

Jehovah Witness Holds Seminar Here

Announcement was made today that Jehovah's Witnesses will hold a two-day seminar at Charlotte Civic Center starting Saturday, November 6th.

James E. Brooks, convention director, said that more than 3,000 delegates from the Piedmont of North and South Carolina are slated to attend.

"Making The Truth Manifest In Our Lives" is the theme that more than a dozen speakers will address during the program.

Brooks said that while the program is directed to the Witnesses, persons from other churches are welcome to attend. "Jesus Christ was a faithful Witness and serves as a model for all honest-hearted persons," he said.

Sunday's highlight will be a public address at 2 p.m. on the topic, "How Does The Truth Affect Your Life?" The speaker, L. R. Beda, representative of the Watchtower Society of New York, said that "truth has a powerful influence on a Christian." He said the Witnesses believe that "everyone serving God will be put to the test to see what kind of Christian material they are made of."

Beda, 66, has directed the work of the Witnesses in some 15 states during the past 24 years. His wife, Thelma, who travels with him, served as a missionary in Panama for seven years.

Sessions are free and will be held from 10 - 4:30 p.m. daily.

Statewide Workshop Set For SSI

RALEIGH - The North Carolina Council on Developmental Disabilities will sponsor a statewide workshop on Supplemental Security Income (SSI) at the Ramada Inn in Burlington on November 6, according to Jim Keene, the council's executive director. The Council on Developmental Disabilities is a unit of the Department of Human Resources.

Keene said the purpose of the workshop is to explain the SSI program in plain English so people can approach the social security system with a more positive attitude, and with enough information to make the application process less frustrating for the disabled.

"The application process for federal Supplemental Security Income benefits is extremely complicated," Keene said. "The council feels there is a need to help adults with disabilities, and the parents of disabled children, to better understand the benefits available under the social security system."

For more information about the workshop contact Jim Kenne, N.C. Council on Developmental Disabilities, 325 N. Salisbury Street, Raleigh, N.C. 27611.

TURTLE-TALK



Fall is one of nature's greatest shows; you can enjoy the next few months immensely if you take time to observe what is all around you.



FIRST FOR SECOND TIME - Clary Lee Gaines waits for Poll Worker to get some pencils as he, his wife, and Mrs. Lunnell Withers prepare to vote Tuesday at Precinct 25. (Photo: Peeler's Portrait Studio)

At Precinct 25

Clary Lee Gaines Was First Person To Vote Tuesday

FIRST AGAIN! - Clary Lee Gaines, of 3115 Burbank Drive in the University Park subdivision, was

the first person to vote at Precinct 25 (West Charlotte High School) when the polls opened at 6:30 a.m.

Tuesday. The Shamrock Garden Elementary School Custodian, and his wife, 3rd from left, were the first and second persons, respectively, to vote at Precinct No. 25 last year.

The couple had been in line since before 6 a.m. and he wanted poll workers to open early so he would not miss his bus for work.

The life long Democrat said, "I want all the (blacks) to get in," when asked who he was voting for. When asked if he liked the job President Reagan was doing, the St. Paul Baptist Church member who has "never voted Republican, said, "N-o-o-o. No, No! I don't see how in the name of God he got in there in the first place...as soon as he got in there they wanted him out!"

To reinforce his opinion, Mr. Gaines added, "It's just a mess! Things got higher. Prices are still going up and people (are) being laid off, that don't make sense. Democrats at least tried to balance things. He continued, "Jobs closing out, big companies closing out, it wasn't like this in Hoover days!"

At no loss for words, he adds, "The employment office wants to tell you how to draw your own money. (They) don't want to give it to you - like it was coming out of their own pockets!"

Than Other Businesses

Fewer Black Companies Declaring Bankruptcies

By Wallace Lyles
Special To The Post

"The rest of the business world today is getting a taste of what it's been like for black-owned businesses in the past decade."

This is the voiced opinion of Earl Graves, nationally recognized authority on black business development and the publisher of "Black Enterprise" magazine. Graves was guest speaker at the Fifth Annual Charlotte Business League Awards Banquet, October 29th.

Speaking to Charlotte's black business leaders, at the Sheraton Center, Graves pointed out "that while this nation is undergoing record numbers of bankruptcies, black-owned businesses are not suffering a disproportionate share of this tragedy. Actually, percentage wise, there are fewer black-owned companies declaring bankruptcies than other businesses."

Graves informed his audience that while larger companies today are finding it difficult to econo-

mically manage their businesses, it has always been difficult for black businesses.

