

Billions Of Dollars Bypass Hands Of Blacks

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Dun & Bradstreet, Inc., which keeps records on the rise and fall of businesses, states that last month businesses were failing at a rate of 600 a week with 14,084 businesses casualties for the year. Considering the failure rate of most new firms, three out of five in five years going public showing a profit is a cause for clapping of hands. However, hardly any of this money changing ends up in the hands of black America. There is no record of any black American owned or controlled company going public in the last 12 months.

The stock market has soared right past black America. Up some 40 percent from the previous year to its all time Dow-Jones average high over 1,200 until last week, it has not hit the pocketbook of black America. Black Americans' wealth where it exists, on average is a third of that of the average white American's when it can be measured in money. Most of the assets are in real estate, a house - not commercial and apartment complexes. Common stock ownership is dismissed or missing entirely from their investment holdings. Not having other assets working for you in a capitalist country is a definite poverty ditch.

Multi-million dollars going into white American individual's bank accounts, indeed into white controlled corporation coffers, created by a bull rising stock market is not saving Black Americans from poverty row. Companies obtaining these funds are principally in the low black American employment areas of high technology computer and health care industries, including DNA-genetic research work. "Workers," as defined by the President of the United States, are those earning \$50,000 or less a year, who lose their jobs can only contemplate these new industries.

In the black American community with its 21 percent unemployment there is little hope for economic recovery without expensive and extensive retraining. Running the stock market up giving executives and corporations quick profits by keeping down inflation and interest rates through recession pockets does not point to a resurgence in the Black American job market. Mere creation of money at the top has never guaranteed a trickle down effect. Everything points to an upward draft of wealth in the country.

Comments about the economy going up are not too far off the mark if one judges by the direction of money in the stock market.

Chamber Plans Luncheon For Mayoral Candidates

Announced Charlotte mayoral candidates Harvey Gantt, Ed Peacock and George Seidon will square off for a question-and-answer session at the Greater Charlotte Chamber of Commerce's Meet-The-Mayoral-Candidates luncheon on Wednesday, September 14. The luncheon will be held at noon in the Chamber Action Center, 129 West Trade St. Reservations must be made by calling Marguerite Rigdon in the Chamber's Public Affairs Office, 377-6911.

Luncheon cost is \$6.50 per person. The menu will feature boned chicken breasts in wine sauce.

1965 Class Reunion

Members of the Class of 1965, Lincoln High School, Bessemer City, N.C. will hold a class meeting Sunday, August 28, at 4 p.m. at the Elks Lodge on York Street in Gastonia.

All class members please be present. Plans will be made for the 20th reunion.

For additional information, call Curtis Harris in Gastonia, 704-864-4450; or Brenda Houston (formerly Faye Sykes) in Charlotte, 376-5366.



Suzanne Carothers
.....Luncheon speaker

Good Samaritan Alumni Hold Triennial Reunion

The Good Samaritan Hospital Alumni Association recently held its triennial reunion at Quality Inn Downtown.

The theme for the three-day reunion was "Unity in the Eighties." The keynote speaker at the alumni luncheon was Ms. Suzanne Carothers, daughter of the alumni's treasurer, Mrs. Julia Carothers.

Ms. Carothers' speech consisted of facts gathered about Good Samaritan Hospital School of Nursing. The West Charlotte High School graduate is an educational researcher for the Center of Law and Justice at the University of Washington, Seattle. Also a Ph.D. candidate, Ms. Carothers expects to receive her degree in December.

Other facets of the luncheon included recognition

First Lady

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"I've enjoyed learning about a city that I would not have known just living in one section of town," Mrs. Knox revealed. She feels her children have learned a great deal as well.

"Since our family has made it a point to visit needy families, the children have learned not to take their good fortune for granted," Mrs. Knox continued. She and Mayor Knox are the parents of four children, Cindy Knox Parker, Brian, Ashley and Scott.

When asked about the times when it's not good to be in a politically-responsible environment, Mrs. Knox had to think for a while. The absolute worst thing she could think of is when people call their home at 3 a.m. with a complaint that could wait a little longer. "That's about the only drawback I can think of and that doesn't happen too often," Mrs. Knox pointed out.

As difficult as it is to imagine, Mrs. Knox is involved in activities other than those related to her husband's work. She serves on the board of directors of the Family Support Center.

Possessing an interest in the youth, Mrs. Knox is also a board member of Child Care Resources. This agency locates day care for underprivileged families, making it possible for parents to continue working, and to avoid welfare dependence.

