# **Troopens** Ready For Holiday Traffic

Raleigh - Soon, thousands of North Carolinians will travel many miles to spend Thanksgiving with rela-tives and friends. It's a time for families to be together. Yet, some families never return home from the holidare holidays.

Last year, 15 motorists died in traffic accidents during the Thanksgiving holiday, More than 1,100 people were injured. There were

more than 1,500 accidents. The State Highway Patrol is pre-paring for the heavy holiday traf-fic. Colonel Jack F. Cardwell, Commander of the Patrol, says, "All available troopers will patrol the highways: They will pay special attention to speeding and drinking drivers.'

Colonel Cardwell is encouraged by the percentage of motorists voluntarily complying with the new mandatory seat belt law. Since the law took effect, more than 9,000 warning tickets have been issued to motorists for failing to buckle up. Warnings will be issued until December 31, 1986 After that date, motorists will be fined \$25.

'One of the best ways to show our love and concern for our families is to use seat belts to save lives this holiday and every day," said Colonel Cardwell,

The Thanksgiving holiday period begins at midnight, November 27, and ends at midnight, December 1.

#### City Offices Close

All departments of Charlotte City government will be closed on Thursday, November 28, for Thanksgiving. Regular business hours will be resumed on Friday, November 29, at 8 a.m.

> The Sanitation Division will observe the Thanksgiving holiday on Thursday, November 28. During that week backyard garbage collection will be provided on Monday-Wednesday for those residences normally receiving service on Monday-Thursday. The Tuesday-Friday schedule will remain the same. There will be NO curbside trash collection during the holiday week. Containerized and bagged leaves will be collected from curbside on Wednesday or Friday.

The City Animal Control Division, 2700 Toomey Avenue, will be closed for Thanksgiving. Only emer-gency cases will be handled by calling 334-9146.

All City recreation centers will be closed for Thanksgiving. The Revo-lution Golf Course will operate on a regular schedule.

Buses operated by the Charlotte Transit System will be on a Sunday schedule on Thanksgiving, and will return to a regular operating schedule on Friday, November 29.

## Volunteers Needed

Coming soon to Discovery Place, "Chips and Changes," an exhibit

Each month another aspect of "Carolina Authors" will be presented. Upcoming topics include, "Journalism as Literature," "Jerry Bledsoe Telling Stories," "What Happened to the Simple Life? Reflections on Contemporary Ameri-can Values," "Cast and Characters: The Short Story," and "The Civil War in North Carolina." Check with the Public Library for specific



#### **Special To The Post**

More than 2,000 North Carolina businesses are listed in the Women-**Owned Business Directory of 1985**, just published by the Office of State Development: Women and the Economy in the N.C. Department of Administration. This is the second edition of the directory, first published in December 1984.

A major purpose of the directory is to make it easier for government, industry and other consumers to locate women-owned companies.

"We are striving to stimulate the economy by creating new wealth and new jobs for the people of this state," said Assistant Secretary Gloria Whitman. "We are dedicated to making the best use possible of the valuable but underutilized resource that women business owners represent," she added.

The directory, distributed free of charge, lists businesses alphabetically, by service or product and by county. In order to be listed, a woman must own 51 percent of her business and be actively involved in its management.

## Support Group Meet

Anorexia Nervosa and Associated Disorders Support Group will meet December 12 at the Community Health Services Building at 1401 East Seventh Street. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. Elizabeth Shaw, a local therapist, will talk about "Holiday Anxieties." People who are troubled with Anorexia and or Bulimia as well as other interested people, are invited to visit with the group. For more information, call 375-0172.

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Those receiving copies include purchasing officers of major corporations, state agencies, educational institutions, chambers of commerce, libraries and also business owners and interested individuals.

"A listing in the directory increases women's opportunities to be informed about procurement workshops, seminars and conferences geared to the needs of businesswomen. It can be used by the business owners for forming networks among themselves," added Ms. Whitman.

The directory is just one of the ways that the Office of State Development: Women and the Economy is striving to increase the volume of state government contracts awarded to North Carolina women business owners. Other initiatives include reducing barriers to private sector employment for poor, elderly and disadvantaged women; increasing successful new businesses: increasing foreign trade exports; and creating an information brokering and referral system.

For more information and for a copy, write or call the Office of State Development: Women and the Economy, N.C. Department of Ad-ministration, 116 W. Jones St., Raleigh, NC 27611, 919-733-7892 or 919-733-4131.

