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Reaganomics Blamed For Poverty

The first year of Reaganomics-1981-produced a new high mark in American families living below the poverty level, North Carolina Democratic Chairman Russell G. Walker of Asheboro said today.

"With his spending priorities beginning to take effect, we saw the number of poor people rise to one person in every seven-a 14 percent average-during 1981.

"At the same time the purchasing power of U.S. families declined, with the median family income declining to \$22,990. So we see that Reaganomics affects the middle class as well as the really poor," Walker said.

The Democratic chairman pointed out that real purchasing power in 1982 was less than it had been ten years earlier-in 1972.

"During both the 1960's and 1970's, we saw progress against poverty. The percentage reached a low of 11 percent in 1973 and remained steady until 1980, when it reached 13 percent. Now, under President Reagan, it's up to 14 percent and we don't know what the full year of 1982 will bring," Walker added.

He said that his figures on poverty came from the U.S. Census Bureau. "As we know, this is a part of the President's own Executive Branch. So his own figures tell of the failure of his economic direction."

John Medlin Named Top Chief Executive

Chief Executive

John G. Medlin Jr., the chief executive officer of Wachovia Corporation and Wachovia Bank and Trust Company, has been selected top chief executive officer for regional banks in the Eastern United States for the second consecutive year by the Wall Street Transcript.

The Transcript, a widely distributed investment community publication, based its selections on interviews it conducted with industry executives, leading financial analysts, money managers, trade journals, members of the academic community and various professional sources.

Medlin, who has been chief executive officer at Wachovia since 1977, was described by one industry authority in the Transcript article as "a very strong leader." A financial advisor and analyst said of Medlin: "He's got tremendous management skills and interpersonal skills. He is a quality leader, and he's running a top-quality organization. He has not sacrificed growth for quality, and he has produced an above-average record by far."

Wachovia was complimented in The Wall Street Transcript for being "an excellent bank with very good earnings...It has become a very important power in the Southeast."

TURTLE-TALK



HARDEST thing in world to open is a closed MIND.



ATTRACTIVE BRENDA HOWZE
...To attend beauty college

Brenda Howze Is Beauty Of Week

By Teresa Simmons
Post Managing Editor
Changing the world toward a better existence has been the effort of leaders for many centuries. In the end everyone knows that it will take a unified effort to make any positive changes.

"It'll be people like our beauty Brenda Howze who will allow a split country to become whole, a divided community to merge, or even a separated family to unite.

"If I could make a change," began Ms. Howze. "I would like to make the world a better place. I'd like to find ways for more jobs and end racial problems."

Ms. Howze enjoys keeping up with world events. "I watch '60 Minutes'; they get the point across and there is a lot to learn by listening. I also enjoy '20-20,'" she stated.

"Our beauty also enjoys attending church at Mt. Vernon A.M.E. Zion Church.

A 1979 graduate of Myers Park Senior High School Ms. Howze was involved in the student council for three years. She has received perfect attendance certificates and the ninth grade "Best Dressed

27 Teachers Enroll

The teaching of writing continues to be a subject of great interest in North Carolina, a subject which is being addressed by a writing project at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

At UNCC, professors Leon Gatlin and Sam Watson of the English Department, conduct a program patterned after the Bay Area Writing Project established in Berkeley, California in 1974.

The program has worked so well at UNCC that the professors have received a grant of \$22,750 from the N.C. State Board of Education to establish a project in four additional areas of the state-Atlantic Christian College, Pembroke State University, Western Carolina University and at Winston-Salem State University, where Wake Forest University and Winston-Salem State University will be co-hosts.

Some 27 school teachers are enrolled in the UNCC program this summer.

Teachers participating in the Writing Project from Mecklenburg County are: Edith E. Blydenburgh, Rose R. Dannelly, Charles N. Dulaney, Betty Graham, Shirley M. Harris, Martha M. Hatley, Marcia M. Hunter, Dianne Kimbrell, Shirley J. Martin, Bettie T. Mikeal, Willie G. Pettis, Edward W. Shrum,

Award." Dancing, sewing and swimming are a few pastimes on Ms. Howze's extracurricular activity list.

