



LORI ANN GRIER  
...."Miss N.C. Central"

## Lori Ann Grier Chosen "Beauty Of The Week"

By Teresa Burns  
Post Managing Editor  
Sophistication is the air of our beauty, Lori Ann Grier. Recently elected Miss North Carolina Central, Miss Grier was chosen over six other contestants with 319 votes. A Charlottean Ms. Grier is the daughter of Ethel Grier. She is extremely close to her mother and her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lee Grier. Being a junior at North Carolina Central University in Durham has not made our beauty forget her roots. "I'm the first in the Grier family to attend college. But no matter how far we as black people advance," Ms. Grier commented, "we must remem-

ber where we came from, the people who helped us and know that without God none of this would be possible." Currently Ms. Grier is majoring in English-concentrating on Media Journalism. "My ambition is to become one of the best reporters in media journalism." She is now gaining the needed experience in the world of competitive journalism by writing features for the NCCU campus newspaper, "Camous." She is also the editor of Baynes Hall newsletter. At the university Ms. Grier is a member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, a member of the Dean's List and Honor

Roll; junior honorable mention; was elected Miss Baynes Hall and crowned "Miss John D. Lennon." She is also on the Student Steering Committee and Student Government Association (secretary to the vice president of the student government). Other activities include Charlotte's Finest Club which is on the NCCU campus; the English and French Clubs; plus she is an Iota Phi Theta Sweetheart. Ms. Grier enjoys modeling and recently modeled at Freedom Mall in a Spring Fashion Show. She also likes the games backgammon and tennis and truly enjoys meeting people. The lyrics and the softness of Luther Vandross are enchanting and relaxing to our beauty. A part of Ms. Grier's make-up is to be concerned about current events and how our present governmental structure will affect various individuals. Thus the side of the intellect and ambitious career lady. But then there is a soft side to Ms. Grier. The lady who loves her mother and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lee Grier. A combination that births a shining star.

## Carolina Poll Finds Slip In Opinion Of Reagan!

By John Royster  
Special To The Post  
CHAPEL HILL - Ronald Reagan's job performance rating is slipping among North Carolinians, according to the Carolina Poll, a statewide telephone survey conducted by the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Journalism. Forty-eight percent of the poll respondents said the president's performance was either good or excellent. In last fall's Carolina Poll, 62 percent had rated Reagan's performance as good or excellent. Reagan won North Carolina's electoral votes in 1980 with 49.3 percent of the popular vote. The latest poll was a survey of 593 North Carolinians chosen at random and contacted by telephone early in March. Poll respondents were asked to

rate Reagan's performance as president as 'excellent,' 'pretty good,' 'only fair' or 'poor.' The margin of error for the results is plus or minus four percent. But Walker's GOP counterpart, state chairman David Flaherty, said Reagan remained popular and criticized the poll. The Henry L. McCrorey Branch YMCA will hold its Annual Membership Dinner meeting Tuesday, April 13 at 7 p.m. McCrorey Y is located at 3801 Beatties Ford Road. Featured speaker for this year's meeting will be Elizabeth S. Randolph, associate superintendent of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools. The public is cordially invited to attend this dinner meeting and hear this dynamic lady. Reservations can be made by calling the Y at 394-2356. The cost for this year's meeting is \$7 per person. Members of the McCrorey Centry Club will be recognized at this meeting. The members are individuals, churches, businesses or organizations, that have contributed \$100 or more during the last year.

**TURTLE-TALK**  
  
Success is getting what you want, happiness is wanting what you get.

