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GOREGEOUS ARNETTA HOUSTON
...Attends Harding High School

Arnetta Patrice Houston Is "Beauty Of The Week"

By Teresa Simmons
Post Managing Editor
Success seems to be a word engrained into our beauty's consciousness. It's a word embedded into the very soul of a person seeking inner peace. Arnetta Patrice Houston has claimed, "There are certain things I have my mind set on - goals that I would like to achieve. I am outgoing and ambitious, but at the same time I am friendly." School to Ms. Houston is one of those challenges she seeks to perform well at. "My favorite subject is accounting. I've always been better at math than

English." Ms. Houston attends Harding High School but plans on majoring in accounting after graduation. One school in the running is Kings College. Her favorite instructor at Harding is Milton Caldwell, an extremely caring individual. "He tries to help all students. When you're down he tries to help build your confidence up again," she explained. So far our beauty has excelled in her desires. She is not only working up to par in her studies but she is a member of the Accounting Club and has been a

member of the Pep Club and Red Cross. In May she was chosen from her home room to be "Miss May" in the school calendar. Music is comforting to Ms. Houston. She enjoys soft music especially the crooning of Teddy Pendergrass. Dancing, skating, and playing softball are also hobbies she passes time with. The daughter of Teeny and Mary Houston our beauty has three sisters and two brothers. She and her family attend University Park Baptist Church, where Rev. Dr. James Palmer is pastor. Ms. Houston's motto in life is to succeed. Even the television programs she views, such as "Dynasty," are based on a type of success. To many success may be determined by a state of mind, but for Ms. Houston the concept reaches much farther.

Joint Civil Rights Labor Group Activities Urged

A major effort to coordinate the local activities of civil rights and labor groups has been launched by the heads of the NAACP, the National Urban League and the AFL-CIO. The effort is aimed at election day, November 2, but encompass all areas "of mutual concern." Benjamin Hooks, executive director of the NAACP, and John E. Jacob, president of the Urban League, have each written to their local chapters with an appeal to "contact the local AFL-CIO central labor council as soon as possible" to coordinate activities. And AFL-CIO President Lane Kirkland issued a similar appeal to the heads of 744 central labor bodies in separate letters about the NAACP and the Urban League. Kirkland's NAACP letter

cited the rich history of cooperation between the two groups, including major legislative battles and Solidarity Day 1981 when more than 400,000 demonstrated in Washington, D.C., against Reaganomics. But he stresses it is important to coordinate "activities at the community and state as well as at the federal level." Similarly, Hooks wrote to the NAACP chapters that "it is important to encourage joint NAACP-AFL-CIO activities at the local level, especially in such matters as voter registration and get-out-the-vote campaigns." "We must continue to strengthen and expand this necessary coalition as it is important to forge strong alliances that protect the hard-won rights of minorities and workers generally," Jacob said. His letter lists such previous joint labor-civil rights efforts as opposition to Reagan budget cuts and to proposed changes in the federal contract-compliance program. Jacob also requested that local Urban League Boards include a labor representative. The letters were sent between June 14 and June 17 and were cross-referenced so each local group received the name and address of the office to contact.

By Loretta Manago
Post Staff Writer
For the second consecutive week Ms. Jessie McCombs, "Churchwoman of the Year" candidate, has managed to hold on to the lead with 645 points. But it hasn't been easy. Ms. McCombs is receiving tough opposition from Gethsemane Baptist Church candidate Gale Miller, who has 545 points. In earlier reports Mrs. Miller led the contest but later dropped to fourth place. In a strong comeback Mrs. Miller has just begun to fight. Trailing Mrs. Herron in her claim to the honor and prestige of being the "Churchwoman of the Year" is Gladys Massey. A candidate for Mayfield Memorial Baptist Church, Mrs. Massey moved from fifth place to third place with 300 points. Ann Herron of Metropolitan United Presbyterian Church is still hanging in fourth place with 270 points

Jobless Rate Increases

RALEIGH - The total unemployment rate increased to 8.7 percent in May moderately above April's 8.2 percent, according to figures announced Tuesday by Glenn R. Jernigan, Chairman of the North Carolina Employment Security Commission (ESC). The rate represents 255,800 jobless state residents. Jernigan said, "In 1975, comparable unemployment rates were recorded and after a high in March of that year, a steady decline followed. In May 1982, however, the level rose above the May 1974 rate of 8.4 percent and may continue to rise unless economic conditions improve significantly." The national unadjusted rate of unemployment dropped in May to 9.1 percent from April's 9.2 percent. Jernigan said, "The rise in North Carolina's unemployment rate as well as the increase in the labor force is primarily due to the numbers of students now seeking work either permanently or for the summer. We have added 90 youth coordinators in our offices across the state as a special supplement to youth employment." Manufacturing jobs overall showed a net loss of 3,500 jobs as declines were experienced in both durable and non-durable goods.



