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Black Caucus Sets Banquet

The 7th Congressional District Black Leadership Caucus will sponsor its First Annual Banquet on Friday, October 21, at the Fayetteville State University, H. L. Cook Dining Hall, at 8 p.m.

The guest speaker will be the Honorable Charles B. Rangel, Congressman from the 16th Congressional District of New York.

Awards will be presented honoring several members of the Caucus, and others throughout the district, who have strived to promote black participation in every aspect of life.

The price of the tickets for this event is \$10 through October 17 and \$12.50 after that date. If you have not purchased your ticket(s), please contact Helen E. Gamble, P. O. Box 384, Chadbourne, N.C., 654-3485, or call Bob Edwards, 483-8671 or 323-0260.

Congressional Leaders Take Knox's Advice

Washington, D.C. A recommendation by Charlotte Mayor Eddie Knox to help solve the nation's budget deficit problem has been endorsed by the U.S. House of Representatives Budget Committee.

A bi-partisan resolution has been introduced by Oklahoma Congressman Jim Jones, chairman of the Budget Committee. It advocates Mayor Knox's position urging the President to

bring top national leaders together in a domestic economic summit to develop a comprehensive plan to slow federal spending and increase revenues. North Carolina 8th District Congressman Bill Hefner was one of 23 other representatives co-sponsoring the bill.

Knox proposed this approach when he was one of four U.S. mayors who testified last year before Congress about effects of the economy on government. He told the Budget Committee: "It's selfish and unrealistic for any one group to say its plan for our economy is best. What is best is consensus. What it will take is for President Reagan, with your support, to bring together the best economic minds in the country - Democrats and Republicans, Conservatives and Liberals - people who represent the broadest possible cross-section of economic thinking...lock them up, let them slug it out, reach realistic decisions...and turn this mess around."



Phildra Jefferies
.....Likes helping people

Phildra Jefferies Is Beauty Of Week

By Teresa Simmons
Post Managing Editor
Since our high school sophomore beauty, Phildra Jefferies, was too young to work this summer, she decided to volunteer her time towards a worthy cause.

"I became a Candy Stripper at Wesley Nursing Home. I don't like wasting my summers and I like helping people. Those are some of the reasons I volunteered but in the process I also learned a lot."

Born with a smile of genuine affection, Ms. Jefferies has thought seriously about her future and how it can tie in with her personality. "My ambition is to become a sociologist," Ms. Jefferies decided. "I like working with people, especially black, underprivileged and financially underprivileged people. I also would like to help slow learners in their endeavors

to advance."

Ms. Jefferies seems to be partial to A&T State University. She invisions it as large and a place to conquer. Her favorite person, Stephanie Armstrong, attended A&T State University.

"Stephaine Armstrong is my aunt. She is the most loving person. She has always had herself together. When it was time to do something she did it and she always did it well."

From the many influences in her life our beauty has learned to explore life with the passion to understand others. Her mother, Phyllis Jefferies, and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Willie C. Jefferies, her brother, Michael and her two sisters, Jamenia and Candice, have given her the experience of how to care for others.

