



HARVEY GANTT
...Enjoys family life

Post's "Man Of The Year" Honors Go To Harvey Gantt

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Harvey Gantt. The name generally connotes visions of politician and city councilman in the minds of Charlotteans.

Gantt is also a business partner in Gantt-Huberman Associates, an architectural firm. But, besides having political and business interests, Gantt is a family man.

He has been unanimously selected The Charlotte Post's "Man of the Year" in honor of Father's Day. In spite of all his responsibilities, Gantt stressed he always spends time enjoying his family. He pointed out it's not as much time as he would like but he tries to make the time spent with his family essential.

"I try to make it home each evening for dinner and I try not to leave again before 8 a.m.," he stated sincerely. He accompanies his family each Sunday to Friendship Baptist Church where they worship; the more leisurely hours are spent on the tennis courts.

To be a good father, Gantt believes he must be an authority-figure. "You can't just preach it," he assured. "Instead," according to the mayor pro tem, "a good father will always be around for the wife and children to lean on. Most importantly," Gantt emphasized, "a good father should be able to provide his family with the basics of life such as clothing and shelter. Even

if the wife is a career woman, the man should be a hard worker," he presented.

When asked if his strong involvement in politics has sparked political interest in any of his family members, Gantt answered his oldest daughter, Sonya, was active in school politics.

"That was her choice," he stressed. "I by no means coach any of my children toward a political career. I want to stress to my children to be involved and to be prepared to be involved. The way to be prepared is to be informed," Gantt added. He acknowledged he also teaches his children the value of honesty—not to fear the truth; to like themselves and to realize they are each different and have unique characteristics."

Continuing Gantt stated, "Our family always accepts a challenge with the attitude it will do the best it can."

Perhaps many of Gantt's ideals of fatherhood were adopted from his father when Gantt was a child growing up in Charleston, S.C. "My father led a group of parents in protest because Black high school football players were not allowed to play in the 'white' stadium. This protest gained the rights of the football team to play in the stadium," Gantt recalled.

The parents' success was Gantt's first realization that the voices of the people are heard. "This made an impression on me—that you can move against the established order in a certain fashion," Gantt stated. "Appeal to the order and things can change."

The Post "Father of the Year" believes in finding time for each aspect of his life. "It is important that you give time to your fa-

Alumni Picnic

The Queen City Chapter of North Carolina A&T State University Alumni Association will sponsor its annual picnic Saturday, June 25. The picnic will be held at Hornets Nest Park.

TURTLE-TALK



A great deal of what we see depends on what we are looking for.

With WPEG's Assistance Post Gears-Up Major Subscription Campaign

NAACP Dispute Not Over?

New York, N.Y. - Another chapter will be written in the continuing controversy which has besieged the National Association of the Advancement of Colored People since the suspension of Benjamin Hooks as executive director of the organization two weeks ago by Board Chairman Margaret Rush Wilson of St. Louis.

Since that action, which resulted in a nationwide furor and overwhelming public support of Hooks, Attorney Wilson lifted the suspension. Then at a board meeting called by Kelly Alexander Sr., vice chairman of the organization, held at the national offices in Brooklyn, N.Y., a majority of the 64-member board moved to limit the powers of the chairman and also give the executive director unlimited power in running the organization.

The Saturday meeting was attended by 52 members of the board in spite of a ruling by the General Counsel Thomas Atkins, who had been named by Mrs. Wilson as acting executive director, that the meeting was illegal. Attorney Wilson has called a board meeting in Chicago on June 11 at which she has indicated, she will explain why she took the action that virtually traumatized the nation's leading civil rights organization.

While voting by an overwhelming majority to restrict the future power of the board chairman, leaders agreed that the meeting See NAACP on page 2



TAFFY "VEREEN" HAILEY
...One in a million

This Week's Beauty

Epitome Of Joyful Living

By Teresa Simmons
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What is that substance within some humans that allows them to strive toward peace and the ability to snatch only exuberant manifestations from life?

Whatever that substance is flowing within the veins of Taffy "Vereen" Hailey it seems to be contagious. Her enthusiasm and radiance sparkle as she enters a room. Some have called her "unique and one in a million" but the truth is that Taffy Hailey is one who can restore a failing soul and promote the epi-

some of joyful living.

Ms. Hailey's life seems to be one exciting adventure after another. Born 21 years ago in South Norwalk, Connecticut our beauty was 10 years old by the time her family moved to Conway, S.C. By this time she was entertaining with an act of imitation. Her act, portraying Michael Jackson was the start of something special...her realization that she had the talent to mesmerize an audience.

Later she organized her own dance group, "The Mechanical Advice." During her last year in high

school she and two others formed another dance group entitled "The Three C's."

"This group imitated Shalamar from their second album up to their most recent album," Ms. Hailey commented. Our group traveled throughout Horry County doing shows, winning trophies and becoming more and more popular. Our last live concert was held at Conway Recreational Center among hundreds of people during the summer of my high school graduation."

Ms. Hailey then set her sites upon education. She attended and graduated from the Horry-Georgetown Technical College studying the Secretarial Science Curriculum.

While in college, she began acting with the Afro-American Cultural Alliance. She participated in the Choreo-poem called, "For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide. When the Rainbow Is Enuf," authored by Ntozake Shange. She graduated from college with a Secretarial Science degree May 31, 1982. "One hour later I was on my way to Charlotte," she stated.

"I like Charlotte and I enjoy meeting people," she continued. Most people are automatically drawn toward Ms. Hailey. "I think that I possess a gift from God."

