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## Food Stamp Allotments Increases

Beginning October 1, food stamp recipients will get an eight percent cost-of-food increase in their food stamp benefits, Assistant Secretary of Agriculture Mary C. Jarratt said Monday.

"This action increases the food purchasing power of food stamp recipients to keep up with the rising cost of food," said Jarratt. The increase reflects changes in the cost of food between October 1980 and June 1982.

The allotment for a family of four with no income, for example, will increase from its current level of \$233 to \$253 a month.

Food stamp allotments are based on USDA's thrifty food plan, which provides an adequate level of nutrition for various-sized households taking into account food prices. As the cost of food rises, the food allotment of the thrifty food plan rises with it.

## Voter Registration Deadline Set

The deadline for voter registration and transfer of address for the November 2 general election in Mecklenburg County is Monday, October 4, at 5 p.m.

Residents of Mecklenburg may register to vote or transfer their address at any branch of the Public Library, the town hall in Pineville and in Cornelius, branches of Mechanics and Farmers Bank, or at the Elections Office, 710 East Fourth Street. The Elections Office is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday. Sample ballots for the November election are now available at all registration offices.

For more information about voter registration, call the Elections Office at 374-2133.

## Eastern Announces Unique Program

Frank Borman, Chairman and President of Eastern Airlines, and Robert C. Stempel, Chevrolet Division General Manager and a General Motors Vice President, Wednesday announced a unique Buy-Chevy-Fly-Eastern program to begin Friday, October 1.

The program, which also involves GMC trucks, could trigger almost a billion dollars worth of economic activity over the next 13 months.

Buyers of Chevrolet Chevies and Citations and selected Chevrolet and GMC pickup trucks from participating dealers will receive a round-trip ticket for two on flights anywhere in the Eastern system except South America and Panama.

The offer ends midnight November 15, 1982.

## TURTLE-TALK



If you cannot do great things, do small things in a great way.



MISS THOMASENA BANKS  
... Chosen two wide careers

## Thomasena Banks Is Beauty Of Week

By Teresa Simmons  
Post Managing Editor  
...With national unemployment knocking on the 10 percentile door it seems even our youth may be in for a turbulent time economically. Our beauty Thomasena Banks is 13 but has already packed her future suitcase towards two wise careers.

"I know that I would like to continue my education through school and college, probably A&T University," informed our eighth grade beauty. "I may continue in music and become a Gospel piano player. I love music and I would like to play for my church. I'd like to be a successful piano player."

The more mathematically inclined side of Ms. Banks leans toward computer analyst. "Computers are popular now and the money is pretty good in that field," she continued.

Both the liberal arts talent and the mathematical genius within our beauty can merge to develop both a superb piano player and a wiz at computers.

Already Ms. Banks has shown her versatility. She is a member of the Executive Council, as the historian, is a member of the Student Council and plays the clarinet in the band at Randolph Junior High School. She also plays the piano. A member of the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority's affiliate, the Archnettes, Ms. Banks stays busy socially and civically. She is also a member of our church's, Clinton Chapel AME Zion Church Young Adult Choir, where Rev. Retoy Gaston pastors. She was also recently elected president of the Junior Usher Board.

The daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Thomas J. Banks, our beauty has one sister, nine-year-old Elfredia Banks.

No one person has influenced our beauty as much as her aunt, Cora Mack has. "I call her 'Coco,'" our beauty commented. "She has a lot of influence in my life. She has taken care of me through childhood and given me examples of how

## ARC To "Meet The Candidates"

There will be a meeting of the Association for Retarded Citizens-Mecklenburg and Union Counties October 19 at 7 p.m. at Metro Center (700 E. Second Street).

The purpose of this meeting is to "Meet the Candidates."

Each candidate will present a three minute opening statement. Time will be allotted for questions and comments.

I want to be. She's a great cook, she is very nice and sweet and she tries to please everyone."

The influence in our beauty's life has been superb. For our beauty scored within the 90 percent percentile in the verbal California Achievement Test. She also attended a Duke University sponsored program for seventh graders and high school seniors recently.

