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N.C. GOP Surpasses Dems In Minority Purchases

RALEIGH (AP) --- Republican Gov. Jim Martin's administration is outdoing Democratic-controlled state agencies in efforts to boost purchases from minority firms, figures compiled by the state's central purchasing office show.

Seven of nine departments under the Martin administration make at least 4 percent of their purchases from businesses controlled by minorities, women or disabled people, says a report by the Division of Purchase and Contract.

By contrast, just one of nine state agencies controlled by Democrats --- the Office of State Auditor --- exceeds the 4 percent

goal set by Martin and later by the General Assembly in 1987, according to the report published Sunday by the News and Observer of Raleigh.

Some Democrats disputed the figures, saying the size of their agencies made it difficult to attract some minority contracts, while others noted that the Legislature's resolution urging the 4 percent minority-buying goal was passed only a little over a year ago, in July 1987 --- five months after Martin issued an executive order to that effect.

The survey of state purchasing covered the period from July 1987 to March 1988. In it, the purchasing office found Martin

administration agencies doing the following percentage of business with firms operated by minorities, women or the handicapped:

Administration, 2.5; Commerce, 4.3; Correction, 8.6; Crime Control and Public Safety, 4.8; Cultural Resources, 7.9; Human Resources, 9.0; Natural Resources and Community Development, 4.5; Revenue, 1.6; Transportation, 4.5.

Figures were reported for Democrat-controlled agencies as follows:

Agriculture, 0.3; Department of Community Colleges, 1.1; Public

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Schatzman Leads NAACP Dinner

Special To The Post
The Third Annual Life Membership Dinner of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg County Branch NAACP will be held on Friday, August 26, 6:30 p.m., at McDonald's Cafeteria, 2812 Beatties Ford Rd.



Schatzman

tered in Greensboro, NC.

Recently appointed to his position with the State NAACP, Schatzman has previously held positions as Managing Editor of *The Winston-Salem Chronicle*; Deputy Controller with the school district of Pittsburgh, PA; District Justice, Thirteenth Ward, City of Pittsburgh; City Editor for the *New Pittsburgh Courier*; and Public Relations Specialist, Carnegie-Mellon University.

The NAACP has been committed to the civil rights cause for more than 79 years. Life membership is a principal source of income which supports the asso-

ciation's continuing fight for full freedom for all Americans.

The \$60 ticket price for the dinner includes a minimum payment on a life membership in the NAACP. Junior Life Membership subscribers (up to age 13) may secure a ticket for \$30 which includes a minimum payment on Junior Life Membership.

Current fully-paid life members, subscribing life members or Golden Heritage subscribers may obtain a \$10 ticket for his or her spouse or guest.

For more information about the NAACP Life Membership Dinner, please call Margaret A. Alexander, Chairman Public Relations, at 392-6775.

Guest speaker for the dinner will be Dennis Schatzman, Executive Director of the North Carolina State Conference of NAACP Branches, headquar-



Governor Jim Martin greets members at Rail Passenger Service Task Force first meeting in Raleigh. Left to right: Howard Clement III, Chairman; Governor Jim Mar-

tin; C. Morgan Edwards, Assistant Secretary North Carolina Department of transportation.

Clement Heads Task Force

Howard Clement III of Durham has been named by Governor Jim Martin to head the recently appointed Rail Passenger Service Task Force. Governor Martin issued Executive Order Number 71 on March 11 creating a special work group to study rail passenger service needs in North Carolina. Citing the investment made by the North Carolina General Assembly some 130 years ago, Martin praised the contributions the rail system has made to the urban growth of the Piedmont in North Carolina.

At the group's first meeting, Governor Martin was on hand in Raleigh to charge the task force with its responsibilities. This 15-member group will meet periodically during the next six months and make an initial report to Governor Martin in January 1989. A final report is scheduled to be presented in December 1989.

Chairman Clement is Director of Claims and Administration for the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance in Durham. He is also a member of Durham City Council.

Other members of the task force are: E. Stephen Stroud, vice chairman, of Raleigh; Frank Daniels III of Charlotte; Elwood Goodson of Mount Olive; Jerome

Bolick of Conover; Mayor Sue Myrick of Charlotte; William H. Kincheloe of Rocky Mount; Donald Billings of Lewisville; Frank Rouse of Emerald Isle; Allan Paul of Raleigh; Mayor Alex Bowness of Southern Pines; Dot

Burnley of High Point; Ralph Readon of Raleigh; Thomas W. Dayvall of Kannapolis; Richard Messinger of Salisbury and C. Morgan Edwards, Assistant Secretary of the North Carolina Department of Transportation.

