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Democrats Set Public Hearings

The Democratic Party is holding public hearings on its "Plan of Organization" before revision is undertaken, according to Steve Gheen, chairman of the Party's Board of Review.

The first of four scheduled hearings will be held in Greenville on Saturday, March 27, at the Holiday Inn in Greenville. Democrats who hold party offices have been invited to give testimony about the rules under which the Party governs its organization from precinct to state level and to advise the review board about which portions require revision or clarification.

Other hearings have been scheduled in Charlotte on April 17; Asheville on May 15; and Raleigh on June 19.

Members of the review committee are Steve Gheen of Raleigh, Bill Hodges of Washington, Herb McKim of Wilmington, Jan Parker of Raleigh and Gerry Cohen of Raleigh.

Herb McKim will preside over the Greenville meeting. Persons wishing further information about the agenda may call him at (919) 762-2621 in Wilmington or call the Democratic Party Headquarters in Raleigh. All hearings are open and the public is invited.

Medlin Named Outstanding Officer

John G. Medlin Jr., president of Wachovia Bank and Trust Company, has been named the most outstanding chief executive officer of 1981 for regional banks by "Financial World" magazine.

Medlin's selection was made by a panel of the nation's leading security analysts based on his and Wachovia's performance, contributions to banking and to the community, and effectiveness in dealing with various constituencies. It was the second time in five years that he has received the honor.

Medlin has been with Wachovia since 1959. He was named president of the bank in 1974 and became president and chief executive officer of Wachovia Corporation and Wachovia Bank at the beginning of 1977.

Blood Pressure Screening To Be Held At Reid's

A Blood Pressure Screening will be held on Saturday, March 27, at Reid Super Mart, 2321 West Boulevard, from 9-11 a.m.

The screening is open to the general public.

This event is being sponsored by the Mecklenburg County Health Department and The National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc. - Charlotte Club.

For more information, contact Idelia Proctor, Health Education, Mecklenburg County Health Department, 375-1885, Ext. 246.

TURTLE-TALK



The glory is not in never failing, but in rising every time you fail.



Phillip Berry
...Main speaker



Ron Leeper
...Church's councilman



Harvey Gantt
...To read scripture



Jim Richardson
...Candidate



Judge Michael Todd
...Responsive reading



James Polk
...Candidate

Steward's Day Attracts Black Political Leaders

Many have suggested that government and the church remain separate entities. And then there are others who feel that without God in any respect, there will be a void.

Evidently our Black local political officials feel that praising God is something they can do politically and without shame.

Many have consented to participate in a Steward's Day Program at Moore's Sanctuary AME Zion Church, 4100 Morrisfield Dr., Sunday, March 28 at 11 a.m.

Members of the Board of Stewards of the church came up with the brilliant idea for the program's theme: "Getting to Know

Some of Our Black Elected Officials."

Maybe it does, but it seems that this sort of occasion should occur more often. During this event our local black officials will be surrounded by their constituents.

The people they serve will be able to offer their comments about our government to those who are in a position to make a difference.

Phillip O. Berry, chairman of the Board of Education - Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools, is just one public official who will be present at the program.

Berry will be the principal speaker. He will be introduced by Charles

Dannelly, city councilman. Judge Michael Todd will lead the responsive reading and Harvey Gantt, Mayor Pro-Tem, will read the scripture lesson for the morning.

Ronald Leeper, city councilman for the Moore's Sanctuary AME Zion Church district, will be leading the morning prayer.

"I am pleased to participate in this service," Leeper explained. "This gives the public an opportunity to know Black elected officials. A lot of time there is no direct contact and the public may feel alienated."

"This gives everyone the chance to express their thoughts and concerns and I look forward to this opportunity to be with the public," he continued.

Following the morning service a fellowship period will be held. During this time the congregation can converse with the officials present.

Other elected officials have also been invited. Some non-elected officials who have expressed interest in running for office, such as Jim Richardson and James Polk, have also been invited. The public is cordially invited to attend this service.

The pastor of Moore's Sanctuary AME Zion Church is Rev. William R. Robinson.

