

Protest To Stop Legal Lynching

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The National Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression (NAARPR) called upon all civil rights, labor and church organizations and individuals to join a nationally coordinated Protest to Stop Legal Lynching in the South. The protest will focus on the cases of Tchula, Mississippi Mayor Eddie Carthan and Johnny Imani Harris of Alabama.

The NAARPR organized protest will include a delegation, led by Berkeley, California Mayor Gus Newport, to observe the opening of Mayor Carthan's trial on false statement charges, in Mississippi on July 11, 1983. Angela Davis and other activists will speak at two Rallies To Stop Legal Lynching in the South; the first on June 25 in Birmingham, Alabama and the second in New York City on July 8. The Southern NAARPR branches, including those of Louisville, Kentucky; Birmingham, Alabama; and Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, are mobilizing to pack Johnny Imani Harris' courtroom with Harris supporters on the opening of his retrial for murder, July 18, 1983.

Frank Chapman, NAARPR Executive Director, stated that, "The state reserves the right to murder and imprison the racially oppressed, like Mayor Carthan or Johnny Imani Harris, even if they are innocent. At stake in Carthan's case is the right to elect those who represent our interests. In Harris' case, all the gross injustice emanating from the vicious, brutal, corrupt core of our criminal justice system is laid bare. The Attorney General of the United States and of Alabama must be and can be stopped if we protest in one voice, united against injustice and oppression, demanding freedom."

Hart's Child Care Bill Introduced

Washington - Senator Gary Hart, (D-Colo.), has introduced legislation which would help establish networks through which centralized and comprehensive information on child care services could be made available.

Noting that the demand for child care is increasing, but also diversifying, Hart said, "New employment patterns - more work on split shifts, more employees on flextime - are creating a demand for non-traditional dependent care provisions. Locating compatible child care facilities for families with these unusual needs can be a difficult task."

Each year, more and more mothers, especially those with young children, join the labor force. The need for infant care is climbing steadily.



The most important person to be honest with is yourself.



DONNA EPPS

... To become a lawyer

Donna Epps Is Beauty Of Week

By Teresa Simmons
Post Managing Editor
Donna Epps, a rising tenth grader at West Charlotte Senior High School, has already set her ambitions toward becoming a lawyer.

"Presently my favorite subject is English. It helps me to speak well and I like debating. I know this will be a big part of being a lawyer," Ms. Epps commented.

She also enjoys creative writing and composing poems. She has had her writings published in "Elusions," a book at her school. She also placed second in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg writing contest for junior high students for her creative piece, "The Principal's Office."

Becoming a lawyer will fit perfectly into her characteristic mold of leadership. She received a plaque for being president of the Student Council during the past school year. She also received the athletic award for volleyball participation and gave the farewell speech to her graduating ninth grade class.

She is a member of Project Aries, the Pep Club, Drama Club, volleyball

team and was the basketball manager. She also plays the flute in the band.

Hartzell United Methodist and Simpson-Gillespie United Methodist are two churches Ms. Epps enjoys attending. She is a member of the Youth Group at Simpson and her father pastors at Hartzell United Methodist.

Hobbies of Ms. Epps include swimming, drawing, reading, dancing and writing. The music of Michael Jackson and Diana Ross also inspire Ms. Epps. "I like to hear Michael sing. His entire style is pretty chic. Diana Ross has real talent, I like her style also and her songs seem to always make a lot of sense."

The daughter of Rev. John F. Epps and Margaret Epps, our beauty has been spiritually advised through the years. "My mother is the person who has had the most positive influence on me. She is my favorite person. She teaches me a lot of things when I go astray. She makes a lot of sacrifices and has helped me to grow."

Tiffany, who is 10 years old, is our beauty's only sibling. Her grandparents include Theo Hodge, Laura McClain and Haven McSee BEAUTY Page 12

Community Watch Day Proclaimed

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Raleigh - Governor Jim Hunt has proclaimed June 25 as Community Watch Day in North Carolina.

Hunt said, "Every citizen in our state ought to be proud of the tremendous job we are doing to prevent crime through the Community Watch program. I believe one of the best ways we can show support for that program is by attending our state's second annual Community Watch Day. The North Carolina Community Watch Association is sponsoring the meeting, and I commend the great progress they are making to teach people the value of this vital program."

