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MRS. DAVID CLOUD

...Marriot employee

Mrs. Cloud's Ambition Is To Return To College

By Teresa Simmons
Post Managing Editor
Gail Cloud is looking forward to the time when blacks will have the opportunities for better jobs.

from Central Piedmont Community College. Her ambition is to return to college and obtain her degree in teaching.

"I would like to some day open a day care center. It provides a one to one training for the children. I've worked in day care centers and I was an aid at the St. Ann's Catholic School and I know that teaching young children is something that I want to do."

"I want to be the best in the things I pursue," she continued.

A graduate of West Mecklenburg High School and a student at Central Piedmont Community Col-

lege for one and a half years, Mrs. Cloud has also immersed herself in hobbies like softball and sewing. At Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Church she sings on the Adult Choir and she considers Eddie Murphy her favorite entertainer.

Her favorite people are her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wilson. "They are quite understanding and we share a special kind of love. They have given us so much in different aspects of our lives."

An easy going person Mrs. Cloud smiles quickly and seems to have the ability to talk comfortably with anyone. Her enjoyment in life can be attributed to the love for her family and the goals she has set for herself. For happiness one must have both the special love and a purpose. Mrs. Cloud is blessed to have both.

Veterans' Day Parade

Honors War Veterans

The Annual Veterans Day parade and program to honor all veterans of all wars, is scheduled to be held Friday, November 11.

rade will be the Gold Star Families of Mecklenburg County.

This annual event will be sponsored by The Mecklenburg County Veterans Council and all veterans groups of the county will participate.

The parade will step off promptly at 10 a.m. from the County Service Center, 60 N. Tryon St. The parade will travel up Tryon St. to Trade, turn left at the square and down to the Court House lawn. The Grand Marshalls of this pa-

TURTLE-TALK



one finds life worth living; you make it living.

By Lori Grier
Post Staff Writer

Things looked grim for Mrs. Ruby Clark in 1979 after her dismissal from Lance, Inc. left her unable to collect unemployment compensation, secure a job or purchase a home in the Windsong Trails or Pine Valley developments. She estimated losing \$65,000 in 1979 alone for salary, retirement benefits, and family and medical insurance.

The 10 year employee at Lance where she was supervisor of management charged the company with discrimination against women and blacks. She sued Lance for \$1.5 million in lost wages and punitive damages.

"They offered me \$1,700 to settle out of court. Why offer me anything, if



Mrs. Ruby Clark
...Loses discrimination suit they're not guilty," replied Clark.

As a supervisor Mrs. Clark said she complained to the department heads of inadequate amounts of supplies, insufficient employees to accomplish the assignments and racial and sex discrimination.

On The Odd Job Program Announced

Many students completing their high school requirements or receiving skills training through the Charlotte Area Fund are in need of part-time or full-time work to help them survive.

They receive no stipend through these programs and many times have no source of income.

The assistance of the community is needed at this time to allow these students to complete their education so they may become self-sufficient. Individuals in the community can "lend a helping hand" by calling the Charlotte Area Fund when they have odd jobs around the house or office that need attention.

Areas of interest would be babysitting, raking of leaves, washing cars or other general chores and duties.

Anyone desiring to assist these students may contact Connie Hilliard or Eileen Dwyer at the Charlotte Area Fund, 372-3010.

Senior Citizens

The Senior Citizens' Christmas Party will be held at the Charlotte Coliseum on Thursday, December 8, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Light refreshments will be served and there will be entertainment. Anyone 65 years or older is welcome to the party, sponsored by WSOC-TV, the Department of Social Services and the George Shinn Foundation. If you want to volunteer to help with the Senior Citizens' Christmas Party, call 335-4700.



SAM REID

...Voter Task Force President

Along The Campaign Trail

Voter Task Force To Offer Free Rides To The Polls

By Karen Parker
Post Staff Writer
Don Baker, a member of the Voter Task Force recently announced the non-partisan organization will sponsor free rides to the polls November 8.

According to Baker, this year's election is generating interest and the Voter Task Force doesn't want anyone to miss expressing their views simply because they had no way to get to the polls. "If anyone needs a ride they should call 376-3972," Baker informed. The hours to call are Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. On Saturdays callers should telephone between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Calls will be accepted on election day

as well. Baker emphasized the purpose of the organization is not to influence anyone's vote. "Our purpose is to get people interested in the political process," he assured. The only information which must be provided for a ride to the polls is the home address and the time which the voter would like to go to the polls. Sam Reid is the president of the Voter Task Force.

Charlie Dannelly and Daryl McCall will meet the public at a forum to be held at Memorial Presbyterian Church, 2600 Beatties Ford Road, November 3.

Dannelly and McCall are city council candidates for District 2. Dannelly is an incumbent. The forum which will allow the audience to ask questions of the politicians will be held 7-8:30 p.m. It is sponsored by the League of Women Voters. A spokesperson for the League mentioned the forum is being sponsored to "encourage people to become informed about the qualifications of the candidates."

Each candidate will make an introductory statement, and then respond to the questions. For more information about the forum, contact Anna Hood, 541-0395.

The League of Women Voters will also sponsor a televised debate between mayoral candidates Harvey Gantt (D) and Ed Peacock (R). The League has asked The Charlotte Post, The Charlotte Observer, WAYS Radio and WSOC-TV to provide a panelist for the 6-7 p.m. debate which can be seen on Channel 9. Bill Walker, anchor at the station, will be the moderator. The de-

Election To Attract 85,000

By Karen Parker
Post Staff Writer

History shouldn't repeat itself at the city and county elections Tuesday, if elections supervisor Bill Culp has reported accurate turnout statistics.

The primaries in September attracted a disappointing 15 percent of all registered voters. However, the general election, according to Culp, should draw at least 50 percent of all voters who are registered. "It's no question the turnout will be much higher than it was during the primaries," Culp insisted. In fact he estimated the voter assemble will be three times higher.

"Of course 50 percent still isn't high compared to the large number of people who vote in the presidential elections," he added. Making statistical predictions get tougher for Culp when he attempts to categorize them in Party affiliations. Nevertheless, the latest research at the elections office illustrate 50,000 Democrats and 25,000 Republicans will probably show at the polls.

What's so exciting about this year's election to bring voters scampering to the 88 polls in the city and the 111 polls in the county? The mayoral race primarily. Harvey Gantt. (Mayor pro tem) and Ed Peacock have spent many hours shaking hands and expressing views. Though one candidate is black and the other white, both candidates have agreed on one thing throughout the campaign: "issues should be the factor, not race."

Even city council candidates admit the mayoral race has stirred some excitement which in turn brings more people out to cast their opinions on city council seats as well. At-large candidates include Bob Davis, Ed Harris, Herbert Spough and Willie Stratford; all Democrats. Spough is the only incumbent among the at-large Democratic candidates.

The at-large Republican candidates are incumbent Minnette Trosch, Sue Myrick, Richard Vinroot and Jim Hutchinson.

Of the seven districts, five of them have contenders. In District 1, the race is between Pamela Patterson and Mary Boggus. Incumbent Charlie Dannelly will take on Daryl McCall in District 2. Incumbent Ron Leeper has expressed little worry about his opponent James Soukup in District 3; however, the outcome of the race between Evan Webster and Vellva Woolen is highly anticipated. District

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