"Yes, the recession makes it even harder for us to survive and grow, but the whole history of the recent growth of black-owned businesses in America has been a history of growth despite adverse conditions. That's something for all of us to celebrate, Graves declared.

Listed in Who's Who In America and chosen by TIME magazine as one of the 200 future leaders of America, Graves was impressed by the number of black-owned businesses in North Carolina.

"As you know three North Carolina firms were listed this year among the nation's largest black-owned businesses," Graves mentioned. He was speaking of Charlotte's Sam Johnson Lincoln-Mercury dealership, Fayetteville's International Development Corporation and also the Fuller Oil Company, Inc.

...And The Handicapped

HUD Awards Mayfield Memorial Baptist Church \$2 Million To Build Homes For Elderly

Mayfield Memorial Baptist Church recently received a funding reservation for approximately \$2 million from the United States Government, under its Housing and Urban Development (HUD) operations.

The award presented to the church where Rev. H. S. Diggs pastors, will be used to build 60 units of housing for the elderly and handicapped citizens of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County.

Mayfield Memorial, one of many groups which submitted applications for the 10 housing groups approved in North Carolina, was the only minority group chosen and approved.

The Clinton E. Gravely Architectural Firm of Greensboro will design the houses to be known as The Mayfield Memorial Apartments. All units will be specially built to accommodate the needs of elderly and handicapped citizens. Six units will be for handicapped residents and 54 units will be for the elder-



Rev. Harold S. Diggs
...Mayfield pastor

ly. No other people will be eligible to live in the complexes.

Construction of Mayfield Memorial Apartments is expected to begin by the fall of 1983. The project will be built on Oneida Road, just off Derita Road. It is expected to cover an 8.6 acre tract of land that has a two-acre lake. The land will be purchased through the William Reule Realty firm.

Rev. Diggs admitted

making preparations and overseeing the construction of Mayfield Memorial Apartments will require many hours of work. "However," he stated, "it is an honor and a great privilege to be able to lead Mayfield Memorial Baptist Church into this type of ministry for the handicapped and the elderly. I feel the rewards to be derived from such a ministry will more than compensate for the efforts.

Construction of Mayfield Memorial Apartments will not be the first outreach effort rendered by the church. Rev. Diggs and his members have established a Clothes and Food Closet to assist the needy; a day care center to aid working parents who need child care services; a tutorial program to assist pupils with academic assistance; Girl and Boy Scouts programs to help mold and develop responsible young people; a sewing class to assist those who need to and those who enjoy sewing. The church also sponsors an exercise and

slimnastics class for those who desire to exercise and trimp up the scientific way, and many other activities for the development of members of the church in particular.

Mayfield Memorial makes annual financial contributions to Shaw, Johnson C. Smith and Friendship college. They also financially support Central Orphanage in Oxford, N.C.; J.J. Johnson Bible Camp in Laurel Hill, N.C.; State Missions through the General Baptist State Convention of N.C.; Mt. Pease Association and its auxiliaries; Mecklenburg Association; the Christian Rehabilitation Center; the United

In Tuesday's Election Berry, Richardson, Davis, Walton Win

Lower Your Food Bills?

Because of today's high food costs, you want to get the most nutrition possible for your money. There are ways to ease the strain on your pocketbook and at the same time help the hearts of every member of your family.

Foods that probably claim the biggest chunk of your grocery dollar are those highest in cholesterol and saturated fats: fatty meats, whole milk, cheese, butter and eggs. Scientific research indicates that a diet high in saturated fat and/or cholesterol increases your risk of developing heart and blood vessel diseases, because it tends to raise the level of cholesterol in your blood.

"Buy 'good' or 'standard' grades of beef. In addition to being less expensive, they contain more protein and less fat than 'prime' or 'choice' grades. For good nutrition, the American Heart Association recommends you eat no more than six ounces of lean meat, fish or poultry each day.

Skim Milk Costs Less
Buy low-fat or non-fat dairy products. Fortified skim or low-fat milk costs less than whole milk or cream, and is better for your heart. Instead of butter, use margarine that lists liquid vegetable oil as the first ingredient on the label. You can eat as many egg whites as you desire, but the AHA recommends you limit your intake of egg yolks to three per week, since they are high in cholesterol.

Whole grains, legumes, fruits and nuts are nutritious foods that are often reasonably priced.



Michelle "Sherl" Robinson
...Gifted with artistic talents

Michelle Robinson Is Beauty Of Week

By Teresa Simmons
Post Managing Editor

There are many ways to measure beauty. For our beauty, Michelle "Sherl" Robinson, it would take many rulers to surmise the extent of her eloquence... both inside and out.

