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Non-Cash Benefits Would Reduce Poverty Level?

Impact Of Government Cutbacks

By Mac Thrower
Post Staff Writer
The Government Impact Committee of the Social Planning Council has issued a report on the impact of government cutbacks in Mecklenburg and Union Counties.

The 16-page report, released April 15, attempts to assess the local results of cuts in federal programs, and to thereby develop priorities for United Way funding in Mecklenburg and Union Counties.

Dr. Richard E. Neel is serving as chairman of the Impact Committee, whose members include: Dr. W. Leslie Bobbitt, Mr. David H. Garris, Mrs. Susan Green, Dr. Wilbert Greenfield, Mrs. Betty Chafin Rash, and Dr. George S. Rent.

The committee, working closely with the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce, the League of Women Voters, and local government, gathered information from about 72 agencies in an effort to document the effects of the changes in government funding. The committee sought through the study to provide a guide to the United Way Board in dealing with the expected additional cuts in future government funds.

Because programs and regulations are changing rapidly, it is becoming more difficult to locate services which address a particular need. It is imperative to maintain a system which can provide local citizens with current information on services. The Information and Referral Service should be strengthened to fulfill this role.

The United Way should continue to work closely with the City and County in human services planning and in the development of priorities for allocation of public and private dollars.



Donna Michelle Mobley
...Radiantly beautiful

Donna Michelle Mobley Is "Beauty Of The Week"

By Teresa Burns
Post Managing Editor
Like a budding flower our beauty, Donna Michelle Mobley, is a natural beauty.

Today when there are so many teenage models turned artificially into 'glamorous women' it is refreshing to observe the in-born essence of charm.

Ms. Mobley would like to enter the field of modeling and surely she would be an asset. "I like having pictures taken of me and I enjoy dressing up in fabulous clothes," she noted.

Ms. Mobley also enjoys reading fiction and bicycle riding.

A 13 year-old eighth grader at Kennedy Junior High School, she is involved in many activities, thus improving her bounds of intelligence as well as aiding others.

"I am a member of the Red Cross, Project Aries, the Cheerleading Club and I am a Junior Varsity Cheerleader," Ms. Mobley exclaimed.

The daughter of Frances and John Mobley, our beauty has two sisters, Sherrie and Wanda and one brother, Maurice.

"I really admire my mother. She takes care of me and gets me everything I need."

In school, Ms. Mobley enjoys mathematics and her favorite instructor is Ms. Edwards. "She explains well and we can understand what she is trying to teach us," explained our beauty.

Ms. Mobley was born under the sign of Libra and considers herself an easy going person. "I can get along with just about any one."

She attends Greater Bethel AME Church where Rev. Levi Brown is pastor. She is also a member of the Girl Scouts.

As far as entertainment is concerned, Ms. Mobley chooses the music of superbly talented Diana Ross and the humorous situation comedy, "Different Strokes."

The involvements, enjoyments and the gift of natural beauty are just parts of Ms. Mobley's life puzzle. Include several more, starting the heart, and you will find a complete angel on earth.

"If I could I would make sure everyone in this world had what they needed," Ms. Mobley softly expressed.

No doubt, our beauty possesses that loving and unselfish heart of gold that can only be a gift from God

11.1 Percent Of Population In Poverty?

By Mac Thrower
Post Staff Writer

According to a Census Bureau study released recently, estimates of the number of persons in poverty in the nation would have been reduced by 12 to 42 percent in 1979 if selected non-cash government benefits were included in the determination of poverty.

In 1979 the number of poor was estimated at 23.6 million, or 11.1 percent of the U.S. population.

If non-cash benefits had been taken into account in determining poverty status, the number of poor would have been estimated between 13 million (six percent) and 21 million (10 percent).

The report, which the bureau calls "highly exploratory," examines procedures for assigning values to non-cash benefits, and presents estimates of how these values affect the size and composition of the poverty population.

