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State Senator Clarence Mitchell of Maryland (second from right) accepts a check for \$20,000 from Guy L. Smith IV (center), Vice President, Corporate Affairs, Philip Morris USA, at the annual convention of the National Black Caucus of State Legislators (NBCSL) held recently in Washington. Accepting the gift with Senator Mitchell are Wilhelmina Delco, NBCSL Vice President, and Calvin Smyre, NBCSL Secretary. Also representing Philip Morris is Manager, Constituency Development Programs, Allene Roberts (far right). The NBCSL, with headquarters in Washington, D.C., represents 370 minority legislators from 43 states.

Local Citizens Give 1985 Low Marks

By Loretta Manago
Post Managing Editor
Nineteen eighty-five. Was it a good year? Was it a bad year? How would people grade it if given the opportunity to do so? This question was put to several people here in the area. Their responses are as follows: Charlene Price, community affairs director at WCCB, graded the outgoing year on three levels. "I would give it an 'A' for the many blessings I've received and for some of the professional accomplishments I've made and also for the valuable friendships I have.

"In terms of being content in life, I would have to grade the year at a 'C.' There are many unmet goals that I've set for myself that have yet to be achieved.

"On the national level scene an 'F' immediately came to mind when I think of South Africa and the role our country continues to play in that. And in our country there is plenty of pain and suffering that is not brought to the media forefront. That makes it necessary for me to give that grade."

A counselor for Stonewall Jackson School, John Richardson expresses similar thoughts as Ms. Price when assessing the events that have transpired in the nation in the past year. "Looking at the nation's events, I would almost give the grade 'F.' The number of air tragedies, the sky-

rocketing black unemployment rate, and the vast number of people who have lost both their jobs and their homes made for a very trying year." But on a personal level, the grade for 1985 takes a step up. "I think the grade 'B' would be the appropriate grade to give 1985 in my personal life. I accomplished 90 percent of the things I set out to do the very beginning of the year. While some of them seemed slow in coming, they did materialize."

That's how Yolanda Ross, secretary-bookkeeper at WQCC felt about her personal life this year. "The things I wanted to accomplish, I did accomplish. I would have to give the year a 'B.' Ms. Ross commented that when 1984 ended and '85 began, things were in bad shape. "I did make progress." On the national level, however, Ms. Ross grades the year a "D." The multitude of tragedies makes me give this grade. There were many killings, plane crashes. It just seems to me that every week I heard about something devastating that had happened. Satan was really busy."

For State Alexander, community affairs director at WPEG, the national events this year warranted two grades. In some areas, such as economics, I would have to say a 'B.' I do feel some improvements were made. But when it comes to man-made and natural catastrophes, the

grade would have to be a 'D.'"

Looking at his own life, State Alexander gave the year an "A." "From a personal standpoint, it's been a good year. I think that I've grown in a lot of ways—professionally, spiritually, and economically. It was better than the average year."

CPCC Sponsors Autograph Party

An autograph party for Cornelius writer Clara Dulin is planned for Thursday, January 16, at the Central Piedmont Community College (CPCC) North Area Learning Center.

"Lingering Echoes from the Blue Ridge," a collection of short stories written by Mrs. Dulin, will be on sale on that date at the CPCC learning center bookstore. Mrs. Dulin, a student in the advanced creative writing class, taught at the Learning Center and will be available to autograph her book from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

The book is a collection of remembrances from Mrs. Dulin's years as the wife of a Methodist minister in the North Carolina mountains.

"Those echoes have been lingering for more than 50 years," she said. "I didn't know I remembered so much until I sat down and started writing."

Mrs. Dulin, a widow, said the book is a memorial to her husband, Grady Dulin. He was pastor of Central Methodist Church in Charlotte for many years before the couple retired to Cornelius.

Two other students in Virginia Christenbury's creative writing class at the Learning Center also received recognition recently. Barbara J. Mayer's story, "A Tale

of Two Horses," won second place in the Charlotte Writers Club's annual Children's Story Contest. Taking third place was Lilli K. Richardson's story, "The Golden Box." The Learning Center is located on Hwy. 21 in Cornelius, one mile south of Hardee's.

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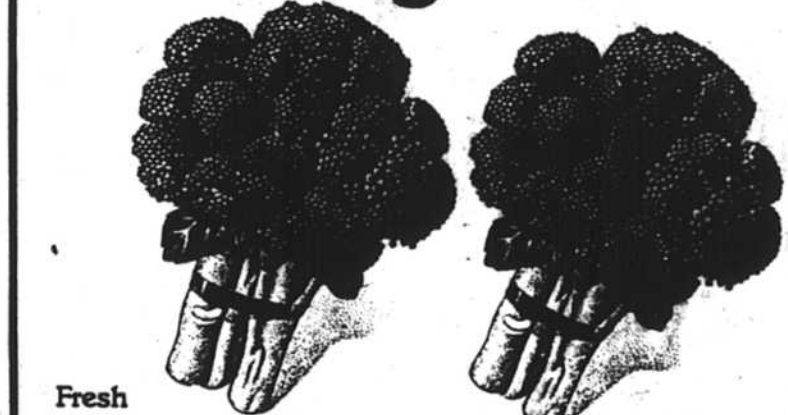
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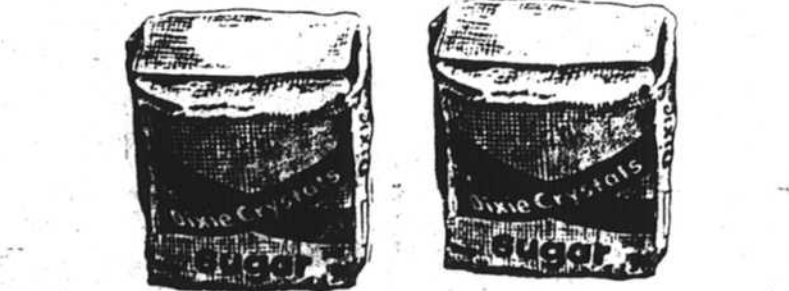


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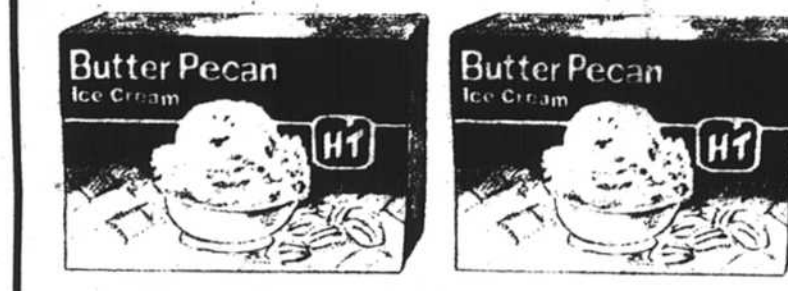
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