

EVA CLAYTON

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a representative who is accessible, and who offers straight answers to tough questions."

Clayton, a 57-year-old Warren County commissioner and president of her own small business, points to her leadership through almost three decades of public service as the primary reason she believes she can serve residents of the district well in Washington, D.C. Her experience covers the gamut of local, regional, state and national enterprises.

During her tenure as a commissioner, the county undertook the largest capital development of facilities in its history by building a new middle school and law enforcement center and renovating the high school, courthouse and medical facility.

Clayton said the challenging part of being a commissioner is keeping a fresh perspective, especially when dealing with problems that keep cropping up year after year.

"You think you've got that licked and here he comes again. Sometimes, you get weary," said Clayton, who owns a planning and management consulting firm.

A second challenge involves finding the resources to fit the growing needs of the residents.

"The needs are so great, the resources so limited," Clayton said.

The third challenge is "to be able to balance the investment in human development and capital development. I think it's the human development that is going to give us the competitive edge."

Besides winning the Outstanding Commissioner award, Clayton was recently elected to the National Association of Counties' board of directors.

She is a member of the NACo's Health Steering Committee and its Deferred Compensation Committee. She is also past treasurer of Women Officials in NACo (WON) and is currently chairman of the Housing Assistance Council, a national non-profit housing organization based in Washington, D.C.

A member of the Cotton Memorial Presbyterian Church, Clayton said she has always felt God blessed her with the desire to serve and the ability to come up with ideas.

POLICE SHOOTING

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fatality.

Another of the options for action discussed was a possible lawsuit against the City of Raleigh for all incidents of police brutality in the last 10 years, starting with the 1982 police killing of Dorothea Dix patient Phil McLean. A legal defense fund was also started at the meeting to respond to police brutality in Raleigh.

Mayor Pro Tem and District C City Councilman Ralph Campbell, Jr., who attended the meeting as an observer, reminded the group that because of new procedures implemented by the Raleigh City Council earlier this year after the Tony Farrell shooting, the Raleigh Police Department no longer investigates itself initially after a police officer shoots a citizen. The State Bureau of Investigation immediately is called in, as in the Ingram case.

"From what I understand, they're doing a thorough report, (but) that information is not in yet," Campbell said. The SBI report will be sent to Wake District Attorney Colon Willoughby, upon which time a grand jury will be convened for final consideration.

Campbell said he believed the SBI report will be more thorough than the recently issued police report, because all of the witnesses at 314 N. Carver St. (the scene of the shooting) were interviewed immediately after the incident, though there weren't any eyewitnesses.

Two special committees were created at the meeting, one to further

develop a selective buying strategy, and the other to organize a petition drive. African-Americans will be asked to restrict some of their holiday shopping only to African-American businesses as a way of protest, possibly year-round.

Another meeting has been called for Saturday, Dec. 7, at the Richard B. Harrison Library, 1313 New Bern Avenue, at 3 p.m.

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ing people in our communities. We are urging their customers to shop somewhere else until Family Dollar reinvests comparable profits directly with the people who made them wealthy. This exploitation is a source of bitterness and division between blacks and Jews in America and we want it to end before the damage is irreparable."

Whitley said that last year, Family Dollar grossed \$28 million with no long-term debts. "Surely Family Dollar can set an example of corporate affirmative action by seeing the wisdom of supporting the people that have supported them. We applaud Mr. Levine for giving to education institutions in North Carolina, but we strongly feel that generosity needs to be spread back to his customers."

"CARR will make it visible on Nov. 29, from 2-5 p.m. our concerns for reciprocity, a return of good faith by picketing Family Dollar Stores in North and South Carolina, and eight urban centers," Whitley said.

CARR will picket the Person Street store in Raleigh. There are two Family Dollar Stores in Raleigh.

HAMLET

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that employees who have worked there five to eight years are bypassed for promotions by supervisors who bring in inexperienced people from the outside. "I think it's unfair. I've been there four years, and we've had one safety meeting since I've been there," he said. "There's a lot going on at the department that has not been told, but people are afraid of losing their jobs."