"I've always been taught

General Baptist State Convention To Meet Here

Thousands To Walk For Hunger

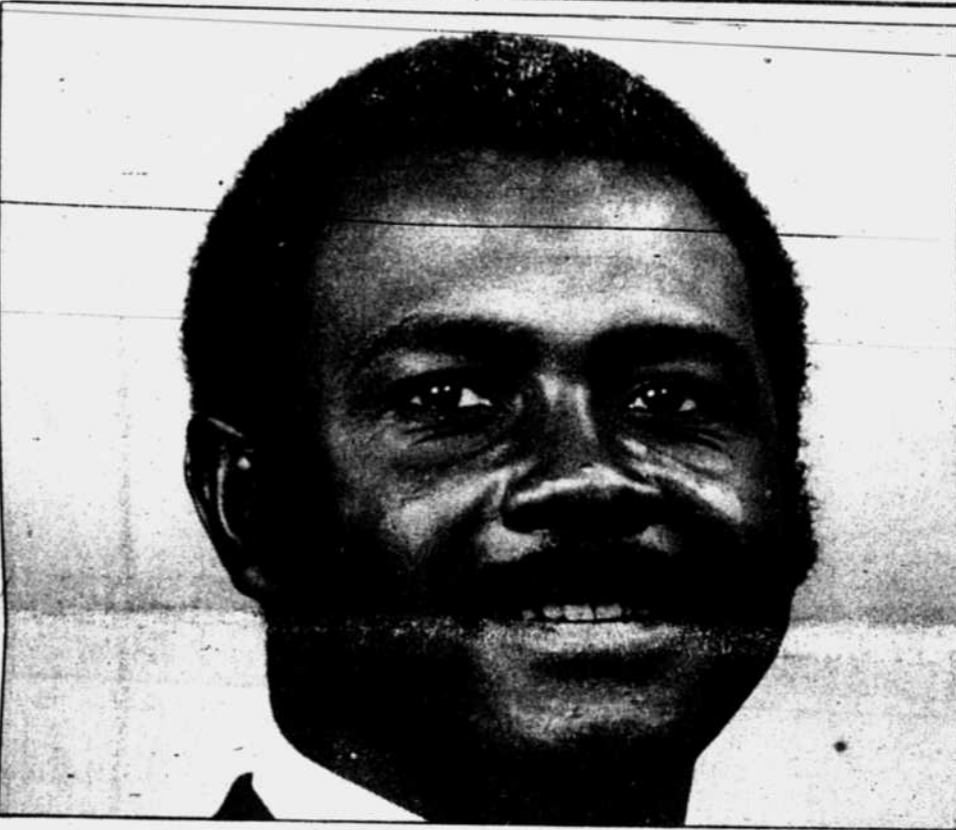
Literally thousands of area residents will walk, jog or run on Sunday, October 23 to raise funds to fight hunger in our local area and around the world through CROP. This year, events in surrounding communities - Davidson to the north, Gaston County to the west, and Cabarrus to the east - will be at the same time.

"We're hoping for a much greater number this year from greater Charlotte," said LaRue Moore, one of the coordinators of the Charlotte walk. "The need for fighting hunger here in Charlotte and overseas is great and growing." Locally, the walk will benefit the Crisis Assistance Ministry and Loaves and Fishes.

"Momentum is really building," said Rev. Carl Haynes of Dallas and Recruitment Chair for the Gaston County Walk. "Over 50 groups are now involved and I am still getting calls from others who want to participate." Locally, the walk will benefit the Crisis Assistance Ministry and Dallas Social Services.

"We are aiming to surpass last year's totals," said the Rev. Richard Burkhardt of the Cabarrus Cooperative Christian Ministry. "The needs this year are much greater. We're also hoping to involve more from Kannapolis in the effort this year." Locally, the CCCM is the recipient of walk funds.

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HARVEY GANTT
.....Mayor candidate

Here Tuesday Night Mecklenburg Democrats To Toast Local Candidates

By Lori Grier
Post Staff Writer
What sets the Mecklenburg Democratic Party from all other Parties? One word answers that question best—solidarity, and solidarity is the Mecklenburg Democratic Party's theme as they toast Harvey Gantt, Democratic candidate for Mayor of Charlotte, and the Democratic candidates for City Council.

Is solidarity important? Well, the Democratic Party isn't pulling any stops. Attending the gala affair will be Governor James B. Hunt Jr., Charlotte Mayor Eddie Knox and a Democratic VIP list that reads like the Democratic "Who's Who." With the election coming up on November 8, the Democratic Party wants to answer any questions of doubt. Those questions mainly center around whether the Party is strong enough to garner the necessary support that will be needed to elect Harvey Gantt as Charlotte's first black mayor. It will also be a

show of support for the Democratic candidates running for City Council.

In a city where the Democrats outnumber Republicans by more than 2-1, it will be very important for the Democratic Party to show and to demonstrate its ability to support and help elect qualified Democratic candidates. With a good, strong, solid effort, the Democrats could realistically gain the majority of seven district seats and four at-large Council seats.

