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House Of Charles To Honor 12

By Karen Parker Post Staff Writer

The owner and staff at The House of Charles and Salons will host their third annual Achievement and Awards Banquet Monday, November 21.

According to education and training director Selena McArthur, the banquet will be held at McDonald's Cafeteria, Beaties Ford Road and I-85. Beginning at 6 p.m. the president of the company, Charles Williams, and his staff will honor outstanding individuals who have "been in our growth and development during the past year," Ms. McArthur informed.

Editor and Publisher of The Charlotte Post, Bill Johnson, will be special honored guest.

Other honorees include Calvin Beckwith of Bands Beauty College; Mrs. Kathleen Crosby, Superintendent of Charlotte Area Schools; The Honorable Judge T. Michael Todd, District Court; Ms. Rita House, fashion editor, The Charlotte Observer; Rev. Robert (Bob) Walton, County Commissioner; Cap. Roy Atwell, Charlotte Police Department; Rev. Clifford A. Jones Sr., pastor, Friendship Baptist Church; Attorney Calvin Brown; Stockbroker Jim Tuohy; Walter Nelson, CPA; and Officer Frank Coley, Charlotte Police Department.

The Mistress of Ceremonies will be Mrs. Peggy Beckwith, Director of Sickle Dell Disease. The guest speaker will be Bob Davis, principal of Spauagh Judge Todd Junior High School. To make reservations telephone The House of Charles, 394-0608. Donations are \$12.50. The House of Charles is located at 2311 LaSalle Street.

Besides specializing in natural hair care, style, and design, the business also sells cosmetics, wigs and jewelry. Williams pointed out his idea of The House of Charles and Salons materialized about 12 years ago when black skin care products weren't prevalent. Since that time Williams admits several other salons are offering more than hair care. In the Charlotte area Williams noticed "several salons have full-range services" which no longer makes The House of Charles unique in a service.

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In the use of words, quality is more important than quantity.



Hettie Watkins
.....Realizes her blessings

Hettie Watkins Is Beauty Of Week

By Teresa Simmons Post Managing Editor

The hands of Hettie Watkins are filled with talents. In one respect she is a hairstylist at the Evan's Hair Settings on Remount Road. In another she is a songwriter and has completed numerous types, ranging from Gospel to social-issues.

Unlike the nine persons in the Bible who did not return to say "Thank you God for my gift(s)," Ms. Watkins realizes without those blessings her talents would not be as marvelous.

A graduate of the Plaza Beauty School in 1981, Ms. Watkins enrolled after the encouragement of a friend. "I've always liked doing hair," Ms. Watkins explained. "After I enrolled I really found myself liking it even better."

"I enjoy doing hair and seeing the results. In the future I might want my own business, but for now I am content to work with my co-workers in the shop. They are both inspirational and helpmates in this career."

One of the people Ms. Watkins most admires is her co-worker Julia Asbury. "Sometimes when I'm depressed about a slow period she gives me encouragement and she reveals to me how hard it was for her when she first started. Her comments often uplift me. But I am also a very strong believer in God. Often at the shop we stop for prayer and consultations and this, too, helps to lift all of us."

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Louise Brennan

Raleigh - Representative Louise S. Brennan of Mecklenburg County has been appointed by House Speaker Liston B. Ramsey to a special commission to make a continuing study of day care in North Carolina.

The Legislative Research Commission study will continue the work done by an earlier study group created in 1981. It will focus on ways "to provide the best day care to all children in the most cost-effective way."

nell Thompson pastors. "I enjoy being in the house of God and listening to His messages," Ms. Watkins revealed.

The other talents of Ms. Watkins' hands include her capability to write songs. "I enjoy all types of music and I always have. I have a stack of songs I have written over the years...all types of songs." Ms. Watkins would like to write songs for her musical favorites--Aretha Franklin and Marvin Gaye--if she can find someone honest to introduce her into the musical world.

With an optimistic view on both of her talents, Ms. Watkins believes that, "If it is something that you really want in this world, go after it. Sometimes you may have to take a different route but don't give up. A person who sets a goal in life and goes after it with all they have is bound to succeed."

Here Saturday

City Of Charlotte To Hold Conference For Minorities

By Karen Parker Post Staff Writer

George Wallace, coordinator of the Minority Women's Business Enterprise Plan, announced the City of Charlotte will hold a conference for all minority contractors, suppliers and professional service firms Saturday, November 19.

According to Wallace, the conference which begins at 10 a.m. in McDonald's Cafeteria, is the first of its type in Charlotte. "Over 600 invitations have been mailed in the two Carolinas," Wallace commented. The conference will explain M-WBE and how the good faith effort plan works," Wallace added. He defined "minority" in this case as women and-or blacks, Hispanics, Spainards, Portuguese, Indian, American-Indian and Asian-Americans who own 51 percent of a company which produces a service or good

Congress To Oust Blacks From Broadcast Industry?

Democrats To Fight Basic Issues

Raleigh - "The Democratic Party intends to fight this campaign on the basic issues, to give straight answers to the problems that concern our people most," State Democratic Party Chairman David Price said in a Raleigh press conference. "We challenge our opponents to do the same."

Noting that the elections were one year away, Price pledged that the Democratic Party would run an "issue-centered" campaign. "We have had enough of politicians who try to divert us. I challenge all candidates to tell the people of North Carolina clearly and honestly what they intend to do about the issues that confront us," Price said.