Raleigh City Councilman At-Large-Elect Charles Meeker, who will rejoin the council in December and was at the forum as an observer, suggested that any city workers who feel that they're being mistreated or work in hazardous conditions should bring their complaints before the council, especially if standard grievance procedures do not work. "It is not city policy that anyone is discriminated against or in any way has their employment affected by speaking out," said Meeker, but another city worker who says he works in the recycling program said, "That is not real life," and supervisors are "greedy, uneducated and unconcerned, and do not regard their workers with due respect."

NEWS BRIEFS

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TOYS FOR TOTS PROGRAM BEGINS

Christmas will be before you know it. And the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves will once again be distributing new toys to needy children nationwide through their "Toys for Tots" program.

Again this year, Northwest Financial, Inc., has been selected as a nationwide sponsor for the program. More than 550 of the firm's consumer finance offices will serve as collection sites for new, unwrapped toys. Local Northwest Financial offices will deliver the toys to nearby Marine Corps Reserve units just before Christmas. The toys will then be sorted for distribution based on a child's age and gender.

Raleigh/Durham-area residents interested in helping the program may bring their gifts to any of the three local Northwest Financial offices: •1821 Hillandale Road, Durham

•2920 Highwoods Blvd., Raleigh

•8280-100 Glenwood Ave., Raleigh

CRIME BILL VETO

President Bush denounced as "simply unacceptable" the crime bill being pushed through Congress by Democratic leaders and vowed to veto the legislation if it reaches his desk. The blunt rebuff appeared intended to force the Democrats to reconsider last-minute steps that made the bill milder.

Military Seasons Greetings—



CAMP CASEY, TONGDUCHON—UP, WOUTH KOREA—Army Staff Sgt. Frederick Hunter wishes family and friends back home Season Greetings and a Happy New Year. Parent is Virginia Neal of Raleigh.



CAMP PAGE, CHUNCHON, SOUTH KOREA—Army Sgt. Tyrone Small wishes family and friends back home Season Greetings and a Happy New Year. Parent is Ann L. Small of Fayetteville.



ANDERSEN AIR FORCE BASE, AGANA, GUAM—Air Force Sgt. Derwin Hudson wishes family and friends back home Season Greetings and a Happy New Year. Parent is Rosetta Hudson, of Charlotte.



CAMP BATMAN, BATMAN, SOUTHERN TURKEY—Army Sgt. [Name obscured] wishes family and friends back home Season Greetings and a Happy New Year. Parent is [Name obscured] Sr. of Durham.

FOCUS ON WAKE FOREST

BY ELIZABETH ARCHER

A SPECIAL FAMILY, A LIVELY HOUSEHOLD

On the corner of Pine Street and Taylor, there's a piece of ground that has produced a lot of tomatoes, onions, carrots, beets, zucchini squash both green and yellow, the running type of okra, six-week peas, sweet green peppers, cucumbers, eggplant and turnip greens in abundance.

In summer I'd noticed Linwood Walters working with his tiller and at other times with a hoe. The other day, though, I was surprised to have seen this hardworking man hardly able to move.

"I've got gout," he told me. He has to use a walker and a cane, his daughters told me today, Sunday, Oct. 27, when I made a special stop at their home, just to obtain some news of the family which I think are really special. "Daddy sings with the Silver Trumpets of Creedmoor. Actually, he is the manager of that group, and he sings bass. Today, when he left to go on the singing engagement at the Rock Spring Baptist Church in the

Creedmoor area of Granville County, he decided to trust himself by leaving his walker behind."

The other week, after I was told by Ms. Jenny Walters (mother) that "We are all sick with a virus," I made a hasty exit. "We got over it, but it took about a week," they all agreed. At the same time, daughter Alvaradar was in bed with a sickle-cell crisis. No sooner was that over, and wham! Alvaradar suffered a bout with gallstones, which had to be removed.

