country still offers the best opportunities of any in the world to become financially independent regardless of race; and our members are ambitious enough to take advantage of them."

Membership is open to anyone interested in improving his/her life. Information on the Black Success Club can be obtained by sending your name and address to: Black Success Club, P. O. Box 240, Amherst, MA 01001.

Davis state that it would cost \$2 to get the sample club newsletter that outlines the functions and benefits of the club. Explaining, he said, "We're not looking for curiosity-seekers. Let's face it, a person really interested in a better life won't mind spending a couple of bucks to find out how to have one."

Reagan Administration

Spells Doom For Blacks

AMHERST, MA - The Reagan Administration spells doom for blacks - at least that's the way some people see it. However, Lawrence Davis, an enterprising black businessman, doesn't agree.

Davis, the founder of the Black Success Club (BSC), thinks that the Reagan Administration may be the best thing that has happened to blacks in recent years.

"We've gotten so used to government assistance," chides Davis, "that many blacks have begun to lose sight of their ability to succeed on their own."

"If you think about it carefully, you'll realize that government subsidies and welfare can be a subtle, but deadly form of slavery," he continued.

The Black Success Club, recently organized, has already attracted the attention of many of the nation's blacks. The club's primary function is to help its members improve their lives, especially financially, according to Davis.

"BSC is made up of

TURTLE-TALK



Do not expect that EVERYONE WILL THINK YOU ARE PERFECT: Be SATISFIED if you are ABLE TO FOOL ONE OR TWO PEOPLE.

Public Opinion Survey Says: Employable Welfare Recipients Want Jobs

Ingram To Hunt: Stop Safe Driver Bill Sabotage

RALEIGH - Insurance Commissioner John Ingram sent Governor Jim Hunt a letter Monday afternoon, asking the Governor to request the General Assembly to consider a seven-word bill that would stop the auto insurance industry from sabotaging House Bill 7. Ingram said the seven-word bill will stop the auto insurance industry from circumventing House Bill 7 in their efforts to sabotage the law. He said, "Those with low points are being unfairly penalized by unfair recoupment surcharges totalling several million dollars."

"This was not the intent of the original House Bill 7," Ingram added. Ingram asked the Governor to have the General Assembly consider the short bill along with the following material in his proclamation:

1) apportionate; 2) a vacancy on the Board of Governors of the University of North Carolina; 3) laws requiring local boards of education to charge tuition.

Ingram said the short bill would reduce the amount charged people with lower points on their driving records, and increase the amount charged the habitual violator.

House Bill 7 which was passed in the 1981 session of the General Assembly started out as a one and a half page bill when it was introduced by Representative Richard Barnes of See STOP on Page 14



DORIS CHISHOLM
...Budding young actress

Youthful Doris Chisholm Is "Beauty Of The Week"

By Teresa Burns
Post Staff Writer
Youths with charming personalities are always an inspiration. Our 12 year-old beauty, Doris Chisholm, has a quality about her which makes one feel that there are still youths today we can be proud of.

A seventh grader at Northeast Junior High School, she plays the flute in the band and plans on going out for the Junior Varsity cheerleading squad.

Her favorite teacher is Ms. Woods, a Social Studies instructor at Northeast.

"She's smart and I like her a lot," Ms. Chisholm exerted.

Our Aries beauty describes herself as friendly and sometimes a little shy. So far she has committed herself to her studies and two years ago, at Hidden Valley Elementary School, she was chosen "The Best Student."

Doing the best she can has become a part of Ms. Chisholm's life. She has been inspired by her mother, Mrs. Peggy Johnson. "She takes care of me and I love her too," our beauty commented. The

second oldest, our beauty has two brothers and two sisters.

There are so many activities Ms. Chisholm enjoys. In addition to spending time and playing with her family she also enjoys cooking, riding her bike, playing her flute, cheerleading and shopping.

And to be only 12 years of age she has found many worthwhile activities to involve herself with.

She attends various activities at the McCrorey Branch YMCA and recently ran for the Miss McCrorey Y title. She received a trophy for what she termed "an exciting adventure." The proceeds raised by the contestants will help underprivileged youths enjoy summer camps in the future.

She is a member of Myers Tabernacle AME Zion Church where Rev. C. Thompson is minister. There, she is an usher, sings on the Youth Choir and serves with the Young Missionaries.

But there is one feature you'd never guess of our demure beauty. "I would like to be an actress. I enjoy acting. My favorite star on television is Claudia on General Hospital. I would not mind acting on 'General Hospital.' It seems to be an exciting profession."

There is a chance of course that Ms. Chisholm may change her intentions. But who is to predict? We may have an emerging star in our midst.

SANE

SANE-Citizens Organization for a Sane World - will be holding a meeting on Thursday, February 18, at St. Martin's Episcopal Church, 1510 E. 7th Street.