The race between Harvey Gantt and Republic Ed Peacock in the mayoral contest has attracted the most attention from Charlotteans. If Democrats put their "best foot forward," and win big, it may be just what they need to give them some much needed momentum going into the presidential race in 1984. Not so incidentally, in 1984 Eddie Knox will be running for governor, and James B. Hunt Jr. will be involved in trying to unseat Jesse Helms in the U.S. Senate race that is already drawing national attention and national money. It's no secret that in 1984 the Democrats are going to have to be organized, and that means solidarity among Democratic leaders.

The opinion is that now is the time to start organizing and to demonstrate its solidarity, so Governor James B. Hunt Jr., Mayor Eddie Knox and the Mecklenburg County Democratic Party is "gearing up." On October 25 at 8 p.m. in See DEMOCRATS Page 4

Session To Emphasize Evangelism

Special To The Post
Ministers and religious educators will take aim at such controversial subjects as the charismatic movement, the electronic church and ministerial ethics during the 116th Annual Session of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. in Charlotte October 24-27.

More than 1,500 black Baptists will gather at the Marshall Memorial Baptist Church to discuss topics related to the Convention's theme, "Shaping the World Through Christian Influence." Dr. H. S. Diggs is pastor of the host church.

Charlotte Mayor Pro Tem Harvey Gantt will join the group of speakers with a discussion of church civic responsibilities at 10:15 a.m. on Wednesday. Dr. Grady D. Davis, professor at the Shaw Divinity School in Raleigh, will tackle the impact of the electronic church on society at 2:15 p.m. Wednesday while Dr. Herbert O. Edwards, a Baptist minister and head of religious studies at Morgan State College in Baltimore, MD, will speak on ministerial ethics in the Christian community at 3:15 p.m. on Thursday at 3 p.m. Dr. C. W. Ward, pastor of First Baptist, Raleigh, will discuss the charismatic movement.

More than a dozen theme addresses related to the general theme will be given during the three-day convention to acquaint ministers and laymen with vital issues affecting their church and communities. The convention will be opened at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, by President E. B. Turner, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Lumberton. The host church will conduct a welcoming program at 8 p.m. Tuesday followed by theme addresses on the Christian family and community health care.

On Wednesday at 9:40 a.m., Marshall Bass, vice president of R. J. Reynolds Company in Winston-Salem, will discuss time management and minority business development. At 11:15 a.m. President Turner will deliver his address on the work of the convention and at 3 p.m. Dr. Wendell C. Somerville, executive secretary of the Lott Carey Missionary Convention, will speak on foreign missions.

The Thursday session will include a theme address on aging and emphasis on the role of the rural church in society. The Shaw Divinity School Hour will be held at 10:45 a.m. with Dr. J. C. Paige. See GENERAL On Page 7

Along The Campaign Trail...

Post Publisher Attends White House Luncheon

By Karen Parker
Post Staff Writer
Politics is forever present. However, it seems to be the password these days at every banquet, luncheon or meeting behind held on the local and national scenes.

The Charlotte Post editor and publisher, Bill Johnson, is undoubtedly updated on the latest political issues since he accepted an invitation to a White House luncheon, held Tuesday on Capitol Hill. Preceding the luncheon, Johnson sat in on a briefing which informed him of domestic and foreign policies.

Johnson heard speakers present views on the national budget and unemployment. The word is the budget is more balanced and unemployment is down. With little doubt President Reagan will seek re-election; it's no surprise he'd invite media manage-



David G. Martin
.....9th District candidate



Bill Johnson
.....Attends briefing



Robert "Bob" Davis
.....At-Large candidate



Ed Peacock
.....Republican candidate

ment to the White House. It's the best way to encourage them to expose his actions in the future. There is also little doubt he will commit any faux pas which will make the media highly critical of his action. Speaking of the media, Associated Press reporter

Betty Ann Williams has been elected President of the Washington Press Club. President Reagan congratulated Williams in the Oval Office before she was sworn into office at Botanical Gardens. The Communications Division Research Depart-

ment of the Republican National Committee has released a 52-page defense issue package which begins with the encouraging words: "The Reagan Administration is pledged to restoring our 'margin safety,' rebuilding our defenses after almost a de-

cade of neglect, and pursuing effective and verifiable arms control agreements." Hitting closer to home, Charlotte has a big political campaign going on as well. The big questions are who will be mayor? Will See POST On Page 11

TURTLE-TALK



About the only thing some people do for their town is grow old in it.