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**Karen Jones-Meadows** .....Author of "Henrietta" **Public Library To Present** 

# **Three Local Playwrights** By Jalyne Strong

**Post Staff Writer** Three local playwrights: Karen

Jones-Meadows, Phil Hines and Judy Simpson Cook will discuss having a play performed and pro-duced in N.C. when they are presented in "The Playwright in North Carolina" on Sunday, December 1, at the main branch of the Public Library of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County.

This program is part of the con-tinuing series entitled, "Carolina Authors" which is being held Sunday afternoons at the library from 3 until 4:30 p.m. The series is sponsored by the Public Library and UNCC Continuing Education and Extension.

Each playwright will read from their plays and afterwards will answer questions on the prospects of drama and theatre in North Carolina.

A recent recipient of the N.Y. Drama League · award. Jones-Meadows is the author of "Henrietta," performed by the Negro Ensemble Company in the York City.

# "Jazzy" Luncheon

The Afro-American Cultural Center's annual "Jazzy Christmas Luncheon" will be held Thursday, December 12, at McDonald's Banquet Center, I-85 and Beatties Ford Road.

Featured will be Daryle Ryce & Trio in a special jazz concert. The Trio frequently plays at the Regis try Inn and Radisson Plaza Hotel. Tickets are \$10 each and may be purchased by sending a check made payable to the Afro-American Cultural Center, 110 East Seventh St., Charlotte, NC 28202, by December 4, or call the Center at 374-1565. The AACC is a member of the Arts and Science Council of Charlotte-Mecklenburg, Inc.

Hines received the N.C. Artist Fellowship in play writing for 1985-86. Cook has been commissioned by the Actor's Theatre of Louisville to write a play this year. This program is free and open to the public.

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the impact computers have on our daily lives at work and play. Volunteers are needed to assist with interpreting this exhibit to museum visitors: No experience necessary. The exhibit will open at Discovery Place November 30 through March 2, 1986.

A training session for volunteers will be held on December 5. Please contact Charle' LaMonica in the Volunteer Office at the museum, 704-372-6261, for more information.

# **Beauty Of Week**

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admit, "I'm too short."

She has two brothers, June and Arthur, and one sister, Tamika. Carlotta is the oldest of the crew. "But that doesn't give me any privileges," she smiles. Nor, she adds, any authority. "They don't listen to me anyway."

Her mother, Barbara, is the person for whom Carlotta has the most admiration. "She taught me a lot," Carlotta divulges. "Even things I didn't want to hear about. My mother's shown me what's right and what's wrong; has helped me along the way; and made me a better person.

"I plan to advance myself," Carlotta predicts. In her future, say 10 years from now, she sees her-self in her professional life, as the president of a company and financially stable. In her personal life, Carlotta claims, "I'll be living a happy life, doing all the wonderful things I've always wanted to do. Like traveling," she notes, "I have the wildest dream of going to Alaska.'

## **New Traffic Signal**

City buses on the 40X Albemarie Road Express Route are run 5-10 minutes faster these 5-10 minutes faster these days thanks to a new preemptive sig-nal control system recently installed on 40X buses and on the Central Avenue section of the 40X

Known as the "OPTICOM" Bus Priority Signal System from 3M, the electronic system allows the expres buses to optically request a green light at 10 intersections between 10th Street and Rosehaven on Central

### **Record Exceeds Goal**

For the second month in a row, tur CMS bus accident rate is the lowest since the system began keeping accident data in 1971. The accident rate for the first 43 days of school was 0.6 accidents per every 100,000 miles driven. The system's goal, which never was achieved until this fall, is one accident per every 100,-000 miles.

During September and October of this year, CMS buses were involved in 37 accidents, compared to 43 for the same period last year. Only 10 of this year's accidents were the fault of the bus driver, compared to 17 last year. Of the system's 12 transportation areas, eight have had no chargeable accidents this fall. For more information, contact Don Baucom, transportation director, at 366-8374.

# **Concern For Kids**

Who's doing something special for children in Charlotte-Mecklenburg? Is it an exercise or sports program, a service for disabled children, a crafts, music or arts project, another important activity?

CONCERN FOR KIDS In The Community is an awards program to recognize the outstanding programs recognize the outstanding programs planned, supervised, or supported by groups or individuals across the country. CONCERN FOR KIDS is sponsored by the Junior Woman's Club of Charlotte as part of a nationa national program that involves local affiliates of the General Fe-deration of Women's Clubs (GFWC) and Health-tex, Inc., a leading manufacturer of children's clothes. Local winners are eligible for state and national swards including an all-expense trip to Houston, Tx. To nominate someone you know for an award, contact Christine S. Tomberlin at P. O. Box 230005, Charlotte, N.C. 28222.

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