Easily, one can sense her concern for others and her genuine happiness of enjoying what life has to offer. "Swimming, tennis, basketball and volleyball are some of my favorite pastimes," Ms. Robinson submitted. "In my music I enjoy the voice quality of Chaka Khan...her creativeness and expressions."

Ms. Robinson also has been gifted with artistic talents and she enjoys

taking art classes at West Mecklenburg High School where she is a twelfth grader.

From church, the Church of the Apostolic where Rev. Gantt is pastor, and from her experiences in life as well as the advice from her family, Ms. Robinson has

adopted a thoughtful and considerate philosophy of life. "I believe in that scripture in the Bible which paraphrased means "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

The daughter of Thomas and Jennie Robinson, our beauty has three brothers: Robert, Thomas and Melvin. She considers her mother as one of her favorite people. "My mother is always there. I can always depend on her."

Ms. Robinson's concern for her family and for her community stems from a background of love. Socially she would like to see the crime rate diminish. "If I could make a change in this world that would be my first priority," Ms. Robinson stated.

Future plans for Ms. Robinson include enrolling at Winston-Salem State University and majoring in Computer science there. "I enjoy data processing and working with machines," she informed.

"There's more to beauty than meets the eye," is certainly true for Ms. Robinson. Gifted with intelligence and the will to exert herself in a profession as demanding as Computer Science only adds to her charm. And charming is synonymous to our beauty, Sherl Robinson.

Bethlehem Schedules Gigantic Bazaar

A gigantic bazaar sponsored by Bethlehem Center will be held Friday, November 5 from 2-6 p.m. and on Saturday, November 6 from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Bargain day will be revisited when you price the low, low items for sale. Furniture, linen, clothing, non-perishable food items,

plants, pots and pans are just a few of the available merchandise.

All profit from the sale will be used to offset the loss caused by federal budget cuts so that programs for the Center's participants can continue.

If you have donations for

the bazaar bring them by the center or arrange to have them picked up by calling 375-1417. Blankets, sheets, towels, luggage, infants' clothing and furniture are especially needed.

Bethlehem Center is located at 2705 Baltimore Avenue.

Black Voter Turnout Significant

By Terri Bynum
Special To The Post

Both Jim Richardson and Phil Berry from Mecklenburg County were elected to the State House Tuesday. These two were the only non-incumbents to win seats. Re-elected were Democrats Jo Graham Foster, Parks Helms, Louise Brennan, Jim Black, Ruth Easterling and Republican Roy Spoon.

Phil Berry, a Democrat, won easily in his first bid for a State House seat. Berry is a businessman and has been a multiple-term chairman of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education.

A native of Charlotte, Jim Richardson won by a narrow margin over incumbent Gus Economos.

In the State Senate race, Democrat James Polk, the only black running for this office, was defeated. Lacking just over 1,000 votes, Polk lost to incumbent Cecil Jenkins from Cabarrus County. Former mayor of Charlotte and Republican Ken Harris, and Democratic Representative Ben Tison were elected as newcomers to the Senate.

Craig Lawing, a Democrat and incumbent, led the ticket in votes.

City Councilman Charlie Dannelly, in reference to Polk's defeat says, "He had a lot of ground to make up for in name recognition. It was his first time out in a very tough race."

County Democrat Party Chairman Bob Davis agrees, adding, "It seems that many Democrats voted for Ken Harris. He (Harris) is a former mayor and therefore is better known."

When asked if Polk will run again in 1984, Davis predicts, "He'll be back. He's got the fever now."

U.S. Congressman from the ninth district Jim Martin defeated Democratic challenger Preston Cornelius. Martin, a five term incumbent, spent nearly \$200,000 on his campaign and Cornelius, former Superior Court Judge from Iredell County, raised only \$35,000.

This year's race for the County Commission was relatively unexciting. All five incumbents were re-elected—Democrats Fountain Odom, Susan Green, Bob Walton, Tom Ray and Republican Marilyn Bisell. Odom led the ticket and announced he will seek the chairmanship of the Board, currently held by Tom Ray.

In the race for Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor, incumbent Kenneth Westmoreland was re-elected. Mildred Baxter Davis, known for her involvement in community issues, also won election to the two seat post.

Charlie Dannelly felt encouraged by the high turnout and the positive election results for blacks saying, "Black voters are becoming very astute in their awareness of the issues and the candidates."