Although "poverty" is a qualitative, subjective issue, the government has produced quantitative estimates based on an official definition which has been in use since 1964. It is based solely on money income and does not include the value of non-cash government benefits. These benefits now account for more than two of every three dollars of government assistance received by the low-income population.

The report responds to a U.S. Senate directive issued in September 1980, and is in keeping with the bureau's continuing research in this area since 1977. The principal author is Professor Timothy Smeeding, University of Utah, a visiting scholar at the bureau during 1980-81. Several bureau members also participated in the study.

The report is intended to serve as a foundation for discussion of the valuation issues and a starting point for further research. It does not contain any specific recommendations concerning the most appropriate valuation technique or when and how these values should be incorporated into the official poverty estimates. Such decisions are the responsibility of the Office of Management and Budget.

The official poverty level, which varies by family characteristics, was \$7,412 in 1979 for a non-family of four, as established by the Office of Management and Budget.

Copies of the report, "Alternative Methods for Valuing Selected In-Kind Transfer Benefits and Measuring Their Effect on Poverty," may be obtained for \$6.50 each prepaid from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402, or from Commerce district offices in major U.S. cities.

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EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH

...To host annual revival meeting

At Ebenezer Baptist Church

Noted Blind Evangelist To Lead Ole Fashioned Revival

An Ole Fashioned Revival Meeting will be held at Ebenezer Baptist Church, located on the corner of Trade and Myers Streets, Monday-Friday, May 3-7.

Each night at 7 p.m. the dynamic Rev. C. L. Moore of Detroit, Michigan will be the special guest speaker. Rev. Moore is a noted

blind evangelist and former pastor of the famed New Bethel Baptist Church where Rev. C. L. Franklin (Aretha Franklin's father) pastored for 32 years.

Rev. Moore is presently the pastor and founder of Enon Baptist Church in Detroit, Michigan. The church now has over 2,000 members, and is still grow-

ing in spirit and faith.

Rev. Moore is also a recording artist and has produced many Christian albums praising God's name. He also spreads the Lord's word through his respected radio ministry.

Many can remember how Rev. Moore stirred the hearts and souls when he led the Ebenezer Revival last year. With blessings from heaven many more will be touched this year during the revival.

Dr. A. B. Sutton, pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church is honored to announce the arrival of Rev. Moore. Dr. Sutton's church choirs and congregation will travel to Detroit the first of July to worship with Rev. Moore and the Enon Baptist Church family.

Dr. Sutton and the members of Ebenezer cordially invite the public to attend this Ole Fashioned Revival Meeting. And remember

...None of us can afford to wait on someone else... therefore let the Lord's revival begin in you.

White House Group Vows To Fight "Drug Abuse"

By Mac Thrower
Post Staff Writer
A gathering of people in Washington have said "enough," and have vowed to fight the "spreading menace of drug abuse" with all the resources they can muster.

They met at the White House March 22, and during the day-long session, hosted by First Lady Nancy Reagan and sponsored by ACTION, the national volunteer agency, they mapped plans to battle the drug culture that threatens the health and lives of young people throughout the country.

Out of the White House Briefing on Drug Use and the Family, one overall message kept being repeated: the best hope for combatting the drug menace is for parents to face the problem openly and band together with their parents.

Gospel Workshop

All persons interested in becoming affiliated with the Charlotte Chapter of the Gospel Music Workshop of America are asked to meet at Walls Memorial AME Zion Church, 2722 Bancroft Street, Thursday, May 6 at 7 p.m.



Your troubles are probably BEHIND YOU - that is, if you're a SCHOOL BUS DRIVER.

Thomas W. Pauken, director of ACTION, said his agency will help mobilize parents, religious leaders, corporate executives, and all others who can volunteer in the fight against drugs. Technical assistance and small seed money grants will be provided through the ACTION Drug Prevention Program, headed by Angie Hammock.

Pauken said the volunteer effort will be aimed at prevention - at making young people aware of the health hazards of drugs so they won't get started in the first place.