Raised in Charlotte, Ms. Howze has always possessed the nature of caring for others...a quality her mother, Virginia Howze taught her. "My mother is my favorite person. She's always been there when I needed her." Ms. Howze has one sister, Sophia and one brother, Elgin.

One contribution Ms. Howze looks forward to providing is in the realm of beauty. Her dream is to become a cosmetologist. "I plan to apply to a beauty college," Ms. Howze expressed. Band's Beauty College in Charlotte is one of the schools at the top of her list.

It seems to be the ideal profession for our outgoing beauty. "I enjoy meeting people and I like to talk. I am also demanding and straight forward."

There are many contributions to be made by various individuals. But as long as the clock keeps ticking and the efforts keep mounting, then pleasant persons like Brenda Howze will always be needed.

Ann B. Mazingo and Stella W. Whitlock.

Dr. Wilson Joins Metrolina Comprehensive Health Center

By Mac Thrower
Post Staff Writer
Dr. Howard Eliot Wilson joined the Metrolina Comprehensive Health Center as a full-time staff physician on July 26.

Dr. Wilson, 30, is a graduate of Princeton University and the Howard University College of Medicine. A native of Queens, N.Y., he has compiled an impressive academic and professional record. His many past activities and honors include: Who's Who Among American High School Students in 1969-70; (at Princeton) secretary Central Committee, Association of Black Collegians; Community Health and Family Practice Award, Howard University College of Medicine, 1979; 1st Prize, Family Practice Resident's Research Forum, National Medical Association, 86th Annual Convention, July, 1981; selected as an Outstanding Young Man of America, 1981.

Licensed as a family practitioner in three states, Dr. Wilson will handle a

Blood Donor Campaign Set

Burger King is sponsoring a High School Summer Blood Donor Campaign in cooperation with the American Red Cross. The contest runs through August 31st.

The high school that recruits the largest number of blood donors will receive a trophy in the fall. A trophy will be presented to the winning school during halftime activities at a

home football game or other major school event. This traveling trophy will be awarded each year to the winning high school.

Charlotte area high schools can participate by recruiting individuals to donate blood at the Red Cross Center located on Park Road. Any current high school student or friend of the high school can recruit donors. Anyone that meets blood donor eligibility requirements may donate blood.

A large bulletin board display in the lobby of the Red Cross Center will keep everyone informed of each school's progress. Sign up sheets for each Charlotte high school are on the bulletin board. After donating blood, the individual simply signs in on the bulletin board under the name of the school to receive credit.

Remember, donations can be credited to only one school and no other group, company or church.

All blood donors participating in the campaign should call the Red Cross Center at 376-1661 and make an appointment to give blood. Regular donor hours are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. and on Sunday from 12:30 - 4 p.m.



Dr. Howard Wilson
...Handles variety of cases variety of cases at the Metrolina Comprehensive Health Center.

The center, which opened in October, 1981, was organized to "address the primary health care needs of residents" in low income areas of Charlotte. The goal of MCHC, according to its director, Thelma Council, "is to provide improved, more accessible, available, reasonable and continuous primary health care services" for a "target population" that includes residents of the northwest and southwest

23 Million People Were Unemployed In 1981



Mrs. Maggie Neal
...74 years young

And Loved By All!

She's Nice, Friendly, Easy!

By Lori Grier
Post Staff Writer
"She's nice, friendly and easy to get along with, but when you upset her you have a problem on your hands," declared her daughter, Mrs. Florence Massey. "She's a nice lady, well liked by everyone she comes in contact with," related her son, Charles Neal. "She's quiet, dignified, a lady and a real family person. She's only nappy when she has all her family around," explained Mrs. Virginia Ginyard, the lady she worked with for over 37 years.

Who are these people praising? Mrs. Maggie Neal who recently celebrated her 74th birthday. Mrs. Neal was born in Mecklenburg County on July 6, 1908. She attended McClintock Junior High School where she completed seventh grade and ended her education. She married the late Clement Neal and gave birth to three children: Charles Neal, 47; Mrs. Florence Massey, 48, and Bobbie

Neal, 43. She is the proud grandmother of Robert Neal, 30 and the proud great grandmother of Cesnee Neal, three.