Crime Control and Public Safety Secretary Heman R. Clark joined the Governor to support Community Watch and the work of the Association. "We have come a long way since we started Community Watch in North Carolina. Today, people in more than 12,000 communities throughout the state are involved. I join with Governor Hunt in commending all citizens and members of the Community Watch Association who are working hard to make our state a safer place to live," Clark said.

L. D. Hyde, Director of the N.C. Crime Prevention Division, stated that more than half of the total number of Community Watch programs in the country are located in North Carolina.

Information about Community Watch Day and the Community Watch Association may be obtained by calling your local enforcement agency or the N.C. Crime Prevention Division at 919-733-4342.

Power In Black Vote!

30,000 Blacks Failed To Exercise Authority



DR. JOSEPH LOWERY
...SCLC national president

At SCLC Celebration

Festive Mood Prevails

By Angela Chambers
Special To The Post
The bold red, black and green colors of the Afro-American flag led the way of the Freedom Marchers. The words from the song, "Ain't gonna let nobody turn me 'round," floated through the air as the procession filed into Morgan Park.

Greeting the marchers were approximately 100 people already assembled at the park. Some joined in the singing while others sipped cool drinks in the June sun.

The marchers had come from nearby Marshall Park. They were marching for the freedom of former mayor of Tchula, Mississippi, Eddie Carthan. Carthan is jailed in Mississippi on fraudulent charges. The parade also marked the beginning of the "June-teenth" celebration.

A festive mood prevailed as the start of the celebration was awaited. This celebration was bringing to a

close a two-day meeting of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

The SCLC conference, geared mainly toward voter registration, included many other events. It covered a successful voter registration drive and a rally at Little Rock AME Zion Church. There were breakfast and workshops at the Radisson Plaza Hotel. Finalizing the conference was the Juneteenth celebration.

Rev. Albert Love, administrative assistant to SCLC said the purpose of the meeting was reflected in part in the speech given by Dr. Joseph Lowery. Lowery is the president of the national SCLC.

"Dr. Lowery talked of the necessity of Black people to concentrate on jobs, justice and peace." Love started, "He stressed that these three areas were important. And to be successful in any of them, we have to first come together in love and respect for one

another." Pointing out that love and respect were not enough, Love continued, "He wanted to impress upon us the need for improved voter power and the need for political education. This education is to be aimed especially at our younger people."

Love said besides stressing voter registration and education, Lowery stressed the need for action. "He felt that we need to teach the people the 'whys' of voting. We need to know how to use our voting strength...know the political process. Apathy is so rampant simply because the need for organization is not understood."

Lowery's speech bespoke mainly of voter registration and political awareness. SCLC also had other purposes in mind for that weekend. Motivation and organization were also focal points.

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Rallies To Boost Black Voting Power

By Karen Parker
Post Staff Writer
If there's power in the Black vote, then nearly 30,000 Black citizens in Mecklenburg County are failing to exercise their authority.

According to Bill Culp, supervisor of elections, 36,235 Black citizens in the county are registered voters; however, 65,000 Blacks comprise the voting age population. Many organizations in the county have become concerned about the high number of unregistered Black voters and are diminishing the statistics through voter registration rallies.

A few of those organizations are the local chapter of the NAACP, SCLC and many churches. Richard Ellis, chairman for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) voter registration committee, stated nearly 50 people registered to vote last Saturday when the local chapter had a kick-off voting rally for its two-day conference.

Ms. Maxie Granger chaired a two-hour voter registration rally at New Hampton Presbyterian Church. "We had six people to register and five people to update their addresses," noted Ms. Granger. She emphasized a small number of people to register does not mean the rally was unsuccessful. "We gained six more people than were registered to vote for the last elections," she stated.

Probably one of the largest voter registration rallies to take place in Mecklenburg County was conducted by the local National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) chapter.

President Kelly M. Alexander Jr. reported the organization has held several campaigns. The latest one he recalled attracting nearly 100 newly registered people in a duration of two days and only a few hours each day.

Coordinators in voter registration campaigns seem to note one similarity: Getting an individual to register is important, but making sure they get to the polls is even more significant. People who register for the first time receive rides to the polls from the SCLC and New Hampton Presbyterian Church.

All of the organizations sponsor educational seminars which allow the registered voter to meet candidates, discuss issues and discover viewpoints which the candidates hold.