Block Grant Hearing Scheduled For Tuesday

Citizens and organizations in Mecklenburg County will have an opportunity to speak out about the future use of Federal Block Grant funds in North Carolina at a public hearing scheduled for Tuesday, March 30, in Charlotte.

The hearing, one of six being held in the state, is scheduled for 7 p.m. at West Charlotte High School.

Governor James B. Hunt Jr. has asked the Secretaries of his nine Cabinet Departments to attend the hearings in order to listen to the concerns of the public. The Governor will use the information gathered in the public hearings to make specific budget recommendations.

Citizens wishing to present an oral statement must sign up in advance, beginning at 6:30 p.m. the night of the hearing in the lobby of the auditorium at West Charlotte High School. Sign-up will be on first-come, first-served basis. Verbal comments will be limited three minutes in length to accommodate as many citizens as possible. Ample free parking will be available.

Charlotte Mayor Eddie Knox will preside with Secretary of Administration Jane Patterson serving as moderator of the general session starting at 7 p.m. At 7:30 p.m., three separate hearings will be convened, one for each of the areas affected by Block Grants - Department of Human Resources; Department of Natural Resources and Community Development; take public comments concerning administrative procedures.

Representatives of city and county local govern-

ments, as well as area members of the General Assembly, are expected to attend.

Written comments concerning Block Grants will also be accepted for seven days following the final hearing.

The important public hearing is open to press and media representatives. Requests for interview and or advance background information should be made to Chuck McLendon, Advance Coordinator for the Charlotte Hearing, 919-733-4471.

JCSU Will Celebrate Founder's Day

Johnson C. Smith University will celebrate the 115th year of its founding with a series of activities to be held on Sunday, April 4.

Nationally noted civil rights attorney Julius Chambers will be the featured speaker at the 2:30 p.m. convocation to be held at the University Church.

Chambers, who entered law practice in Charlotte in 1964, is the senior partner of the law firm Chambers, Ferguson & Becton and is a lecturer at the University of Pennsylvania School of Law.

Activities will include an administrative and faculty procession with members dressed in academic regalia. The procession will move from Biddle Hall to the University Church just prior to the convocation.

Immediately following the convocation, a campus-community birthday party with cake, balloons, banners and buttons will be held in the student union lounge.

A brief skit portraying



Julius Chambers
...JCSU speaker

the university founders and past presidents will also be presented at the party. All activities are open to the public free of charge.

Chambers is a member of the North Carolina, Mecklenburg County, American and National Bar Associations; the N.C. Association of Black Lawyers; the Constitutional Review Committee of the N.C. Bar Association.

President, NAACP Legal and Educational Fund; Board of Overseers at the University of Pennsylvania School of Law; Board of Visitors, Harvard Law

Housing Coalition Calls

Federal Role Essential

Threat Seen To Social Security

Special To The Post
"North Carolinians who receive Social Security checks—or who have parents or grandparents that do—might want to get in touch with their Congressmen or Senators about the new Republican proposal on this important program."

John T. Denning of Clinton, chairman of the Democratic Party Committee on the Care of the Aging said that. "Several key Republican senators, including Majority Leader Howard Baker and chairman of the Budget and Finance Committee, Pete Domenici and Robert Dole, got ahead of the President. They are talking about a two-year freeze on Social Security, to save \$20 billion of President Reagan's hundred billion plus deficit."

The Democratic chairman pointed out that President Reagan issued a statement that the Administration would not take a position on the Social Security freeze until after a presidential commission issued its report on Social Security later this year. Chairman Denning added: "You can bet that this report will not come until after the November elections. President Reagan is obviously thinking about the decisions the voters will make on the House and Senate in November. After the returns are in, he can then draw a bead on the benefits older people in North Carolina are receiving. The senators are more honest—but their timetable is out of step with the White House."

The Democratic Chairman urged North Carolinians with opinions on the subject to contact their lawmakers in Washington. That's the right of every citizen. And in this year of difficult decisions, it's a responsibility as well."



CONSTANCE JONES
...A "whirlwind of sweetness"

Constance Jones Is Beauty Of Week

By Teresa Burns
Post Managing Editor
Constance Jones is a whirlwind of sweetness. The daughter of Diane and Leonard Jones our 10-year-old beauty recently celebrated her birthday.

