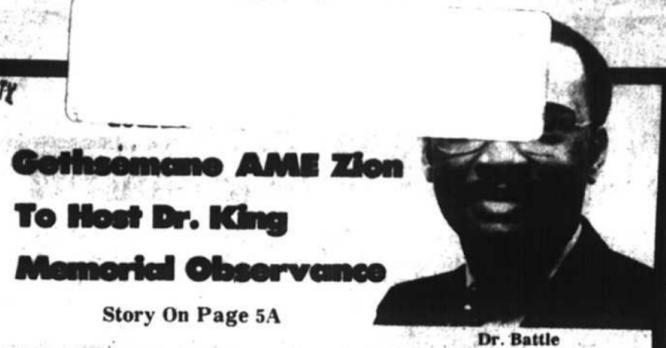




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Democrats To Hold Gala Meeting

The North Carolina Democratic Party is ushering in the new year with a busy weekend January 10 and 11.

The Democrats' annual gala will take place Friday, January 10, at 7 p.m. at the Raleigh Marriott. The gala will serve as a farewell tribute to outgoing State Party Chairman Wade Smith. Democratic National Chairman Paul Kirk will attend as a special guest. Former State Democrat Chairs will also be on hand to honor Smith. Tickets are \$50.

On Saturday, January 11, the Democrats will hold their annual Sustaining Fund Patrons' Breakfast in honor of 1985's Sustaining Fund contributors. Lieutenant Governor Robert Jordan will host the breakfast, which begins at 9 a.m. at Democratic Party headquarters in Raleigh.

At noon on Saturday, the North Carolina Democratic Executive Committee will meet at the Marriott Hotel. The 375-member Executive Committee is made up of party leaders from across the state.

For more information about the Democratic Gala, the Sustaining Fund breakfast or the Democratic Executive Committee meeting, please call Democratic headquarters at 919-821-2777.

CR Committee Seeks Nominations For Police Award

Nominations are being sought for the seventh annual Police Community Relations Awards sponsored by the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Community Relations Committee. The award recognizes patrol officers from the City of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County Police Departments who have made outstanding contributions towards improving police community relations in their assigned patrol areas.

Officers will be judged on their involvement in helping the community understand the functions of police and citizens' role in that function, demonstration of extraordinary effort in the area of crime prevention, and involvement in aiding neighbors in handling their own problem.

Nominations may be made by fellow officers, superior officers, citizens in the patrol area, by groups or individuals. To nominate an officer, persons should write to the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Community Relations Committee, 823 East Trade St., Suite 410, or call the Committee at 339-2424. Deadline for submitting nominations is March 15.

Nominations will be reviewed by Charlotte-Mecklenburg Community Relations Committee members and personnel from the City of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County Police Departments. Up to five officers will be selected as recipients of the Police Community Relations Award and honored at a ceremony in May.



Tonja Berry
..... Cherishes privacy

Tonja Berry To Attend Data Processing School

By Jalyne Strong
Post Staff Writer

Tonja Berry, a Charlotte native, is proud of her hometown. She especially enjoys what has been done with the uptown area of the city. "I think it's beautiful," expresses Tonja, concerning the recent Transit Mall renovations.

The 20-year-old beauty is pretty sure here is where she wants to stay. A young lady who likes to "dance and disco," Tonja finds Charlotte's nightlife impressive. Studio 54 and Cameo's are the night spots she most enjoys to frequent. "They're very nice club," she describes.

"I love dancing," Tonja enthusiastically relates. She says the latest dances are Inspector Gadget, the Oak Tree and one that is just now making its way onto the dance floors, the Cabbage Patch! Tonja also likes music, her favorite musicians being Kurtis Blow, Starpoint, Luther Vandross, and Freddie Jackson.

Of course, Tonja does not party all the time, as the popular song goes. Presently she's holding down a job at McDonald's while she considers attending a school for data processing. "I'd like to work with computers," she reveals as her aspiration.

"I'm very out-going," describes this week's beauty. "When I say I'm going to do something, I'll do it." However, Tonja also confesses to another side of herself. "I'm shy sometimes around people I don't know." Overall, she admits her personality is one which prefers privacy. "Most of the time I'm to myself," claims Tonja.

The fact of which is conducive to Tonja's favorite hobby, reading. "I like romantic stories," she smiles.

Tour Set Record

A record number of 1,008 tour groups traveled to Heritage USA in 1985. The tours came from all parts of the USA, and from Sweden, Bermuda, and Canada.

"We are excited about Heritage USA's growing popularity," said Cheri Stewart, Sales Manager of the 5000-room Heritage Grand Hotel. "Compared with the 242 tour groups that came in 1983, we have come a long way." The average size of each tour is 40.

Heritage USA, a 21st Century Christian Retreat Center, attracted over four million people last year. The 2,500-acre retreat features the Passion Play in a 3,000-seat amphitheatre.

Rev. James H. Logan, Jr.: The Black Church Has Become Too Complacent

By Loretta Manago
Post Managing Editor

Few people would look at the Southside and Brookhill neighborhoods and comment that being placed in the midst of these two communities is a terrific opportunity.

