

48 Churches Competing

Post Kicks Off Second "Church Woman Of Year" Campaign

SCLC March Stops Here Friday

By Mac Thrower
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"The largest march in Charlotte history" is planned for Saturday, May 22, when the Southern Christian Leadership Conference voting rights pilgrimage arrives to unite and organize local blacks in order to turn the tide that's eroding our progress in this nation," declared Warren Arthur, chairman of the Charlotte Area Voting Rights Conference and a coordinator for Saturday's activities.

The SCLC March, which stopped in Laurinburg, N.C. on May 17, is slated to reach Charlotte about 2 p.m. Friday, May 21. The caravan includes 100 permanent pilgrims who are marching from Selma, Alabama to Washington, D.C. to increase awareness of black issues such as the Voting Rights Act extension now before Congress. The group is led by Dr. Joseph E. Lowery, SCLC president. Dr. Lowery will hold a press conference at Johnson C. Smith University at 2:30 p.m. on the 21st.

Workshops are planned by march organizers for Friday afternoon from 3-6 p.m. at Johnson C. Smith University. These workshops will be led by experts who will deal with the following topics: Youth Unemployment, the "New Federalism," the "New Militarism," and the Voting Rights Act.

A rally is scheduled for 7 p.m. at Biddle Auditorium on the JCSU campus. Dr. Lowery will be featured as the keynote speaker. The Rev. Cleophus Robinson, a nationally known gospel singer, will headline a gospel concert at the Smith University Chapel after the rally.

Saturday, May 22, is the day when citizens will be organized to take to the streets in Charlotte to demonstrate solidarity against the reactionary racial, economic, and See SCLC on Page 4

Jim Polk Says:

"I'm Concerned About My Community"

By Mac Thrower
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James K. (Jim) Polk of Charlotte, candidate for the North Carolina State Senate in the 22nd District (Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Counties) is seeking a Senate seat because, he says, "I'm concerned about my community...I've been involved in the past in civic affairs but now I'd like to serve in a political role."

Assessing his candidacy, Polk smiled and remarked that he feels he is "one of the best people running - they need Jim Polk in this delegation."

Polk, who is married and has six children, is a ruling elder at Grier Heights Presbyterian Church. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce, chairman of the Grier Heights Community Devel-



NAACP "Tribute to Mothers": Mrs. Sarah M. Coleman; Mrs. Inez Montgomery, Mother of the Year; Mrs. Bobbie Parks, runner-up, and Mrs. Josephine Goodwin.

In Raleigh Sunday

Ernest Green To Keynote State NAACP Freedom Day

Special To The Post
GREENSBORO - The North Carolina State Conference of NAACP Branches will celebrate its Annual Freedom Day and Mother of the Year Contest, Sunday, May 23, at the Raleigh Memorial Auditorium at 3:30 p.m.

Keynoting the event will be Ernest G. Green, former Assistant Secretary for Employment and Training, U.S. Department of Labor. Mr. Green was a member of the celebrated "Little Rock Nine" and the first black to graduate from Little Rock, Arkansas Central High School.

He is a 1958 recipient of the NAACP's highest award, the Spingarn Medal, awarded distinguished merit and achievement among American Blacks.

Mr. Green is Co-founder and President of Green, Herman and Associates, Inc., a minority owned small business corporation in Washington, D.C. He is a Life Member of the NAACP and is serving his first year on the NAACP's National Board of Directors.

NAACP Mothers from each branch across the state will be vying for the

title of "Mother of the Year." The mother reporting the largest sum of money to be used for the NAACP's Freedom Fund, will be crowned with this honor.

Music will be provided by the New Generation Gospel Chorus of the St. Paul AME Church, Raleigh, N.C. and the Brown's Chapel Baptist Church of Snow Hill, N.C., pastored by Rev. Charles White. Both choirs are renowned for their singing abilities.

State Field Director of the NAACP, Mrs. Carolyn

Public Asked To "Speak Out"

A public meeting will be held on Monday, May 24 at 7:30 p.m. in the board room of the Education Center, 701 E. Second Street, to hear citizens' comments on how the Charlotte-Mecklenburg criminal justice system can operate more efficiently.