During these precious years she has grown to enjoy roller skating and art.

"I often spend my time drawing. I like to do that," she commented. And most people think Ms. Jones is a pretty good artist.

As a fourth grader at Newell Elementary School our little beauty enjoys learning about our nation's history. "I've learned a lot of things I didn't know before and it is interesting." So far her report card holds only A's and B's. A sign that she is interested in learning other subjects as well.

She is also taking a special class about great books. "We study fables and different kinds of

books," she remarked. Her favorite teacher is Ms. Reid. Two special people in her life are her parents. "I love both of my parents because when I'm with them I have a lot of fun."

"I like to have fun with people. I get bored doing one thing. I like a lot of activities and excitement," Ms. Jones continued.

The future holds an array of involvements for our Aries beauty. "I was in dancing and I plan to take it up again next year. I have taken ballet before," Ms. Jones stated.

The soap opera "General Hospital" catches our beauty's fancy. "The Jeffersons" on television amuses her and Diana Ross makes her realize that to become a professional singer one must have that added zing.

"Diana Ross makes a lot of songs and most of them have a lot of feeling in them. She puts a lot into them."

Miss Jones has also noticed another special emotion in the world—the emotion of need.

"If I had the money," she began, "I would send it to the needy, the Salvation Army or a group like that."

Changes are imperative for our beauty. But today it seems that Constance Jones is on her way to becoming a fine and classy lady.

21,578 AFDC Recipients Dropped From Welfare Roll

RALEIGH - President Reagan's budget cuts in social welfare programs during federal fiscal year 1981-82, has resulted in 21,578 Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) recipients being dropped from North Carolina's welfare rolls, and another 9,403 individuals receiving reduced monthly AFDC assistance.

According to John Syria, director of the Division of Social Services in the N.C. Department of Human Resources, the vast majority of those 30,981 individuals cut are mothers and their

young dependent children.

"In September 1981, there were 77,952 low-income families with a total of 193,178 people receiving a small monthly AFDC check to assist them with the basic necessities of life. The maximum payment they could receive was \$210 for a family of four," Syria said. "The new federal regulations enacted by Congress became effective on October 1, 1981. In January 1982, only 68,320 families totaling 170,702 people received an AFDC payment."

He said unemployment among members of the Carpenters union is approaching 20 percent in all construction and is much higher in the housing industry alone.

The Labor Department estimated that there was an annual average of about 800,000 unemployed construction workers altogether last year. There are even more today.

AFL-CIO: "Get Down To Basics"

By James M. Shevis
Special To The Post

A "Save-Housing" coalition of national organizations, including the AFL-CIO, called on Congress and the Administration to "get down to basics" and keep the federal government in the housing field to help the needy.

"Shelter is basic. It is a basic human need that cannot long be ignored if life and community are to be sustained," the coalition said in a statement at a news briefing announcing its formation.

"It provides productive employment for millions of workers directly—and an even greater number in allied materials, equipment, and furnishings manufacturing. We believe that housing needs should not be ignored, and that building capacity should not be wasted."

The two dozen coalition members said they were deeply concerned by President Reagan's plan to terminate existing federal subsidy commitments for housing, rescind already appropriated housing funds, raise rents for low-income housing, curtail homeownership loans, cut back on public housing and rental assistance, and eliminate housing production and rehabilitation programs.

"Such proposals would adversely affect the elderly and the handicapped, the rural poor and lower-income urban families—groups that have already taken more than their share of budget cuts," the coalition warned. "We believe that this nation needs and can support housing programs that will provide adequate levels of production and assistance."

"We call upon the Congress and the Administration to preserve this nation's commitment to the goal of decent, affordable housing for all Americans."

Announcement of the new coalition followed the conclusion of the National Housing Conference's 51st annual convention in Washington. The NHC comprises groups and individuals in the construction industry, building trades unions, government officials, and others.

Carpenters President William Konyha, who was co-chairman of this year's NHC convention, warned that the housing industry—as well as the auto industry—is a depression caused largely by the "misguided" policy of the Administration and the Federal Reserve Board of using high interest rates to fight inflation.

He said unemployment among members of the Carpenters union is approaching 20 percent in all construction and is much higher in the housing industry alone.

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