# State Democrats Back Home-Building Program

## Bill Of Rights Lobby Mobilizes

In an 11th hour effort to insure the extension of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, the ACLU, its Washington Legislative Office and 50 state affiliates are distributing 20,000 copies of a Q&A pamphlet on the Act to members of Congress, civil rights organizations, community leaders and key members of ACLU's Bill of Rights Lobby. Important provisions of the Voting Rights Act are due to expire in August 1982. A Voting Rights Act extension bill, passed by the House last year, is currently before the Senate. The ACLU pamphlet makes clear that the Act's promise of voter equality has yet to be fulfilled. It explains why the Voting Rights Act was passed, how it works, where it has failed, and how it can be strengthened. It discusses the new bail out formula and the addition of a "results" test for finding discrimination—two provisions of the House-passed extension bill which are coming under heavy attack by opponents of the Voting Rights Act. The pamphlet was written by Laura Murphy, ACLU legislative representative and director of the Voting-Rights Public Education Project.

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## Genealogical Society Will Meet Wednesday

The Mecklenburg Genealogical Society, Inc. is holding its monthly meeting Wednesday, April 14, 7 p.m. at the Commonwealth United Methodist Church, 2434 Commonwealth Road. Shelby Daniels will be speaking on techniques used to research the biography of a North Carolina civil war soldier. His book will be published in mid-May of this year. The meeting is open to the public and guests are welcome.



HENRY AND GEORGIA ORR  
....First married in 1914

## After 68 Years Of Marriage Orrs Are Closer Than Ever!

By Teresa Burns  
Post Managing Editor  
Grandpa Ben was a fearless soul. For a scare the white men would tell the niggers on the plantation to put their heads on the cutting block. The poor blacks would all yell and cry...all, except Grandpa Ben. He'd lay his head on the block and say "Go ahead." This is just one memory 90 year-old Henry Orr and his wife, 85 year-old Georgia, share. Henry Orr's father, grandfather and Ben were slaves. It makes you think when some of us living today just missed slavery by one generation. The Orrs have been married for 68 years. Many moons for a couple to be together. "But I think about her more now," Henry Orr commented about his wife. "Love don't change," Mrs. Orr added. "It gets old and you can't love like you used to but you care for one another more when you get older. "Earlier years we both couldn't go at one time. One of us had to stay around the house to tend the flock or take care of the crops," Orr commented. Today they both confessed

they don't want to be apart. Henry Orr was christened during infancy in the same house he and his wife reside in today. The house was his father's and mother's, Alexander and Alice Wallace. By the time Henry's father was 35 he was no longer a slave and married 13 year-old Alice. They had 13 children, 10 boys and three girls. Henry, next to the youngest is the only living child. After his freedom Alexander Orr bought over 20 acres of land from his white owner also named Orr. Over the years kin divided the land but the Orr descendants still own "...from the church to the woods," a long strip along North Sharon Amity Rd. (formerly Hickory Grove Road)," Orr explained. When the Orrs first married in 1914 they lived in the house on Sharon Amity for about three years with Henry Orr's parents. "Then we moved into a little house and then we went to Virginia," Mrs. Orr announced. "We came back to Charlotte and farmed for a white man a while." Together they bought a farm on Idlewild Road and

lived there for 32 years. When their health began to fail they decided to move back to the old home on Sharon Amity. They raised the late Mary Bell Johnson and their late nephew, James Orr. One of the major changes they have seen in the past 68 years is how children are raised. "People don't raise the children like they did. Parents didn't allow their children to hear cuss words or see them do wrong," the Orrs stated. "And you'd better not go nowhere if they told you no." Going beyond those 68 years Orr remembers his childhood. "No holding hands with your girlfriend, no kissing and if I bought a girl something I couldn't spend over a nickle on her. If I spent any more her parents would give me the money back." Work was hard in the Orr's early days. Many blacks worked tenant farms. On Sharon Amity the land produced cotton and corn. Others worked for 50 cents a day. Mrs. Orr's parents were Lucy and Julius Johnson. She had four brothers and six sisters. "I wasn't going to marry Henry unless I got my mother's blessings. She finally said it was all right." Only then were they married at the home of magistrate Martin Davis. From the beginning the couple never thought about divorce. "When we married husbands and wives didn't part. They called it a sin and no one wanted to commit adultery," Mrs. Orr explained. "People seemed to believe in God's word more than they do today," Orr commented. During those years the couple has worked diligently at St. Paul United Presbyterian Church on Robinson Church Rd. Rev. Robert Walton is now the pastor. Orr is an inactive elder and deacon. Mrs. Orr was the respected treasurer of the church for years and worked in the missionary society. Last Saturday Rev. Walton performed the ceremony for Mr. and Mrs. Orr to repeat their wedding vows.