At the meeting citizens are encouraged to offer suggestions and comments on the operation of the criminal justice system and how it can be improved. Anyone wishing to speak can register at the meeting. There will be a

five minute limitation on statements.

A study group composed of police, courts and justice administration personnel will host the meeting.

The study group and consultant will examine the criminal justice system from the point of arrest to sentencing. Areas to be studied include police, sheriff, courts, district attorney, clerk of court, pre-trial release, probation, highway patrol, juvenile counselor and criminal magistrate.

Polk revealed that he has no ready answers for the problems affecting state budgets as a result of federal spending cuts. "We're going to have to really study how to best target scarce federal dollars," he suggested. "Certainly we'll have to tighten up management and apply good business procedures in order to maximize benefits in social service programs," Polk concluded.

Declining to take a position on possible state tax increases to compensate for federal cutbacks, Polk admitted that he has "not

10 Women Assigned To Assist Contestants

By Sheila Conner
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The Second Annual Charlotte Post Churchwoman of the Year Contest officially began Monday, May 17. The contest has started off in a big way - 48 local churches have already entered and 10 women have been assigned to a committee to represent various churches.

The contest, a rousing success in its first year, is expected to generate even greater interest this year. Mr. Bill Johnson, the publisher of The Post and Mr. Dan Ketter, circulation coordinator, have been working hard to make this mutually beneficial program available to all area churches.

An outstanding committee composed of 10 local churchwomen is now at work servicing local churches and their contestants. The gracious ladies who were selected for the committee and the churches they represent, are: Mrs. Anna Hood-Greater Mt. Moriah (Rev. A. L. Samuels), Memorial United (Rev. Newberry), Mayfield Memorial (Rev. H. S. Diggs), and Second Calvary (Rev. Lemar Foster); Mrs. Mary Southland-Gethsemane Baptist (Rev. C. E. Dewberry), Greater Gaillee (Rev. Warren McKissick), St. John's Baptist (Rev. Leak), Amay James Presbyterian (Rev. Frank duCille), Greater Providence Baptist (Rev. J. W. Wallace), and Miller Street Olive Grove AME Zion.

Also included are: Mrs. Rena Blake-East Stonewall AME Zion (Rev. James E. McCoy), Little Rock AME Zion (Rev. William White), Ms. Regina Gill-Grier Heights Presbyterian (Rev. Lloyd Morris), Antioch Baptist (Rev. Preston Pendergrass), Clinton Chapel AME Zion (Rev. R. Gaston), C. N. Jenkins Presbyterian (Rev. George Goodman), Faith CME (Rev. R. J. Goal) and Pleasant Hill Baptist (Rev. Cuthbertson).

The other key committee members are: Ms. De-



Mrs. Anna Hood 1981 Churchwoman of Year boran Williams - South Tryon Presbyterian (Rev. A. L. McClean), Greater Gethsemane AME Zion (Rev. George Battle), First Mayfield (Rev. Johnson), First Mt. Zion (Rev. C. V. Owens), Ms. Linda Richardson-St. Luke's (Rev. L. D. Parker), Chappell Memorial (Rev. Wilson Mitchell), Our Lady of Consolation (Father Thomas), Green Oaks (Rev. M. N. Kelly) and Matthews-Murkland (Rev. Daniel Hennigan), Mrs. Linda Jenkins - Wilson Heights (Rev. A. Bethune), Grace Christian Center, Greater Bethel AME (Rev. Levi Brown), Walls Memorial AME Zion (Rev. Jerry White), Ms. Elaine Chambers - Bethesda AME Zion (Rev. David Miller), Grace AME Zion (Rev. M. Jones), Myers Tabernacle (Rev. Cornell Thompson), First Baptist AME Zion (Rev. J. B. Humphrey).

Also: St. Paul's Presbyterian (Rev. Robert L. Walton), Torrence Chapel AME Zion (Rev. George W. Thompson), Ms. Sherry Lewis - B'n Salem (Rev. Ray Boatman), Huntersville United Presbyterian (Rev. Hendrick), Berean Seventh Day Adventist (Elder Ralph Franklin), Grace Memorial Missionary, Ms. Twanna Taylor - China Grove AME Zion (Rev. M. Houston), First Presbyterian, Greater Mt. Sinai (Rev. Norman Kerry), University Park Baptist (Rev. James E. Palmer), Pentecostal Temple (Bishop J. H. Sherman).

