



MRS. SELENA WILLIAMS
...An Independent person

Mrs. Selena Williams Is Beauty Of The Week

By Teresa Simmons
Post Managing Editor
Selena Williams has found that problems are often solved by calling on the Supreme Being. Her belief in prayer and faith is tremendous - a beautiful example of a growing Christian.

"When I am down or under a lot of pressure I reach for that other person inside me. There is always another person inside of us...some say it is your soul but I say it is Jesus. That is why it is never necessary to say 'I'm giving up'."

Mrs. Williams is now married to Charles Williams and they have one daughter, Shara. Raised in Clover, S.C., Mrs. Williams has resided in Charlotte for the past two years. Her parents, Rebecca and Dean Pettus, have instilled in her the concept of striving for the best.

"I was raised to be independent. When you can do better for yourself, then you know you can do better for someone else," Mrs. Williams commented.

Mrs. Williams has a long list of people who have positively influenced her. Her parents are on this list. "I would always wonder why my mother would al-

ways have a stranger at the dinner table. She was always giving to someone less fortunate. 'If you have two shirts it's all right to give even the best to someone' she would always tell me. I've learned that it's better to give than to receive'. Now she is living a happy life in New York."

Charles Williams, our beauty's husband and Mr. Charles, owner of House of Charles Beauty Salon, are the two others Mrs. Williams admires a great deal. "I like the way my husband bounces back. Even when someone has committed a bad deed he'll always forgive them. Mr. Charles pushes me further along and gives me encouragement, telling me that I can do better."

Presently our beauty enjoys her work as the manager of the Beatties Ford Gulf Service Station on Beatties Ford Rd. She graduated from Clover High School and would like to continue her education either in Early Childhood Development or Cosmetology.

"Since I love children I have thought about opening up a chain of nurseries equipped with playgrounds

so that there will be something for them to do," Mrs. Williams summarized. But because of her interest in fashion and beauty she has also thought of opening a chain of salons.

Mrs. Williams enjoys reading fashion magazines, all types of books and listening to music. She is a member of H. O. Graham Metropolitan Presbyterian Church where Rev. Dr. Reginald Hawkins is pastor.

She considers herself ambitious, an independent person, and one who can handle problems with the help of God. She feels that through prayer problems such as discrimination against the handicapped and racial discrimination will be eliminated. "I would hope that we no longer will have to label everything and everyone. It seems that others respect the black race more than we respect ourselves," Mrs. Williams stated.

Even though Mrs. Williams has realized that life can often throw some violent punches, she has also realized how to counter them with her faith. She has taken a hold upon her life to steer it into the right direction...a step upward.

Black Social Workers To Hold Annual Conference

The N.C. State Association of Black Social Workers will convene their 9th Annual Conference September 30 - October 1 at the Registry Inn (1-77 and Woodlawn Rd.) The Metro-lina ABSW is the host chapter.

A community kick-off session will be held Thursday, September 29, 7-9 p.m. at Johnson C. Smith University. The speaker will

be Leonard G. Dunston, Director of the New York State Division for Youth. This session is open and free.

Human Services Providers from across the state will convene in Charlotte to participate in workshops, forums and symposiums led by nationally renowned Black Services Providers, technicians, ministers and educators.

The theme of this year's conference is "Affecting Trends for the Future in the African-American Community." Keynote speakers of national prominence will include: Leonard G. Dunston, Director of New York State Division for Youth; Gilbert L. Raiford, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Barry College, Miami, Fla.; Robert M. Alston Jr., Executive Director, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Urban League; and William T. Merritt, President, National Association of Black Social Workers.

The conference is open to all members and potential members of the Association of Black Social Workers.

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Ron Leeper, Willie Stratford

Bob Davis Claim Victories

Ed Peacock Wins: Gears For Gantt

By Karen Parker
Post Staff Writer
When Harvey Gantt and Ed Peacock shook hands after the primary returns Tuesday night, they each knew the race is truly on.

Gantt, a Democrat and Peacock, a Republican, will be in one of the most popular mayoral races ever to take place in Charlotte. Several issues have stirred as a result. Though he's run for mayor before Gantt is the first black mayoral candidate ever in the city. Some people feel the election will be racial. Another concern includes Peacock's overwhelming campaign budget. Though Gantt hasn't raised anything close to the \$70,000 raised by his opponent, the architect feels "he and his campaign workers are on schedule raising funds."

A final issue raised about the November 5 mayoral election is the number of white supporters Gantt will need to succeed the mayor's seat. One political consultant in Charlotte stated Gantt will need 40 percent of the white vote to win the election. "Not even in the larger city elections such as Chicago and Philadelphia did the black candidates need 40 percent of the white vote," stated the consultant. "They only needed 20 percent."

When asked about percentage comments being aired, Mayor Pro Tem Gantt insisted he doesn't like playing a numbers game. "I don't want to be dealing with 20 percent here and 40 percent there as the analysts seem to keep elaborating on," Gantt asserted. "I want the majority of every precinct, not just 40 percent of the white vote. That's the attitude I've always had during a campaign and I shall continue to feel that way."

Speaking of the financial difference between the two candidates, Gantt stated, "I'm confident our nickels, dimes and quarters will add up to a respectable campaign. When less concentration is put on fundraising and more is put on issues," Gantt feels certain he is at the political advantage.



BISHOP W. MCCULLOUGH
...House of Prayer leader

At United House Of Prayer 20,000 To Participate In Holy Convocation Saturday

Members of the United House of Prayer For All People have begun their 57th Annual Holy Convocation which started September 25. The convocation will be held at the Mother House of Prayer, 2321 Beatties Ford Road until October 2.