Other personal dedications include serving on a board at Gethsemane A.M.E. Zion Church where Rev. George E. Battle Jr. is the pastor. The church has a successful tutorial program which Mrs. Knox is proud of. Having lived in Germany for more than one year she was also pleased to have recently helped with the German exchange through the Charlotte Friendship Force.

After two terms in the limelight Mrs. Knox is not only continuing her role as wife to the mayor but has extended to wife of a gubernatorial candidate. "Though the demands seem to get greater, I find it easy to cope with because I know that all I have to do is be myself," Mrs. Knox assured.

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools' Notes To Remember

Parents of all elementary, junior high and middle school students in Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools will receive a letter from school officials reminding them of their legal responsibility to insure their child's school attendance. North Carolina law requires children from age 7-16 to attend school. For additional information, contact Dr. Laird Lewis, assistant superintendent of special programs and services, at 379-7114.

School Calendar Modified
Because of legislation allowing additional annual leave (vacation) days for teachers in North Carolina, the 1983-84 school calendar for teachers has been revised. Teachers with less than two years' service will be granted 10 days of annual leave during the school year. Those with more than two but less than five years of service will be granted 11½ annual

leave days. Teachers with more than five but less than ten years of teaching service will receive 14 annual leave days. Teachers serving more than ten but less than fifteen will receive 16½ annual leave days. Those teachers with twenty or more years of service will receive 21½ annual leave days during the regular school year.

New Legislation Changes
New Legislation (Senate Bill 603 which rewrote N.C.G.S. 115C-364), ratified by the 1983 session of the North Carolina General Assembly, established a single legal age for initial entry into the public school system of North Carolina. The law became effective as of July 1, 1983.

In accordance with the N.C.G.S. 115C-288, upon initial entry the school principal may assign the child, by reason of maturity, to the first grade rather than kindergarten without regard to his or her chronological age.

Doctoral Program
A Charlotte-based doctoral program in Education Administration has been created by the University

of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in cooperation with the University of North Carolina at Charlotte (UNCC) and the Charlotte-Mecklenburg School System. The program, in which CMS participated in planning, is intended to support the system's teacher career development program which was designed as a pilot program this past spring by the North Carolina General Assembly.

Faculty members from UNC-Chapel Hill and UNC-Charlotte will cooperate to offer the graduate program. Full enrollment and instruction for 20 candidates should be underway by January, 1984.

Immunization Required
This is a reminder that North Carolina law requires that all public school children show proof of having been immunized against a minimum set of childhood diseases before

being allowed to enter school. The immunizations are 3 DPT (diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough); 3 OPV (Oral polio vaccine); 1 Rubella (measles) shot on or after the first

birthday) 1 Rubella (German measles) vaccination. The law requires that all students be vaccinated within 30 days after enrollment in school. All of the required immunizations may be obtained from private physicians or the local health department throughout the state.

Optional Student Fees
The Charlotte-Mecklenburg School System attempts to see that all students have a "free and appropriate education." You'll recall that over a recent three year period, all required fees for instruction were totally eliminated in CMS. Optional fees are as follows:

Insurance \$6 (school time coverage) - \$28 (24 hour coverage); Physical Education uniforms \$6.50 (includes shirt, shorts, socks); Lock for lockers - nominal fee or student may provide his/her own; School annual \$6 limit in junior high and middle schools. Cost is determined by each senior high school; Senior pictures \$3-\$10 (grades K-11); and Senior pictures - cost determined by each school

(grade 12).
Rally
A "Celebration of Learning" Rally will be held at the Charlotte Coliseum on August 19, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., especially for teachers and other educational personnel in Region 6. Exhibits will be open and performances will begin at 9 a.m.

The featured speaker will be Pearl Bailey, well-known entertainer.

Dial-A-Teacher
The Dial-A-Teacher program will begin September 6. The program will operate from 5-8 p.m. Monday - Thursday when school is in session. Students may call 375-6000 to receive homework assistance in English-language arts, math, social studies and science.

New Phone Numbers
Merry Oaks Center: 567-6016; Textbook Office: 567-6019; and Teen-Age Parents Services (TAPS): 567-6010.

..Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him.
Rev. 3:20



Harvey Gantt

Campaign Party

Thomas Springs, a member of the Special Projects Committee for the Harvey Gantt mayoral campaign, recently announced a "Let's Get Harvey Gantt Elected" disco.

The party will be held Sunday, August 21, at Kings and Queens Club on Brevard Street. A \$2 donation will be charged in advance and \$2.50 will be charged at the door.

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