Yet few people have the vision that Rev. James Logan Jr. has. As pastor of South Tryon Presbyterian Church, he sees the church's location as a blessing in order to carry out God's Word.

Not just God's Word that commands his disciples to go out and preach the gospel, but also His Word to man to care for those in need—that is the main thrust of Rev. Logan's mission.

"It's important that we (the church) minister to this community in tangible ways. Our mission is not to get people to simply join the church; it is far more important that South Tryon is faithful to the Word. You can't evangelize to someone if their stomach is empty," Rev. Logan pointedly stated.

What Rev. Logan sees as his church's cause, he also sees as the black church's role in the next decade. "We have to begin to take ownership of our communities. We have to start finding solutions for our own problems and stop looking for some other institutions to do that for us. The black church has become far too complacent in the liberties that we have gained in the civil rights period. Already with the Republican Party in office we can see some of those liberties drying up and with the trend of Democratic politicians towards conservatism, I think that that's more than sufficient reason for us to take charge of our destinies," voiced Rev. Logan.

Taking that step, Logan sensed that the black church should also be concerned about its faith development and spiritual maturity. "The black church is well known for knowing how to worship. And as far as I'm concerned you can shout all you want, but if what you get



Rev. James H. Logan Jr.
..... Pastor of S. Tryon Presbyterian

spiritually doesn't transcend into your everyday living, then something's amiss. I feel that the black church needs to look at the renewal movements and see what the Lord is saying to us. I don't want us to miss the boat. I want us to get on board, but in a real way."

It has been six months since Rev. Logan became the shepherd at South Tryon. In that short time, he has already started the burners burning in terms of some of the objectives he has for the church. "We have a lot of ideas, but in a sense we're limited by the physical size of the church. We want to establish a scouting program here. Of course, I realize that is something that takes place at most churches but I must add South Tryon is not interested in duplicating what is already being done, we're mainly interested in administering to people's needs in ways that haven't been tapped into yet."

One idea that has been ruminating in Rev. Logan's mind is the idea of a library. "More than a library, this room would serve as a quiet place for youngsters in the community who need somewhere to study and to do their homework," added Rev. Logan.

Whatever ideas Rev. Logan has for his church and its mission, his congregation seems totally supportive of his efforts. It was the congregation's idea to bring Rev. Logan to South Tryon. Having been without the stable leadership of a minister See BLACK On Page 12A

People To Watch!

Charlotteans Reveal Their Goals For '86

By Jalyne Strong
Post Staff Writer

The Charlotte Post is ever watchful of what's going on among the city's black populace: the movements, the trends, the highs and lows, the movers and the shakers.

And as this new year is still in the starting gate, we're eager to wager on a few citizens we expect to pull out ahead in their endeavors. With information from the following individuals' backgrounds, what we already know of them concerning their respective fields, we're placing our odds on this group to make great strides this year. They are: Dr. Gwyn Davis, health; Rev. Lincoln Lee, religion; Angela Simpson, business; Alfred Glover, politics; Roman Phifer, sports; and Margaret Freeman, the arts.

Most progressive people have their own expectations to reach within a year's time and this is true of these selected people. But more so, in revealing their goals for 1986, these individuals also shared what they feel are their particular catalysts for making them go. The revelations of which could possibly serve as inspirations to us all.

In private practice of General Dentistry since 1984, Dr. Gwyn Davis must combine her skills as a dentist with business savvy. "To run an office effectively one has to know what's going on at every level," she points out. Dr. Davis says she



Rev. Lincoln Lee Jr.
..... Theology student

learned this lesson the hard way—through experience.

However, her practice is going smoothly now and with general dentistry, Dr. Davis offers preventive dentistry and has taken the initiative to branch out into cosmetic dentistry as well.

Her goals for 1986? "Office expansion," she tells, "to bring on another dentist. Also, to repay school and business loans." The prime reasons behind her hard work is, "my family," Dr. Davis assures. "I want to make sure my family is well taken care of."

Just 18-years-old and Rev. Lincoln



Dr. Gwyn Davis
..... To expand services

Lee has found his direction. As the associate pastor of Silver Mount Baptist Church, his father, Rev. William Lee Jr.'s church, Rev. Lee has already issued a few soul stirring sermons. He has also been the invited guest speaker at the Baptist Training Union Sunday School Congress.

"I'm looking forward to more preaching opportunities," predicts the young minister concerning the coming year.

A pre-theology major at Shaw University, Rev. Lee claims, "The power of God" is all the encouragement he needs.



Alfred Glover
..... Political activist

Angela Simpson opened the doors to Undercover Book Source in June 1984 and she offered 50 books for customers to choose from. This year, her store displays over 700 titles to please the most discerning customer and Simpson claims, "There'll be 1,000 before June of '86."

The book store proprietor decided in 1986 is a year for her to consider new horizons. Simpson's thinking about "two new projects relating to books but not in the retail aspect." She's also planning on See GOALS On Page 11A



A perfect example of minority rule is a baby in the house.