Alexander stated that NAACP usually doesn't appeal to only first-time registered people but to the entire membership. SCLC will be reaching more people since it began a three-month registration drive to be conducted in churches throughout the county.

The heightened energies to boost the number of Black registered voters has been the result of national leaders.

Teachers, Parents Caught In Web

Should Teachers Be Allowed To Spank Students?

By Lori Grier
Post Staff Writer

"It is written in the book of famous quotations, 'Spare the rod and spoil the child.' Many controversial issues have occurred because of the rod and its usage. Teachers, their students, and the parents have been caught in a web called discipline, and the rod is now the paddle.

Who is allowed to discipline a child? Usually it is the parent(s), and it begins in the home. What happens if a child doesn't receive the discipline they need at home? They usually become a major problem to their teachers and a nuisance in the classrooms.

One means of ridding this disciplinary problem which has been a controversy throughout the years is spanking. Should teachers be allowed to spank their students? The Post interviewed Dr. Jay Robinson, Mrs. Kathleen Crosby, Charlotte-Mecklenburg School teachers, and parents about this issue.

According to Dr. Jay Robinson, Superintendent of Charlotte-Mecklenburg School System, North



Bob Walton
...County Commissioner

Carolina laws permit teachers to use reasonable means to maintain discipline. Teachers may use corporal punishment when a serious offense is committed. The offense must be recorded in the school file, reported to the parents, and a witness must be present when the punishment is issued. "It is not wise to have corporal punishment, because the school gets in more trouble by using it. In many cases we have court decisions being made against



Mrs. Kathleen Crosby
...Area superintendent

the teachers when corporal punishment is used," said Dr. Robinson. Mrs. Kathleen Crosby, Area Superintendent of Charlotte-Mecklenburg School System, confirmed that each school system has a Student Services Specialist (specialists work under the principal to help teachers with any student exhibiting an atypical behavior) and a Teacher Effective Trainer (teacher receives training to learn how to handle children's behavior). "If a child does

something that is aggressive and you use padding, that's aggressive behavior. When you use force against force you're wasting your time," she stated.

Some of our teachers agreed to spankings while others disagreed, but all gave alternative means of punishment.

"I go by the rules and regulations of the Superintendent for discipline. We usually notify the parents and have conferences with them, inform students to give up their lunch period to do class work, keep them after school to work on a lesson or pick up paper around the school," admitted Lawrence Brown, Assistant Principal at Ranson Junior High School.

"Yes, but it shouldn't be the first alternative, because some children don't respond positively to a spanking. I have a reward system at school in which I give them a longer time to play a game and the parents have a reward system at home in which they allow their child to go to the movies, play with the video games, etc.," suggested Mrs. Carletta Freeman,

third grade teacher at Beverly Woods Elementary School. Barbara Elam, fifth grade teacher at Sedgfield Elementary School, confessed, "I have never spanked a child in my 20 years of teaching, and I'd rather take him to the principal than spank him. I also take away his physical education period, isolate him for a period of time in the classroom, and exclude him from extra-curricular activities."

Lloyd Davis, an eleventh and twelfth grade history, sociology and psychology teacher at Harding High School, replied, "Yes, teachers are substitute parents for children and responsible for their behavior. Alternatives depend upon the teacher and the lesson that the teacher wants the students to learn."

"I wouldn't want to spank children, because some of them are larger than I am. I usually see what I can do to solve the problem," noted Dorothy Long, fifth grade teacher at Sedgfield Elementary School.

Surprising enough, most of the parents interviewed agreed that the teachers should be allowed to spank, and they gave various reasons.

Andrew Grier said, "Yes, because you can't control some of them. When we went to school we got spankings, and if our parents found out we got another spanking at home." Andrew and Carrie are the parents of Bridgett, 23, Mrs. Angela Craig, 20, and Jewel, 19.

Rev. Bob Walton confessed, "Discipline of children lies with the parents. If parents were to do their job of disciplining the child, teachers would less need to spank their students." Rev. Walton and Thelma are the parents of one daughter, Karen, 7.

"I surely do if it's supervised by another teacher and the principal. Some children don't understand verbal communication," admitted Mrs. Johnnie B. Caldwell, who is the mother of one son - Erik, 18.

"No, you don't know what's on a teacher's mind See SPANKING Page 14