"We must de-glamorize drugs," said Carlton E. Turner, White House drug advisor, who joined other speakers in criticizing some segments of the media and entertainment industry which portray drug use as socially acceptable. He said the administration's goal is a 30 percent reduction in the use of illegal drugs by 1984.

The scope of the drug threat was summed up by Carla Lowe, executive director of Community Action Against Drug Abuse, Sacramento, Calif., who said the drug industry is "...a multi-billion dollar business that could bring our country to its knees."

"The fate of humanity is in the hands of our children. Just as certain, the fate of our children in regards to drug abuse, is in our hands," commented Bill Barton, president of the National Federation of Parents for Drug Free Youth.

The ACTION Prevention Program may be contacted by writing to the program at: 806 Connecticut Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20525, or telephone 202-254-8501.

Drive Targets Computer Selected Areas

NAACP Launches Largest Political Drive

By Mac Thrower
Post Staff Writer
The NAACP has launched the largest political operation in its history - in the form of a sophisticated Voter Education Drive designed to increase elected black representation and to reverse the conservative political trend in the country.

Mr. Kelly Alexander Jr., vice president of the Charlotte chapter of the NAACP and a member of the NAACP National Board of Directors, explained that the drive has "targeted computer-selected areas throughout the country where the black vote can be a potentially decisive factor" in the 1982 elections. Alexander says that the Voter Education Drive is part of a general "mobilization" aimed at increasing not only black voter registration but, more crucially, black voter turnout.

"We've had pretty good success with registration drives in the past," Alexander noted, "only to have

problems with the actual turnout." He added that the Voter Education Drive actually began last year, and succeeded in increasing the black turnout in scattered state elections.

Alexander revealed that the NAACP is reaching for more than short term gains in black political participation. "The NAACP wants to get black folks to participate in the political process on a consistent basis," he declared.

Specific details for the operation have yet to be worked out in the Charlotte area, Alexander related. "A number of organizations are engaged in this type operation in our area," Alexander pointed out, "we'll have to sort out who does what before we can get started."

One of the key elements of the national campaign involves the recruitment of "block leaders" to help register voters and get them to the polls on election day. Alexander says that block leaders have yet to be chosen in



Kelly Alexander
...NAACP Vice-president

Charlotte-Mecklenburg. The general goal of the NAACP drive, according to Alexander, is to "deny re-election to ultraconservative members of Congress." "Aroused black voters in some districts can make a difference in close elections," he observed. Alexander remarked that the NAACP position is not based, necessarily, on defeating "conservative" candidates. "We want to elect candidates who will represent broad interests -

not narrow ideological views," Alexander emphasized.

Alexander also confirmed that economic issues will be a critical factor in the general NAACP drive. He expects that candidates who "favor the wealthy" at the expense of the poor and middle income groups will be targeted. The NAACP wants to defeat politicians who seek to cure the nation's economic illness by "giving a sugar-coated pill to the rich...and castor oil to the poor," Alexander stated.

In local races the basic goal for black leaders is to

"maintain the County Commission seat" held by Bob Walton and to "retain a state senate seat," Alexander advised. "We feel that we have, in Ella Scarborough, an attractive, electable candidate for the Board of Education as well," he asserted.

Alexander concluded that, if the economy continues in a depressed state until November - the black voter turnout nationwide will be large, as much as 70 percent, he predicted. Alexander believes that these voters will deliver a strong ballot box message about the nation's course.

Lanes To Close Friday

Effective Friday evening, April 30, the two lanes of westbound Fourth Street next to the Quality Inn Downtown and the curb lane of northbound McDowell Street at that intersection will be closed for approximately two weeks. The purpose of the

closing is to replace Southern Bell cables and a vault below the street level at the McDowell-Fourth Streets intersection.

Vehicles will not be detoured. Signs, cones and barricades will be used to direct traffic and advise motorists.