This darling little gentleman just won Gethsemane AME Zion Church's Baby Contest. But even as LaMont Rhame Norman was being awarded a \$50 gift certificate to Carolina Baby and the silver cup, his mind was out on the baseball field. Already at 19 months his favorite pastime is throwing a baseball. He is one friendly and loving little boy and his mother, Joyce LaRose Norman, says he never cries. His father is Larry Kirkpatrick, his aunt is Ella Norman and his grandparents are James and Dorothy Norman. The Baby Contest at Gethsemane was sponsored by the church's On-Goers organization and was entitled the "Darling Baby Contest." Little Norman competed against nine other babies. He raised \$218 for the church, pastored by Rev. George E. Battle Jr.

Post Salutes Black Businesses
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Jessie McCombs Receiving Tough Opposition In Churchwoman Race

Gladys Massey
Moved up to 3rd place and is followed by Letha Short, of Grier Heights, with 185 points. Gaining ground is Greater Galilee Baptist Church's candidate Bonita Peay. She has 120 points. Other candidates, the churches they represent and their points are: Josephine Morris, Walls Memorial AME Zion Church, 90 points; Lala Watson, East Stonewall AME Zion Church, 80 points; Ella Miller, Great-

er Providence Baptist Church, 70 points; Florence Gillis, University Park Baptist Church, 60 points; Hattie Harris, Chappell Memorial Baptist Church, 55 points; Viola Buyers, Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, 70 points; Patricia Leak, Grace Memorial Baptist Church, 50 points; Elmira Polk, First United Church of Christ, 80 points; Della Kibler, Catawba Presbyterian Church, 45 points; Lois

Pendergrass, Antioch Baptist Church, 40 points; and Cola Gilchrist, Pentecostal Temple, 10 points. Lois Pendergrass, Ella Miller and Della Kibler are this week's featured churchwomen. LOIS PENDERGRASS Church is where Lois Pendergrass devotes most of her time. A member of Antioch Baptist Church, Mrs. Pendergrass is a member of the Mt. Peace See McCOMBS Page 16



Gladys Massey
Moved up to 3rd place



Lois Pendergrass
Antioch contestant



Ann Herron
In fourth place

Three Led Tickets

5 Black Candidates

Among Primary Winners

Walton, Battle, Berry, Were Top Vote Getters

By Mac Thrower
Post Staff Writer
Five black candidates, aided by a strong turnout in Charlotte's predominantly black precincts, were among the winners in Tuesday's primary races in Mecklenburg County.

Rev. George Battle, Bob Walton and Phil Berry led the ticket in their respective races for School Board, County Commission, and N.C. House. Jim Polk, bidding to become Mecklenburg's second elected black State senator, ran second in the Democratic contest for four Senate seats in the 22nd District of Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Counties.

Phil Berry, present chairman of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education, finished first in the voting for eight Democratic nominations to the N.C. House of Representatives in the 36th District (Mecklenburg). Newcomer Jim Richardson placed fifth in the House voting.

Rev. George E. Battle Jr., a School Board incumbent, led the voting for four seats in the non-partisan School Board election. Ella Scarborough, in her second try for the Mecklenburg Board of Education, missed claiming the fourth spot by less than 400 votes. Maggie Lamb-Nicholson finished sixth in the Board of Education race.

Bob Walton garnered over 16,000 votes to lead the Democratic County Commission ticket.

Black voters had a significant impact on the outcome of the sheriff's race as well. C. W. Kidd, who out-poll the second place finisher, incumbent sheriff John Kelly Wall, by nearly 2-to-1-benefitted from a favorable vote from the black precincts.

In Mecklenburg County, the turnout in black precincts averaged from eight to 15 percent higher than the overall turnout of 16 percent. Even with the heavy black turnout, the overall vote was one of the lightest for a primary election in years.

The following is a complete list of local winners in the June 29 primary. Sheriff: C. W. Kidd finished first with 47 percent of the vote, but second place finisher John Kelly Wall can call for a run-off, if he chooses to do so. County Commission: Bob Walton, Susan Green, Fountain Odom, Tom Ray - a run-off between Joe Salliers and Jack King may be necessary for the fifth seat.

State Senate: Ben Tison, Jim Polk, Craig Lawing,



Jim Polk
...Ran second



Jim Richardson
Finished 5th

Cecil Jenkins. State House: Phil Berry, Jo Graham Foster, Parks Helms, Louise Brennan, Jim Richardson, Ruth Easterling, Jim Black, Gus Economos.

Board of Education: Rev. George E. Battle, John McLaughlin, Karen Gaddy, Ashley Hogewood. In the race for N. C. Court of Appeals, run-offs

are possible for both seats. Eugene Phillips and Horton Rountree led the voting for Seat One. Sidney Eagles and Paul Wright finished first and second respectively for Seat Two.

Three of the five constitutional amendments on the statewide ballot passed; the four-year term proposal for State legislators was soundly defeated and an amendment extending the leasing authority of the state air and seaport agencies is still in doubt.

Talbert Named Postmaster

At Paw Creek

Peggy F. Talbert is appointed the new postmaster at Paw Creek, North Carolina effective Saturday, June 26, Sectional Center Manager-Postmaster O. B. Sloan of Charlotte, N.C. announced this week.

Talbert, 41, a native of Charlotte, has served as a clerk in the Charlotte Post Office for the past 16 years.

Mrs. Talbert and her husband, Bobby, have two children.



Success Tip: Start at the bottom and wake up!