Ms. Banks believes in "living to your best ability." But she is not only concerned with the success in her own life, she also contemplates the state of the world. "If I could make a change it would be in Afghanistan, and somehow solve their problems," she stated.

Slipping away from the more grizzly part of society our beauty enjoys studying mathematics, the music of Cameo, Neicy and Rick James. She also enjoys the television series "The Jeffersons." "I like George's character and the different problems they go through on the program."

The essence of our beauty, Thomasena Banks, can only be touched upon. But we have found out that her true nature is one to be admired, for she is one who is looking ahead conscientiously.

## Concern Shifts To Economic Arena

# Blacks Re-Examine Methods For Achieving Racial Progress

By Mac Thrower  
Post Staff Writer  
When civil rights activists joined hands in the 60s to sing the hopeful words of "We Shall Overcome," it wasn't difficult to know who or what had to be "overcome": Southern policemen with snarling dogs, governors who stood in the doorways of schools, "Jim Crow" laws that sentenced blacks to an underworld devoid of basic human rights.

As time passed and the early political and legal battles were won, the focus of black concern began to shift to the economic arena, where years of enforced deprivation had relegated blacks to the bottom of the unofficial American caste system. Most of the initial black economic efforts centered on gaining equal employment opportunities; these efforts succeeded to a considerable degree, with the help of federal guidelines and enforcement. But, despite the many legal and political victories, blacks found in

## Fayetteville To Host NAACP

Special To The Post  
State Conference NAACP President, Kelly M. Alexander Sr., announces that the 39th Annual Convention of the North Carolina State Conference of Branches, (NAACP), National Association for the Advancement of Colored People will meet in the city of Fayetteville, N.C., October 14-17.

The Convention Headquarters will be the Bordeaux Motor Inn and Convention Center.

The Convention Theme is "NAACP Priorities In A Changing Economic Social Order."

The Convention activities will begin Thursday, October 14, with the "Ministers and Church Emphasis Day" meeting. Thursday's program will be held in the Lewis Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, 5422 Raeford Rd. The Rev. John D. Fuller is the Minister.

The State Conference has a continuing program of religious affairs, under the direction of Rev. L. A. Saunders of Morganton, N.C. Rev. Saunders states that "the NAACP and the Church work together against racial injustice. There is a strong partnership between the Church and the NAACP," he said.

The Ministers and Church Emphasis Day luncheon speaker will be Joseph E. Madison, Director, NAACP Voter Education Department. Madison, as National Director of the NAACP's Voter Education Department, is responsible for the Associations' Political Action Committee.

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Rev. Bob Walton  
...Taking active interest

...Taking active interest in the 70s that economic progress had not, to any significant extent, followed these victories. A stronger black middle class had emerged, but a weaker black underclass had also developed—an isolated underclass dependent on government welfare programs and seemingly cut off from the mainstream of American life.

At this time, new leaders like Jesse Jackson began to preach self-improvement to blacks—self-improvement based on education



Dr. George A. Lowe (l), Chairman, Board of Directors, Association for Sickle Cell Disease for Charlotte-Metrolina, Inc., presents a plaque for group support to Carrie Kirkpatrick of Chapter No. 4 NC Cosmetologists and Beauticians Association. The plaque was presented recently during the Sickle Cell Association's First Annual Awards Banquet held at the Sheraton Center. (Photo: Cal-Du Photo)

## Citing More Personal Care Some Women Prefer The Assistance Of Midwives

By Karen Parker  
Post Staff Writer

Years ago when transportation was not much more advanced than horse and buggy and when roads were actually paths cut through the winding wilderness, midwives were welcomed in rural areas.

They assisted women in child labor when they could not get to the town doctor before delivery time.

Today, access to transportation is a trivial concern, and the highway department spends millions of dollars on road development. Nonetheless, there are women who would prefer to experience child birth with the assistance of a midwife, even if that assistance is in a hospital rather than in homes as it once was.

Women who prefer midwives emphasize they received more personal care, their families can be included in the birthing process and the birth takes places under less technical circumstances.

