

# Study Shows Black Growth Rate Twice That Of Whites

The nation's black population grew at twice the rate of whites between 1980 and 1984, according to a report from the Commerce Department's Census Bureau.

The bureau's latest annual population estimates by age, race, and sex indicate that blacks totaled 28.6 million in July 1984, up 1.8 million or 6.7 percent over the 1980 census count. The white population rose from 195.1 million to 201.4 million, up 3.2 percent. The total U.S. population was 236.7 million (including the armed forces overseas), up 9.6 million or 4.2 percent.

Census Bureau analyst Louisa Miller attributes the difference in growth rates to moderately higher fertility among blacks, who

increased their share of the population from 11.8 percent in 1980 to 12.1 percent in 1984.

The black population's median age rose from 24.8 in 1980 to 26.3 years in 1984. (Median age means half the population is older and half is younger than the states figures.) The 1984 median for whites was 32.2 years, compared to 30.9 in 1980.

Here are other findings from the report:

-The fastest growing black population groups in 1980-84 were those age 85 and over (26.9 percent), 35 to 44 (18.1 percent), and 25 to 34 (17.7 percent).

-The only black population group experiencing a decline was those age 14 to 17, down from 2.4 million to

2.2 million.

-The black median age has increased each year since 1967, when it was 22.1 years, and the trend is expected to continue as the baby boom generation approaches middle age. The black female median age in 1984 was 27.6 compared with 24.9 years for males.

-Black females outnumbered black males by 1.4 million in 1984-15.0 million to 13.6 million. Males outnumbered females only through age 17, reflecting more male births. Among blacks age 65 and over, women outnumbered men by almost half a million (464,000) because females live longer.

The report gives estimates by sex and race for single years to age 84

and for those 85 and over.

Copies of "Estimates of the Population of the United States, by Age, Sex, and Race: 1980 to 1984," P-25, No. 965 (GPO Stock No.

003-002-91462-0), are available for \$2.25 each prepaid from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402.



Rev. James Palmer  
.....Chapter president  
**SCLC Celebrating Its  
Third Anniversary**

The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Chapter of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) is celebrating its third anniversary this month. In recognition of the anniversary, the Rev. James Palmer, chapter president, thanks all who have supported the organization and participated in its boycott of those stores selling foods packaged in South Africa. The boycott is now over, he adds, and urges supporters to feel free to shop at any store they wish.

### Fountain Odom Hires

### Top Media Consultant

A Texas media specialist who has won almost every race he's put his hand to will design television and radio advertising for Fountain Odom, Democratic candidate for the U.S. Senate.

Michael R. Shannon of Dallas, TX, was hired by the Odom campaign for the primary and general election. The first television ads will be aired beginning March 10.

"Fountain is a candidate running on a record of recent achievement, not a reputation," Shannon said. "His record speaks for itself. My task is to expose people to it."

Odom said he was pleased at acquiring Shannon's talents. "He's won all but four of 31 political campaigns in the last six years and I'm confident he'll help win this one for us," Odom said.

Shannon's past and present clients include Texas Attorney General Jim Mattox; U.S. House Majority Leader Rep. Jim Wright, D-Texas; Rep. John Bryant, D-Texas; Rep. Martin Frost, D-Texas; Rep. James R. Jones, D-Ok.; Rep. Bill Richardson, D-N.M.; and Houston Mayor Kathy Whitmire.

### Self-Motivation

WomanReach will offer a workshop called "Introduction To Cybernetics: Tapping Your Inner Resources For Self-Motivation," Saturday, March 8, from 10 a.m. to noon at the WomanReach Center. Luz Vickers will facilitate this session.

The WomanReach Center is a United Way Agency. The facilities are handicapped accessible and services are freely given and freely received.

For more information, call a WomanReach peer counselor Monday - Thursday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at 334-3614.

### Absentee Ballots

Registered Mecklenburg voters who are physically unable to enter the voting places, are ill, disabled, or feeble due to age, or will be out of the Country on May 6, are eligible to vote by absentee ballot.

Write the Mecklenburg County Election Office, 741 Kenilworth Avenue, Charlotte, N.C. 28204, for an absentee ballot. Deadline for filing a written absentee ballot for the May 6 primary is Tuesday, April 29.