The business meeting will be held at 7 p.m. followed by Dr. Sidney Schuster, of UNCC's physics department speaking on "What About Radiation?"

Charlotte Business League Holds First Winter Retreat

The Charlotte Business League recently held a winter retreat to Myrtle Beach. The retreat was extremely successful and productive.

Task Force and committee reports gave clear indication that the CBL has matured and has become a highly visible and active force in the business community of Charlotte-Mecklenburg and is on the horizon of plowing new ground at the state level.

President Bobby Lowery's program featured goal setting, implementation of strategies and speakers including assistant to the governor, Ben Ruffin, Charlotte Director of Community Development, Harry Jones and consultant James Ross. Tax consultant Bobby Martin gave the group some insight into changes in tax laws while a special panel was led by Bob Maxwell of Small Business Association. CBL members gave a preview of black businesses in the 80s, some of the outlook is gloomy and some of it very bright.

As Ben Ruffin noted in his speech, many of us are worried and concerned



Ben Ruffin
...Hunt's assistant about the conservative posture in Washington and how many federal programs established to assist us now seem to be restructured to hurt our progress or are being killed completely. But, despite all

the gloom he urged people "not to bury our heads in the sand" but to push forward because we have overcome worse conditions in the past.

Past president, Jim Polk, outlined how the league can be more effective in working with other minority community groups. They reiterated that the league is "about the business of

business" and seeks to consult with and/or speak for any group as to how things affect us from a business point of view.

The retreat produced many things but most importantly it produced a renewed commitment to the Charlotte Business League from those attending.

Walker Urges Tax Return Check-Off

North Carolinians filing federal and state income tax returns were urged to check the \$2 box that channels that amount into political activity by Senator Russell G. Walker, Democrat, chairman of the North Carolina Democratic Party.

"The North Carolina Election Campaign Fund actually lets the taxpayer designate one of four choices: Democratic, Republican, Libertarian or Unspecified. Naturally, we hope most will check the Democratic column, now and at election time, but this is an exercise in par-

The goal and strategy were outlined as follows:

GOAL: to be the dollar-and-cents spokes group for matters, issues and concerns related to and/or affecting Charlotte's minority community.

STRATEGY: establish network between CBL and others to provide information beneficial to both or all parties concerned.

participative government and we think it's a good idea. "On the federal return, your only choice is whether to check a dollar for the Presidential Election Campaign fund. No party choice is allowed. But we think this is equally good, and for the same reason. When husband and wife are filing together, you can check two boxes on the state and federal return and this doubles your giving."

"Incidentally, this check-off does not affect your refund - and a lot of people filing early do have refunds coming - or the amount of tax you pay.

Reagan Not In Touch With The Issues

Some 68 percent of survey participants in the predominantly black South Central Los Angeles area believe President Reagan is not in touch with the issues and problems that are of most concern to them.

This contrasts substantially with the opinions of Americans nationwide, where 56 percent told The Merit Report: A Public Opinion Survey, that Mr. Reagan is in touch with the issues and problems that concern most of them.

The Merit Report, conducted January 26-31, surveyed some 1,200 adult Americans living in telephone households for this scientific, nationally projectable survey on current issues under the supervision of Audits & Surveys, Inc., one of the nation's largest survey research organizations. The Merit Report is sponsored by Merit cigarettes.

At the same time, 30-foot computerized Merit Opinion Centers traveled to South Central Los Angeles, Tampa-St. Petersburg and New Orleans, where a total of 3,558 participants voluntarily expressed their opinions on the same slate of questions posed in this Merit Report national survey.

In the South Central Los Angeles area, a total of 800 participants volunteered their opinions and revealed distinct differences on several issues between the general American population and inner city residents.

THE RESULTS:
President "Not In Touch"
On the question of whether or not President Reagan is in touch with the issues of concern to them personally, 68 percent in predominantly black neighborhoods of Los Angeles say he is not in touch, 25 percent believe he is in touch, and 7 percent have no opinion.

In the national Merit telephone survey, 56 percent of the American people think Mr. Reagan is in touch with their concerns, 34 percent say he is in touch and 10 percent have no opinion.

People On Welfare
A majority of Americans and Los Angeles volunteers say that most employable people on welfare would rather be employed, although a far higher percentage of local participants hold this view.

Seventy percent in the South Central Los Angeles survey say employable persons would rather be employed, 24 percent feel these employable persons would rather be on welfare and 6 percent have no opinion. In the national survey, 54 percent think employable people would rather be employed, 36 percent say they would rather be on welfare and 10 percent have no opinion.

Inner City Residents
Participants in the predominantly black Los Angeles survey come much See REAGAN on Page 11