Dr. William MacDonald, an obstetrician in Charlotte has no qualms about midwifery. "A well-trained midwife can provide good obstetrical care," he stated. "Of course obstetricians have been through extensive training," he added.

MacDonald was sensitive toward women who want more personalized care, a natural environment and family participation during child birth.

Apparently, others in the health field are also acknowledging people's outcry for a change in obstetrical provisions. Charlotte hospitals do not have midwifery programs, but they are devising birth rooms much like private bedrooms in appearance. The hospitals are also devising a sibling visitation program which will allow immediate family members to become more involved with the arrival of the newborn.

Lillian Ferguson worked as a practical nurse for 32 years before she retired. During her career she became a licensed midwife. She no longer practices midwifery, but continues to detect several advantages of a midwife over an obstetrician.

"Midwives can spend more time with patients. Obstetricians must delegate their time to several patients," she explained. Ferguson admitted midwives do not always have as much training as obstetricians. For this reason she agrees that a doctor should be available to assist a midwife with possible complications.

"I can't quote any figures, but I'm certain the cost for delivery by a midwife is less than a hospital. See Black On Page 16

consumers to force major corporations to help in making economic equality a reality for blacks.

But, in the struggle for economic equality, the battle lines of the 60s cannot be re-drawn: there are no one-dimensional enemies like "Bull" Connor, the infamous Birmingham, Alabama police chief; there are no men in hoods and white robes burning crosses, only corporate executives in tailored suits, men who, in some cases, are black-like Wayman Smith, an Anheuser-Busch vice-president; men who can exercise far more power with a bank account and a battalion of public relations people than all of the police in Mississippi could with billy clubs and fire hoses.

And the moral authority of the civil rights movement, the appeal to conscience and religious principles, is more difficult to

and the adoption of traditional American success-oriented values. In the 80s, however, a new political and economic climate in the country has forced black leaders to re-examine their methods for achieving racial progress. With President Reagan and many in Congress opposed to most forms of government intervention on behalf of blacks, civil rights leaders have turned their attention to the business world, hoping to use the purchasing power of black

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## Separate Conventions Staged

Special To The Post  
Washington, D.C. - Black politicians appeared to take over the nation's capitol here last week as the Congressional Black Caucus and the National Black Republican Council converged on a dozen hotels to stage separate conventions during a major city-wide election.

Mayor Marion Barry, former civil rights activist, was renominated for a second term in the District of Columbia and the Rev. Walter E. Fauntroy, chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC), was reelected as D.C. Congressional Delegate without opposition. Barry is favored to easily defeat white Republican opponent W. Brooke Lee in November.

Although an estimated 5-8,000 political visitors from throughout the nation attended the predominantly Democratic party oriented 12th annual CBC Legislative Weekend, Republican leaders attempted to upstage the gala affair by inviting President Ronald Reagan to keynote a closed dinner for over 1,000 well-heeled, black Grand Old Party members on the eve of the Caucus activities.

The President's appearance at the two-day GOP convention, September 15-16 offered "the President a chance to speak to one of the largest gatherings of blacks who are both Republicans and supporters of the administration," said Republic National Committee chairman Richard Richards.

Richards confirmed that the Republican National Committee provided \$30,000 to the black Republican organization to stage the meeting, and he urged them to use the proceeds to "Elect black Republican candidates wherever they are seeking office."

"Black Republicans want the people of this country to know we support the present administration and we are working to dispel incorrect, negative perceptions that President Reagan is not concerned with minorities," said LeGree Daniels, NBRC chairman.

Vice-President George Bush also spoke at the black Republican sessions at the Shoreham Hotel as Democratic supporters gathered at the CBC headquarters at the nearby Washington Hilton. The latter hostelry is often referred to as the "Booker T. Washington Hilton" during the annual fall gathering of black political leadership headed by 18 members of Congress.

"An essential element in creating legislation and policies which address the needs of black and minority citizens was the development of 78 legislative technicians...trained in the congressional process, said Rep. Louis Stokes (D-Ohio), president of the CBC Foundation.