May 6 balloting includes Democratic and Republican primaries for U.S. Senate, Democratic and Republican primaries for various Board of County Commissioner seats, four Charlotte-Mecklenburg School Board seats, and two state-wide questions.

For more information, call 336-2133.

### West Meck Barbecue

The West Mecklenburg High School PTA would like to invite the public to its annual Barbecue, Thursday, March 20, from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the school, 7400 Tuckaseegee Road.

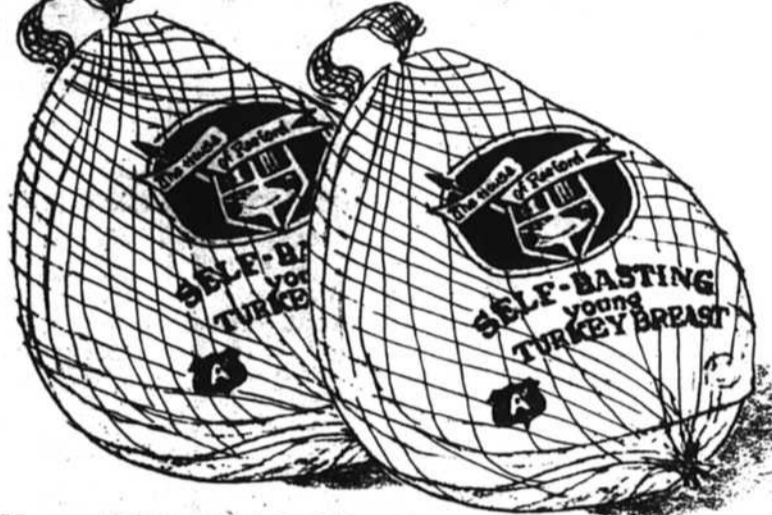
The cost of the barbecue is \$3.50 per plate (or three sandwiches). Other costs are sandwiches \$1.25, drinks \$.30, potato chips, \$.30, and pie \$.40. Plates include pit cooked barbecue, slaw, potato chips, and bread. Desserts are extra. There will be delivery for \$21 or six ticket order. For orders, you can call 399-1951 for outside pickup.

The barbecue is sponsored by the West Mecklenburg High School PTA, cooked and prepared by PTA patrons.

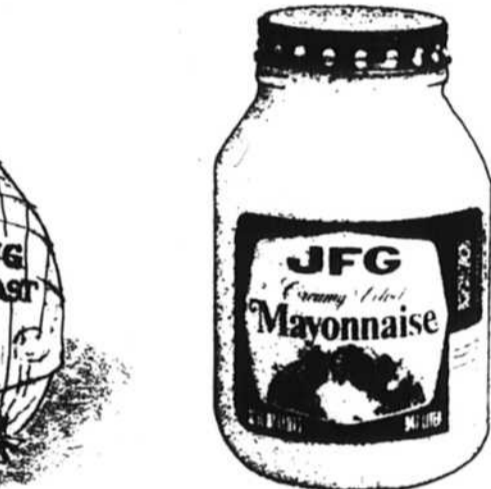
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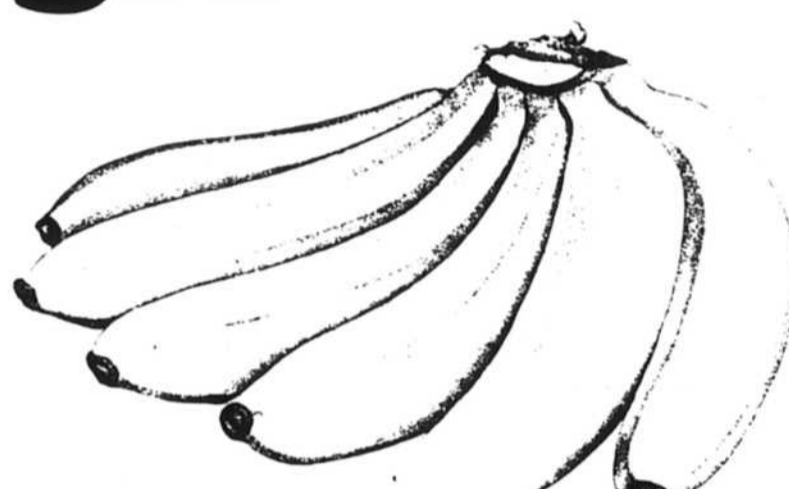
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House Of Raeford Self-Basting  
**Turkey Breast** Lb. **99¢**  
Limit 1 Per Customer. Please