Two N.C. Insurance Firms Cited For Bilking Blacks

RALEIGH (AP) --- Two North Carolina-based insurance companies will be asked to alter life insurance policies from the 1960s that force black people to pay higher premiums than white people, the state Department of Insurance said last Thursday.

Durham Life Insurance Co. of Raleigh and Charlotte Liberty Mutual Insurance Co. of Charlotte were named in a nationwide survey as being among 21 companies that continue to collect on such policies.

However, both say they have ceased to write and sell them.

The survey was released Tuesday, July 2, by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners.

"(Such policies are) not expressly prohibited by state statute," Ed Bristol, spokesman for

the state Department of Insurance, said Thursday. "But it appears discriminatory."

Bristol said state insurance officials plan to meet with the two North Carolina companies still carrying the policies to try to persuade them to alter them.

He said the department also would ask the Legislature to enact laws that specifically prohibit race-based insurance rate adjustments.

According to some actuaries, blacks have a shorter life expectancy than whites and so once were charged higher rates. How much depended on the company and the amount of insurance.

However, most insurance companies gave up the practice years ago, relying on other factors to set rates --- such as whether a

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Amy Edmunds

Photo/CALVIN FERGUSON

Amy Edmunds Is No Jock, But Sporting Events Keep Her Busy

By HERB WHITE
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Amy Edmunds admits she's not the athletic type.

"A jock I'm not," she says. "I do not sweat on purpose. You will not see me at the spa working out."

But that doesn't keep her from being part of a team that is putting together a preview of Olympic athletes in action. The Carolinas Invitational at Charlotte, a sports festival featuring American Olympic teams in seven events, will be held Aug. 12-14 at several sites around the city.

Tickets are still on sale at the Charlotte Coliseum and Ticketron outlets. Sales have been brisk of late and a sellout is expected for all events.

Basketball, boxing, cycling, baseball and gymnastic competition will be part of the fare, the only pre-Olympic view Americans will have of the national teams before the Seoul, South Korea games.

Edmunds enjoys her job, but she wishes she'd get to see more of the athletes in action.

"The down side of this job is that I probably won't get to see 20 minutes of anything," she said.

The Invitational was such an attractive job, Edmunds, 30, resigned her position as a branch manager at a temporary agency.

"I was asked to do something that I would be interested in," she said. "I like it. I like to stay busy and this guarantees that you have a very, very full day."

Pulling off an event like the Invitational requires a lot of pa-

tience and plenty of work. Edmunds says it has been worth it.

"I looked at it as an international sporting event," she said. "I looked at it as a once-in-a-lifetime experience. Just to be associated with an event of this magnitude will make for fond memories."

Edmunds said that after returning to Charlotte from Alexandria, Va. last year, she decided to become more active in community affairs. She went to the local chamber of commerce and met with executives to discuss various projects. Those meetings landed her the Carolinas Invitational job.

"I'm probably a testament to networking as much as anything," she said.

Edmunds, as well as the other four people on the Invitational's full time staff, has to be versatile in her job. She is responsible for coordinating volunteers at each venue, provides essentials for athletes and makes sure the media have access to the Olympians during the exhibitions.

"We all wear several hats here," Edmunds said. "Everybody's doing several hundred things at a time. After this, I would think most things would be a piece of cake."

Once the athletes, spectators and media leave, Edmunds will go job hunting. She plans to start her search after "a vegetation period" of a couple of days.

If the Invitational comes off as a success, she figures it'll look good on her resume and it'll catch the attention of business executives.

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"I don't know (what will come next)," she said. "I like to leave my options open. And after Aug. 15, I'll probably have a lot of options."



It's Back To School Time, Don't Be Late

Special To The Post

Charlotte-Mecklenburg public school starts Wednesday, August 24 and schools are hoping to avoid the problem that arose last year from late registrations.

On the first day of school last year, nearly 4,000 students did not show up. By the second day, more than half of them had arrived, and others streamed in by the hundreds during the next few days.

The late arrivals caused a major problem for the schools. Many students were not registered, so principals did not know to expect them. As a result, some schools had to find teachers while other schools had to give them up.

Parents are urged to register their children now and make sure their children attend school from the very first day. School offices are open weekdays for registration.

New Teachers' Tour

New teachers joining the Charlotte-Mecklenburg School System this year are in for a special treat. They're invited to "An Afternoon on the Town" Monday, August 15.

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