Price cited economic issues as the most important ones facing voters in 1984.

"Our economy is now threatened by federal budget deficits approaching \$200 billion per year," Price stated. "These massive deficits are keeping interest rates disastrously high and are choking off long-term economic growth."

"What kind of economic recovery is it when interest rates make it impossible for most people to purchase a home, or for small businessmen to obtain needed capital, or for farmers to invest in the equipment they need?"



Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Gregory have received much help from people in the community within the last week. Now that they are warm their main worry is to obtain water for their home.

Without Water In Their Home

Life Is Not So Beautiful For Mr. And Mrs. Gregory

By Teresa Simmons Post Managing Editor

"I just barely can make it round. I've had an operation back in July of this year. My knee cap had arthritis so they had to replace it," Mrs. Sadie Gregory displayed the long cut on her left knee.

American is the land of the beautiful and the brave. Life, however, is not so beautiful for the brave Sadie and Charlie Gregory. They have lived without water in their house on Plank Road for three years; struggled through coldness with only a small electric heater; and lived on a fixed income, one fourth of it being absorbed by seven insurance poli-

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cies.

So far several social service agencies and numerous community people have appeared before the Gregorys to provide assistance. "The Lord works miracles," Mrs. Gregory explained.

About four months ago while Mrs. Gregory was recuperating from her operation, Mary Durham of the Home Health, Inc. was assigned to her case. What she observed was a family in need of help. She telephoned Paul Jenkins of the Information and Referral Service who in turn contacted David Waymer, Ex-

tension Agent Community Development and Housing, Agricultural Extension Service.

Like Superman landing with grace Waymer came to the rescue of the Gregorys. Sadly though, even Waymer has not been able to make the Gregorys' water faucet work. "I've tried the Farmer's Home Administration to see if they could provide a grant or a small interest loan for a well for the Gregorys. But their home is not considered a rural area. They are living in an urban perimeter area and the Farmer's Home Administration cannot lend them money or provide them with a grant. If they had only lived three more miles out they could have received it," Waymer stated with remorse.

"Now we will have to look into different sources such as aid from churches, the Crisis Assistance Ministry. We first have to know the cost and then overcome the situation. We are working one estimates now," he continued.

Waymer's main role was to weatherize the home of the Gregorys, which has been taken care of. Secondly, to advise them of professionals who may be able to help them in various situations.

There is little doubt that the articles in The Post and the Charlotte News last week touched many hearts. People from the community provided the Gregorys with an oil heater. The Roy Harris family gave them the oil heater and also installed it for them. Other families came to their home also with two electric heaters and food, Mrs. Gregory reported.

"They were real nice... people that I never knew before," Mrs. Gregory commented. I never saw them before in my life but they came to help."

Case Being Closely Watched

By A. Peter Bailey Special To The Post

While most attention is being focused on the upcoming elections, a major piece of legislation is moving through Congress that will, insists James Dowdy, President of Magna Media Corporation, "just about totally freeze

minorities out of the mainstream broadcast industry. While everyone is fighting to get in the door of the new telecommunications systems including cable television, the process known as the comparative renewal procedure is threatened with extinction by those interests which want to keep ownership of the broadcast industry in the same hands."

The "comparative renewal procedure" is the process which requires that the license of each broadcaster automatically comes up for renewal every five years. If he or she has not met the required Federal Communications Commission's standards with regard to programming and other considerations and are successfully challenged, then the broadcaster will have to divest himself of the challenged property. H.R. 237, or 2382, which are currently under construction in the House (having already passed the Senate), would eliminate the renewal process. Thus, says Cecil C. Butler of East Lake Communications, Inc., "would provide current owners with the security of no comparative renewals and licenses in perpetuity." Though acknowledging that successful challenges under the existing system are few (no more than 12 during the past six years), Butler insists that "...the reason that this legislation would gravely limit substantial increases in minority ownership is that comparative renewal challenges to existing licenses is the only practical avenue available to minority ownership in the major markets where minority populations are significant.

Both supporters and opponents of H.R. 2370 or 2382 are closely watching the case involving approximately 13 broadcast properties owned by RKO in large markets such as New York City, Boston, Washington, D.C., Memphis, Chicago, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Ft. Lauderdale, FL, and Bethesda, MD. The challenges result from long litigation over illegal practices of RKO's owner, General Tire Corp.



George Wallace

.....M-WBE coordinator

that the City of Charlotte plan was adopted earlier this month, the City of Charlotte was required only to take the lowest bid. Now the city must take the lowest bid if the bidder had in good faith sought out to subcontract an M-WBE," Wallace emphasized.

He also pointed out even if the bidders are out-

state they must comply with the City of Charlotte rule. "A perfect example is the Weiss Brothers Co. in Pennsylvania who won the Tryon Street Mall project," Wallace presented. "They had to prove they have intentions of subcontracting an M-WBE business."

The Association of General Contractors (AGC) which is a conglomerate of several majority businesses that seek subcontractors, has agreed to support the M-WBE system.

Wallace asserted attending the conference Saturday can vitally enhance a minority business person's chance of receiving City contracts. Expected to last about two hours, the conference will provide not only educational information about submitting a successful bid, but also the kinds of construction and procurement programs the City will be requesting.

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