Creamy, Velvety  
**JFG Mayonnaise** 32 Oz. **99¢**  
Limit 1. Please



**Dole Golden Bananas** Lb. **29¢**

Whole  
**Smoked Picnic** Lb. **69¢**  
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Jimmy Dean  
**Pork Sausage** Lb. **\$1.69**  
Regular Or Special Recipe

Thompson White Or Flame Red  
**Seedless Grapes** Lb. **99¢**

Washington State, Red Or Golden  
**Delicious Apples** Lb. **59¢**

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**Sliced Ham** 4 Oz. **99¢**

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**Homestyle Bread** 24 Oz. **59¢**

Land O Lakes  
**Margarine Quarters** Lb. **59¢**

Assorted Flavors  
**Breyers Yogurt** 8 Oz. **289¢**

30¢ Off Label  
**Mazola Corn Oil** 48 Oz. **\$2.29**

HT 100% Pure  
**Orange Juice** 64 Oz. **99¢**

2 Ltr. Non-Returnable Mt. Dew, Pepsi Free, Sugar Free Pepsi Free.  
**Diet Pepsi Or Pepsi-Cola** (16 Oz. 8 Pk. \$1.59 Plus Deposit) **\$1.19**

Assorted Flavors  
**Sealtest Ice Cream** Half Gal. **\$1.99**

Delta Gold  
**Potato Chips** Regular Or Dip 7 Oz. **99¢**

5 Inch Assorted  
**Green Foliage Plants** Includes Dieffenbachia, Croton, Ivy Plus Many More Ea. **\$1.79**

Regular Or Light  
**Budweiser Beer** Six 12 Oz. Cans **\$2.59**

**Provolone Cheese** Lb. **\$2.99**

**Chopped Cole Slaw** Lb. **79¢**

**DELI-BAKERY**  
(Items Available Only In Stores With Deli-Bakery)  
Oscar Mayer 95% Fat Free  
**Tasty Light Ham** Lb. **\$2.99**

Regular Or Beef  
**Oscar Mayer Bologna** Lb. **\$1.99**

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**HT Rye Bread** Loaf **79¢**

### More Savings With These Items PRICED RIGHT EVERY DAY!

Hets  
**Strained Carrots** 5 4.75 Oz. **\$1.00**

**Pillsbury Flour** 5 Lbs. **79¢**

Sure & Natural  
**Maxi Shields** 12 Ct. **\$1.69**

HT Canned  
**Orange Juice** 46 Oz. **\$1.19**

Kellogg's  
**Corn Flakes** 7 Oz. **60¢**

Vanish Automatic  
**Bowl Cleaner** 12 Oz. **\$1.36**

Lawn Clean Up  
**Hefty Bags** 10 Ct. **\$1.88**

HT  
**Iodized Salt** 2 26 Oz. **39¢**

**Del Monte Catsup** 32 Oz. **79¢**

**Realemon Juice** 64 Oz. **\$1.41**

Field Trial  
**Dog Food** 20 Lbs. **\$2.99**

Regular Or Gel Pump  
**Colgate Toothpaste** 4.5 Oz. **\$1.69**

French's  
**Worcestershire Sauce** 15 Oz. **\$1.19**

**Clorox Bleach** 192 Oz. **\$1.62**

Chunk Light  
**HT Tuna** 6.5 Oz. **55¢**

Disposable  
**Schick Razors** 5 Ct. **99¢**

Kraft  
**BBQ Sauce** 18 Oz. **99¢**

Fabric Softener Sheets  
**Cling Free** 24 Ct. **\$1.49**

HT  
**Apple Sauce** 2 16 Oz. **75¢**

**Goody's Powders** 24 Oz. **\$1.39**