## Program To Provide Stimulus

North Carolina Democratic Chairman Russell G. Walker this week urged North Carolinians to support a Democratic proposal "that would mean affordable homes for families in the market and also provide a healthy shot-in-the-arm to a decidedly unhealthy home building market." Senator Walker said the program "would provide a real stimulus, at a price that is pocket change compared to some federal programs—only \$1 billion a year for three years. People concerned about housing should write North Carolina's Republican senators, as well as Congressmen, about this important program." The plan was announced by Senator Robert Byrd (D-WV) Democratic leader, and Senator Henry Jackson (D-Wash.) who heads the Democratic housing task force. Key points of the plan include: Stimulate construction and sale of 500,000 single-family homes through an interest subsidy of four percentage points on new mortgage, with 70 percent of the homes actual new starts. The other 30 percent would be new homes, standing unsold. Stimulate construction and sale of 100,000 single-family homes by providing a one-time \$5,000 matching payment to help young and low-income families make a down payment on a new home. Rescue 100,000 homeowners and family farm operators by providing federal loans for up to 21 monthly payments. Build 50,000 new units of public housing. Since this can be done for only \$1 billion a year, it's a good deal when we have a double depression in housing. People who need houses can't buy them, and builders have no market to keep them in business," the North Carolina Democratic chairman said. "Here is another example of when Reaganomics is clearly out of step with the times," Senator Walker continued. "Rather than moving to solve a problem that affects North Carolina and every other state in the nation, President Reagan's budget cutters are proposing taking back \$9 billion that would have provided 50,000 housing units in 1982-- and reduced home building programs in 1983 and 1984."

# Mrs. Elizabeth Randolph Is YMCA Annual Membership Dinner Speaker



Elizabeth Randolph  
...CMS superintendent

Her career in education has covered the entire spectrum of public education from the classroom to the superintendency. She has served as a teacher in the public schools of North Carolina and principal of University Park Elementary School. Other positions held in Charlotte prior to becoming associate superintendent include: director of ESEA Activities; administrative assistant for school operations and assistant superintendent for Zone II. Mrs. Randolph attended the public schools of Raleigh. She received her AB degree from Shaw University, the MA degree from the University of Michigan and advanced certificate in school administration from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She has had an outstanding career in education and has held prominent professional positions and elective

She has had additional study at Syracuse University of Maryland. Mrs. Randolph's many honors and awards include the following: recipient, Woman of the Year Award Southern Area Links, Inc. 1977; 1977 Shaw University alumni Achievement Award; 1977 Educator of the Year Award, Charlotte Chapter Phi Delta Kappa; WBT Woman of the Year Award. 1978; Doctor of

Humane Letters from Shaw University, 1979; she has received citation from Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, the National Honor Society, the National Black Caucus of the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD) and others. She is also listed in Who's Who of American Women and Who's Who Among Black Americans.

## County Road To Close

RALEIGH - Rush-hour traffic on Trade Street (NC-51) in the Mecklenburg County town of Matthews could be a little more congested beginning April 5. Acting on a request from Seaboard Coast Line Railroad, officials of the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT)

will close two of the four lanes at the railroad crossing just south of Charles Street. The closing will allow railroad maintenance crews to upgrade the crossing. Traffic will move through the area on the remaining two lanes of the crossing.

## City Manager To Speak At NAA Meeting

O. Wendell White, City Manger of Charlotte, will be the speaker at the April meeting of the National Association of Accountants, Charlotte Blue Chapter. The monthly meeting will be Tuesday, April 13, at 6 p.m. at Sharonview Country Club. Persons interested in attending the April meeting should contact Karen Edwards at 373-5513.