Over the next eight weeks each of these ladies will be diligently working to insure that the title of Churchwoman of the Year comes from among her churches.

The reigning Churchwoman of the Year, Mrs. Anna Hood, is a member of Memorial United Presbyterian Church. The runners-up last year were Mrs. Hazeline Sartor of University Park Baptist Church and Mrs. Rena Blake of East Stonewall AME Zion Church.

Among the prizes to be offered this year are a \$2,000 donation and a year of free advertising from The Post to go to the contestant's church which sells 300 subscriptions to The Charlotte Post. These subscriptions can be either new or renewals - for one or two years. That's just for the church - the contestant of the church will receive such gifts as a 25-inch color television and a \$125 wardrobe. In the event a church does not place among the top three, it will still receive \$2 for each subscription sold. Everyone will come out a winner in any event.



YOLANDA DANETTE NESBITT
...Harding High senior

Yolanda Nesbitt Is Beauty Of Week

By Teresa Simmons
Post Managing Editor
"If you don't do something right the first time, strive until you reach that goal!" is the advice of our wise beauty, Yolanda Danette Nesbitt.

At the age of only 17 Ms. Nesbitt has already discovered the important realization that anything of worth is usually not so easy to come by.

And besides intelligence our Cancer beauty also possesses personality. "I can get along with anyone. I am happy all the time and I am willing to give a helping hand."

Coming from a loving family may be one reason why our beauty is so amiable. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Willie Nesbitt and she has two brothers, Darryl and Vidal.

All of her family members hold that special place in our beauty's heart. Her mother, Charlene Nesbitt, however, has been more influential. "I can always turn to my mother...I trust her and she sticks by me. She's just like a sister."

Hobbies of Ms. Nesbitt are dancing, jogging, bike riding and exploring life. She enjoys listening to music, especially the mellow notes of Natalie Cole.

She attends Gethsemane Baptist Church and Sunday

School classes where Rev. C. E. Dewberry is pastor.

As a senior at Harding High School Ms. Nesbitt has joined the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA); the Keylites; and Big Brothers and Sisters. She is vice president of the French Club and ran track. She was also voted Harding's Miss Homecoming of 1982.

Other honors she has received include being voted as junior attendant for Miss Homecoming during her junior year and being crowned "Miss Ninth Grade" at Spaug Junior High School.

In addition to her school work and extra-curricular activities Ms. Nesbitt is also working at Wendy's and a steak house.

But the ambition that is brewing inside our beauty includes college. "I would like to attend Winston-Salem State University and major in Secretarial Science. I enjoy typing and shorthand and I've always wanted to work behind an office desk and dress appropriately."

Ms. Nesbitt is one young lady who has added the various facets of her life to produce a winning equation...grace plus charm, times intelligence and ambition can only equal the one and only Yolanda Nesbitt.

"All Out War" Declared Against Nicotine Fiends

They aren't blowing smoke at a new Stop Smoking Center in Charlotte.

The Center is part of an "all out war" against the nicotine fiend, according to Dick Patton, an area resident who recently opened the Stop Smoking Center at 4917 Albemarle Rd., Suite 130, in the rear of the Albemarle Plaza Building.

Patton stated that the Center provides a type of therapy that is derived from behavior modification techniques:

"The program is based



Most people have presence of mind...the trouble is absence of thought.

on a combination of behavior modification and aversion therapy that has been used clinically in California for over fifteen years...but that is new to this part of the country. It is a proven safe and medically accepted concept. As a matter of fact, many of our clients are referrals from doctors and dentists. People stop smoking easily with this program if they can and will follow directions.

Four therapy sessions per day are offered, with a maximum of eight people per session. Appointments for application interviews may be made by calling the office at 536-7090, day or night.

Patton says he won't accept anyone who is merely interested in using the program as a smoke-screen. "The reason for the interview is to be sure that we are offering therapy only to those who really want to stop smoking and can follow the required five-day program. We will not accept anyone for therapy who we feel is going at it for the wrong reasons."