In 1966 Mrs. Neal was selected as "Mother of the Neighborhood" in Brooklyn Presbyterian Church which is now First United Presbyterian Church, pastored by Rev. Dr. Raymond Worsley. Her home church is Clinton Presbyterian in Mecklenburg County.

According to her family members, Mrs. Neal has many specialties when it comes to cooking food. She loves to invite people to eat her chicken and dumplings, chicken dressing, sweet potato pie and peach cobbler.

During Mrs. Neal's childhood her daughter, Florence, remembers only good times her mother talked about. "My mother had a good childhood. Although she came from a family of 12, she never mentioned any hard times. Her family always had food

to eat. She loves to talk about how good her father was to the family. He took them to the cotton field, church, and brought them to Mecklenburg County. He always bought them shoes and clothes."

Even today, Mrs. Virginia Ginyard can't recall any problems Mrs. Neal had but only the good times they shared. "She likes to walk a lot. She always talks about how her family would walk into town from the Steele Creek area. I enjoyed 'Maggie's' company when we went to Myrtle Beach and the mountains. Just being together is a good time for us. She's my best friend."

Mrs. Ginyard was born in Charlotte, graduated from Myers Park High School, received a B.A. degree from Queens College, and is a member of the Carmel Country Club. She and her husband, John F. Ginyard, attend Myers Park Methodist Church, pastored by Rev. Dr. Tom Stockton. According to Mrs. Ginyard, Mrs. Neal taught her daughters, Landon, 35, and Caroline, 29, how to cook and iron, and she came to work for the Ginyards when Landon was only four months old. "Maggie continues to work for us when she feels like it. She has always liked to take care of us," replied Mrs. Ginyard.

Charles Neal even recalls good times experienced by his mother. "She went to New Jersey on a train to visit her late sister, Mrs. Annie Lee Hughes. I shared a special moment with her when her great granddaughter was born.

How do they describe Mrs. Neal who is considered independent and filled with enough energy to work, go down town on the bus by herself, and eat lunch and meet people down town as a mother blessed with 74 years of loving life.

"She's a very nice lady, very tender hearted," confirmed Charles Neal. "She's too good of a mother, because she continues to worry about her children," informed Mrs. Virginia Ginyard. "She's been a great mother. When I was sick and had no money, she was always there. She's a good mother to friends and everybody," confessed Mrs. Florence Massey.

Black Jobless Rate Sets Record

Nearly 23.4 million Americans were unemployed sometime during 1981, the Labor Department reported Tuesday, meaning about one out of five workers were without paychecks for at least part of the year.

Some of those unemployed did not work at all last year.

According to the department's Bureau of Labor Statistic, 2.9 million workers were without a job for all of 1981-266,000 more than in that category in 1980.

The overall number affected by joblessness was two million higher in 1981 than the previous year, and included those who encountered loss of work for at least one week.

The bureau also reported that the number of people employed during 1981 rose, with almost 117 million working all or part of the year, one million more than in 1980.

"These numbers reflect the changing economic picture of 1981," the bureau said in its announcement. "During the first half, the economy was recovering from the 1980 recession; during the second half, it was slipping into another recession."

The 1981 data also showed that women with year-round full-time work had median earnings of \$12,345, about 60 percent of the median figure for men, \$20,593. For both groups, the median was about nine percent higher than in 1980, but declined about one percent when adjusted for inflation.

The median is the level above and below which there is an equal number of people.

The jobless proportion of the total work force - 19.5 percent, or nearly one in five-was higher than the 18.1 percent figure for 1980, but below the peak of 20.5 percent in 1975.

For men and black workers, however, the 1981 level of people unemployed equaled or exceeded previous highs.

For blacks, the proportion experiencing some unemployment rose to a record 30.5 percent, up from the 28 percent in 1980, and exceeding the previous peak of 29.5 percent in 1975.

For men, the proportion experiencing some unemployment was 20 percent, the same as the 1975 peak. Among women, the proportion was 19 percent.

The bureau also reported that the proportion of unemployed workers with two or more instances of joblessness during 1981 was 34 percent, up from 32 percent in 1980.

JCSU Receives

\$164,662

Two grants totaling \$164,662 were recently awarded to Johnson C. Smith University by the United States Department of Education to continue the Upward Bound and Special Services Programs on campus.