

Governor

Martin Seeks Public Input

Raleigh - Governor Jim Martin said he will seek public comment on ways to effectively use \$47 million in petroleum overcharge funds awarded the state in a settlement between the U.S. Department of Energy and the Exxon Corporation.

"Beginning in mid-October, the state Commerce Department's Energy Division will hold a series of six public meetings to take suggestions from businesses, public and private institutions, individuals, and other interested parties on how these dollars might best be used," Governor Martin said.

"Because of the large amount of money involved, our plans for using the overcharge funds will have a tremendous impact on North Carolina's overall energy management program for years to come. For that reason, I am announcing a major effort to take public input on how the Exxon overcharge money should be spent," Governor Martin said.

The \$47 million is North Carolina's share of \$2.1 billion in restitution ordered by a U.S. District Court in a suit filed by the U.S. Department of Energy against the Exxon Corporation for crude oil charges that were in violation of oil price regulations. North Carolina's share of the funds is based on its share of nationwide consumption of refined petroleum products from 1973, when price controls were introduced, to 1981.

Governor Martin said nighttime public meetings will be held in Raleigh October 15, Wilmington October 16, Charlotte October 21, Winston-Salem October 23, Greenville October 28, and Asheville October 30. In addition to the public meetings, the Governor said the state Energy Division will distribute survey forms to organizations with specific program suggestions for the overcharge funds.

Governor Martin said state Commerce Secretary Howard H. Haworth will invite Lt. Gov. Robert B. Jordan III and state House Speaker Liston Ramsey to appoint members of the General Assembly to join administration officials conducting the six public hearings, so that the Legislature could also "have the benefit of our findings."

"The petroleum overcharge funds now available to us and the public input process upon which we are about to embark give North Carolina a valuable opportunity to prepare well for its energy future," the Governor said. "I encourage all of our citizens to think seriously about this opportunity and to take part in the process I have announced."



Medora Chetlin
.....District manager

Medora Chetlin Heads

Golden State's Local Office

By Loretta Manago
Post Managing Editor

The opportunities in teaching left a vacuum in Medora Chetlin's professional aspirations. The lucrative field of insurance filled the void.

"While doing my practice teaching, I was also working at a shopping center. One day, a man entered the store where I was working and asked me if I was interested in making more money. I told him that I was and then he told me about Golden State Mutual Life Insurance Company. I went to the company and took a test and have been with them ever since," recalled Ms. Chetlin.


Ms. Chetlin, a native of Texas, was formerly staff manager at the agency's Beaumont office, before moving to Charlotte last month.

"Coming to Charlotte was a chance for advancement that I couldn't pass up. In Beaumont where I was staff manager I had gone as far as I could," revealed Ms. Chetlin.

As district manager for the Charlotte branch of the black owned and operated agency, Ms. Chetlin is responsible for totally managing 10 agents, one staff manager and one clerk.

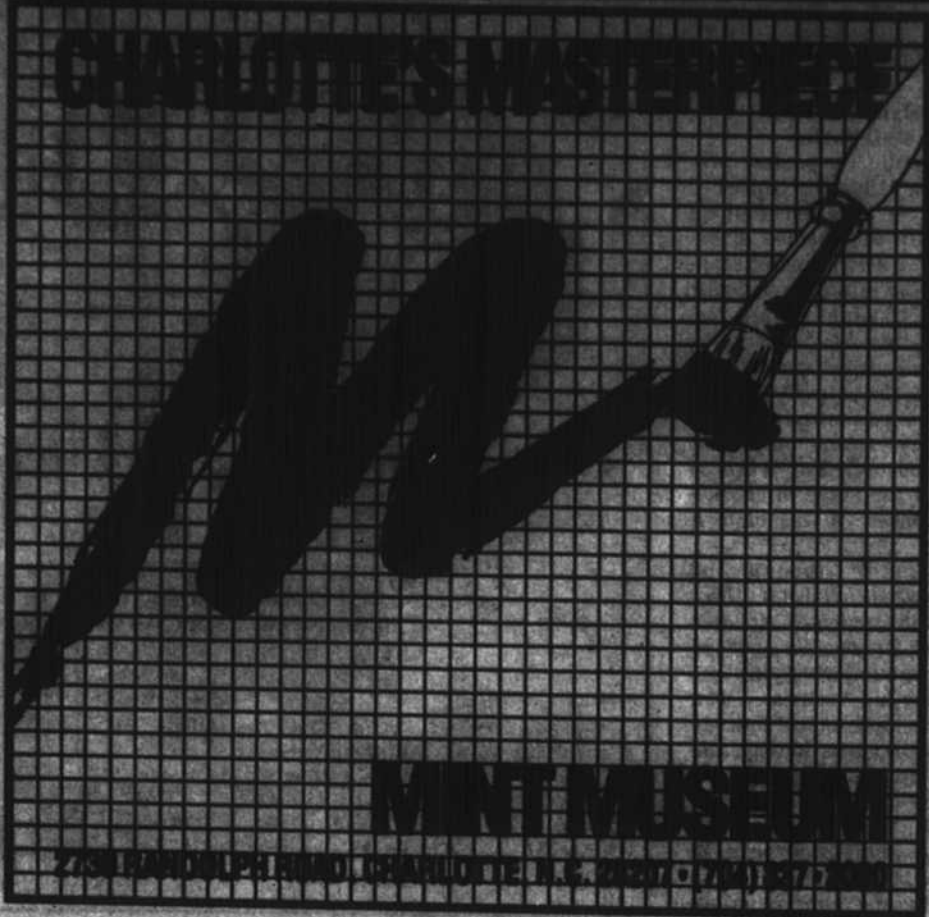
She eagerly anticipates her new challenges being in a new position and getting used to a new city. An employee of Golden State

Insurance for the past 12 years, Ms. Chetlin asserted that the insurance industry, particularly Golden State Insurance has a wealth of opportunities for blacks to advance. "The chance for advancement is great, you don't have to stay on the agent level."



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