Presently Ms. Hailey is an office assistant III with the City of Charlotte-local government in the personnel department.

She enjoys dancing, writing poems, songwriting and singing. She just became a member of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church where she plans to join the Young Adult Choir.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Pickett she cites her mother as being the most influential person in her life. "My mother, Ella Mae Pickett, has been a mother and father to me. She has been the only one I have had to look up to. She is not only a mother, she has been a friend.

Promotion To Involve Area Churches

By Loretta Manago
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In support of The Charlotte Post's upcoming third annual "Churchwoman of the Year" contest, radio station WPEG has joined in with The Post to make this year's program the best and most successful ever. This announcement was recently made by WPEG station manager, Nancy Cooper who stated, "WPEG has agreed to cooperate with The Charlotte Post in order to make the "Churchwoman of the Year" program bigger and better this year and we're looking forward to complete participation from area churches."

As co-sponsors of The Charlotte Post's major subscription campaign, WPEG will run the promotion on their airwaves in conjunction with The Charlotte Post. Bob Harris of their Gospel Unlimited program, will be present for any and all functions. Also WPEG intends to sell some advertising centered around the promotion itself.

With WPEG's pledge of support and necessary changes in the structure of the program the "Churchwoman of the Year" contest will undoubtedly prove to be more exciting and challenging for the churchwoman who will be competing for the title.

In the past, two churchwomen of the year contests, all competing churches regardless of the congregation size, worked diligently to attain the status of "Churchwoman of the Year." However, there was only one candidate, the woman, who during the campaign, had earned the most points, was declared the top winner.

Meetings, Inc., a professional organization produced by Bill Johnson, Post's editor and publisher, has devised a system whereby the campaign will find favorable appeal to more church participants and their ministers.

Instead of an at large competition this year's contest will be divided in three categories of competition. These three categories will be determined by the church's membership and will be classified as small, medium or large. The contestant and her church will compete in the classification into which her church falls. Those numerical ranges have yet to be established and will be announced at a later date.

With three categories of competition, there will be three finalists vying for the "Churchwoman of the Year" recognition. The churchwoman with the top point value from each category will then be eligible for the grand prize. At this point in the contest, the churchwomen's scores become invalid. What will determine who will become "Churchwoman of the Year" will be a letter from each contestants' church stating why their contestant should be selected.

"Juneteenth Is Forgotten Holiday?"

According to Richard Ellis, a member of the board of directors for Charlotte's Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), "Juneteenth" is an almost forgotten holiday in Negro history.

"Sometimes called Negro Nation Day, Juneteenth (June 19) represents the end of slavery and the continuing struggle for freedom," stated Ellis who is also a member of the SCLC voter registration committee.

He mentioned July 4 is celebrated as Independence Day, yet the Declaration of Independence of 1776 had no intention of including slaves. "On June 19, 1862, the U.S. Congress passed the first act prohibiting slavery in the territories, but real freedom did not come on that day, nor on January 1, 1863 when the Emancipation Proclamation officially ended slavery in the South," Ellis presented.

He added, "The Emancipation Proclamation had no effect in Texas because so little of the state was occupied by Union troops." Ellis expressed the slaveholders on the cotton plantations of east Texas took advantage of this and didn't tell their slaves the war was over and that they were free. The slavehold-



Richard Ellis
...SCLC board members had all their money tied up in crops which needed to be cultivated and harvested.

"It was not until two months after the end of the war on June 19, 1865, when Union troops landed on Galveston, Texas, that the end of slavery was enforced. June 19 or Juneteenth came to be celebrated in Negro folk tradition of Texas as Emancipation Day. Its observance spread to other parts of the South," Ellis concluded.

The local SCLC chapter will acknowledge Juneteenth Saturday. The events for the day will include a breakfast at the Radisson Plaza, 8-9:30 a.m. The featured speakers will be Rev. Albert Love, administrative director for the national chapter and

other national and state SCLC leaders.

Workshops Saturday, June 18, will also be held at the Radisson, following the breakfast. Topics will include toxic waste and health care to be presented by Ken Ferucia, Dolly Burwell and Cathy Hughes; voter registration, education and electoral politics will be presented by Dr. Reginald Hawkins; Black land loss and exploitation will be presented by Floyd McKissick; housing will be discussed by Pat Rogers; economic development will be reviewed by Jean Webber and Ida Bracken; the Black labor movement will be presented by James Orange.

Then at 1 p.m. a parade will start at Marshall Park (uptown Charlotte) and will proceed to Morgan

Democrats To Hear Pepper

The Honorable Claude Pepper (D-Fla.), the member of Congress most noted for his strong stands to protect older adults, will be the keynote speaker for the North Carolina Democratic Party's Senior Democrats Mini-Conference to be held June 17-18 at the Raleigh Hilton on Hillsborough Street.

Pepper, 82, was recently

Park in the Cherry community at the intersection of Baxter and South Torrence Streets.

"The purpose of the march is to free Eddie James Carthan and the Tchula 7 from the Maxwell Air Force Base Camp," Ellis stated. He also mentioned the march will represent an effort to preserve Black political rights.

The park festival will include speeches, music, games, food and entertainment. Booths can be set up by various organizations. For information about how your organization can participate, please call Evelyn Arant at 372-0780 or 376-3236. Registration will begin at the Radisson Friday, June 17, at 1 p.m. The \$15 registration fee includes breakfast and conference materials.

featured on the cover of TIME as the spokesman for older adults in the nation. He and Governor Jim Hunt will highlight the two-day conference which will focus on teaching older adults how to actively and effectively participate in political organizations.

The program will focus both on issues and strategy.