The Holy Convocation began last Sunday with an introductory service by one of the Honorary Pastors and President of the Presidents of the Mother House of Prayer, Elder S. L. Mills Sr.

During the week services will be held each night with the most Honorable Bishop W. McCullough, spiritual leader of the organization for 23 dynamic years, as the speaker.

Bishop McCullough is credited with displaying goodness, mercy, miracles, soul-saving teachings, spiritual guidance, parental support, and compassion. His prayers have helped feed the indigent and to cure crippling diseases.

Higher education and in-



Elder C. B. Gibson
...State chairman

struction have been made available through fund drives and personal financial assistance from Bishop McCullough.

On Saturday, October 1, over 20,000 of the five million members of the United House of Prayer from 22 states will participate in the final two days of the Holy Convocation.

The following are some of the services planned: Saturday, October 1, at 2 p.m. the McCullough Scholarship Softball game will be held at West Charlotte Senior High School.

Sunday, October 2, Baptismal Services will be held at 11 a.m. at the pool located behind the Mother House of Prayer.

The band competition will be held October 2 at 2 p.m. on the Mother House of Prayer grounds. Included in this event will be the McCullough Classics, New York State; Philadelphia Sounds, Pennsylvania State; Baltimore Concert Band, Maryland State; Washington Drum and Bugle Corp, Washington, D.C.

The Virginia Band will also perform in addition to the McCullough Brass Band of Charlotte.

Today there are over five million members of the United House of Prayer. There are more than 8,000 local members. Participating members of the Convocation have traveled from as far West as California and from as far North as Buffalo, N.Y. There are even members present from as far South as Florida.

The Coalition of Concerned Citizens in the Community has provided the best accommodations possible and would like to extend their thanks to the many hotels and inns cooperating in the celebration. The Coalition of Commerce, Piedmont and Eastern Airlines, and the many merchants that contributed to make guests more comfortable are also to be commended.

Under the leadership of A. A. AL Cloud (director) the Coalition was established by Bishop McCullough to handle community affairs.

Elder C. B. Gibson, pastor and state chairman of the House of Prayer is in accordance with all members of the state of North Carolina. He cordially invites the entire city to join this week of spiritual feasting.

Three Black Democrats In Council Race

By Karen Parker
Post Staff Writer
With only 15 percent of all registered voters coming out to Charlotte primaries, the results surprised few people.

Finishing first among Democrats and Republicans was principal of Spauld Junior High School, Bob Davis Jr. Willie Stratford, a retired postal worker finished second among all city council at-large candidates. Other winners among Democrats were incumbent Herbert Spauld Jr. and first-time council runner Ed Harris.

On the Republican ticket, at-large council winners were Sue Myrick, Richard Vinroot, Jim Hutchinson and incumbent Minette Trosch.

Only two of the seven districts in Charlotte had primary elections. In district three Democrats Ron Leeper and Eugene Marsh were opponents. Marsh, who has run for council before, took a hard blow from Leeper, 2,016-298. The other district race was in number five between Ann Hammond and John Byers. That race was much more competitive than that in district three. Hammond received 1,076 votes; Byers followed closely with 803. Both of these candidates are Republican.

Since there is no Democratic opponent for the general election in district five, Hammond is assured a council seat. Ron Leeper, who has represented district three for three terms will face Republican James Soukup in November.

Rumors are either Bob Davis or Willie Stratford will also receive a council seat; however, some people refute both black at-large candidates will be successful. According to Davis, former chairman of the Democratic Party, people who express doubt about two black council members are those who want to program the election-not analyze it.

Because Davis and Stratford are Democrats, Davis feels Republicans and some Democrats are making it seem impossible that both candidates can win at-large seats. "Actually they know it's not impossible; they are simply programming people's minds, and warning them they had better turn out in large numbers voting for other candidates if they don't want two black at-large candidates on the council," Davis presented.

The extremely low turnout of Republicans for the primary election was described by Davis as "the game of wait." He stated the Republicans were mostly interested in how high the Democratic turnout would be. "I know the Republicans will be flocking to the polls in November," Davis stated confidently. "What I want to see is an even higher turnout among the Democrats."

Figures from the 88 precincts in Charlotte indicate 20 percent more blacks voted than whites. Spokes-See BLACK On Page 12

First Mt. Zion To Host General Mecklenburg Baptist Association

The Mecklenburg General Baptist Association will officially begin its 62nd conference, 6:30 p.m., Monday, October 3, at First Mt. Zion Baptist Church, 1515 Remount Rd.

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Rev. Dr. C. M. Alexander
...Banquet speaker

Annual Recognition Banquet will be held at the Holiday Inn Convention Center on North Tryon St. Rev. Dr. Cameron M. Alexander, pastor of An-

tiocn Baptist Church of Atlanta, Ga., will be the guest speaker. He is president of the General Baptist State Convention of Georgia; former president of the National Baptist Convention USA; and a world traveler. He is also a former runner for civil rights and one of the nation's most inspiring gospel preachers.

This year the association will honor several outstanding citizens of our local community. Arriving those to receive honors will be the Moderation of Mt. Peace, Lane Creek As-

sociations, Kelly Alexander Sr., Harvey Gantt, Bob Walton, and a number of other noted personalities.

Solos will be rendered by singers from Friendship Baptist, First Mt. Zion Baptist, Silver Mt. Baptist and First Baptist Churches.

The banquet will follow Sessions of the Association's 62nd year hosted by the First Mt. Zion Baptist Church, pastored by Rev. Dr. C. V. Owens. The sessions will be held Monday, October 3, at 7 p.m. See FIRST On Page 5

TURTLE-TALK



Nothing is impossible, there are ways that lead to everything.