Radar, as the family calls her, manages to maintain a special radiance, despite having sickle cell. "I'd like for you to go with me to Chapel Hill sometimes," she said. "Maybe you can get some firsthand information to bring back to the public, to enlighten them about the disease."

I told Radar that I would be delighted to accompany her up there to sit in on one of her treatment sessions. I guess I'm one of the luckier ones. All I know about the hospital in Chapel Hill I've gotten from others. I've never had an opportunity to go there.

Another daughter, Theresa, who was the backbone of the family during the crisis, talked of how hard it was on her, trying to fight off her own virus, which, thank God, was about over by the time she had to go back and forth to Chapel Hill, and try to hold down her job at the Department of Transportation (DOT) in Raleigh. "No, I don't drive a bus, I'm a furniture refinisher," she said.

Theresa is one of the people who appeared in either the first or second Wake Forest article. At that time, Theresa was making a plea for someone to come forth to replace her as a Girl Scout leader.

Today, she told me that she is still involved with the Scouts, but not to the same extent. "We couldn't get any cooperation from the parents," she said, "so we just had to lessen our involvement."

She is herself the parent of two grown sons. Carlton, 21, is in school at Wake Tech studying to become a radiologist. Paxton, 20, is now in Florida, where he, too, has enrolled in college on the first leg of becoming a paralegal, and hopefully to become a lawyer down the road.

Despite the ups and downs, I've always found the Walters household to be a pleasant place to make a weekly stop. There are usually children around, for Cousin Pamela Walters Caesar is around often to lend a hand where needed. She helps with the household work and Leslie, Laitee, La Trica and LaShonda, each of whom is under 10 years of age, keep up a lively chatter, and keep the family happy.

"When we first moved into this community," Theresa said, "It was so nice and quiet during the years 1974-75. But today, there is such a big difference, it's unbelievable."

It had been a full day, and now it was time to head back to Franklinton. I had awakened with the Walters household in mind, and wondered when I'd have time to visit: after attending the program of "100 Women in Hats" and the home of the Hayes family, I made it a point to stop in. Thanks for the hospitality, Walters.

I find that I have some space left, so I'll take this opportunity to wish for you the start of the festive season, a happy and safe Thanksgiving, and hope that you will realize that in your Christmas gift selections, why not give a gift that keeps on giving: The CAROLINIAN? I'll be happy to take your order the next time around. Just think: you'll get both the Tuesday and Thursday copy of the paper on the day that it is dated, with several columnists that you'll enjoy. I'd recommend "Pete's Pickin's," written by Raleigh's Pete Wilder, who has many relatives in Franklinton, and who talks so much about Chuck Hunter that I have made it a top habit to fill up at Hunter's Exxon across from the N.C. Motor Vehicle Department on New Bern Avenue every Thursday, and through him I feel like I know a lot of his cronies that he talks so much about.

All of this is in the Tuesday CAROLINIAN. Another good writer is found there, too, from my very own City of Brotherly Love, Chuck Stone. My sister, who whom I made a birthday gift of The CAROLINIAN, was thrilled to know that Chuck Stone was writing for The CAROLINIAN, as well as for one of the Philadelphia papers that she reads every day.

It was right after Virginia Hayes' July birthday that I mailed her the News and Observer account of his move to North Carolina as a university instructor in journalism. Chuck had been a big force in the area of crime in Philadelphia. It seems that the really bad dudes would listen to him, when no one else could crack the surface. I guess Philadelphia's loss was our gain. So you see, subscribing to The CAROLINIAN will be worth your while, and you'll still be able to have me around to make visits to your homes, to get news, which must be done now, anyway, because since I am doing Henderson I only have time to say "Hi" and "goodbye" when I bring the paper. Okay?

Thanksgiving: The True Meaning Comes Alive

BY BENJAMIN F. CHAVIS, JR.

An Analysis

Yes, this is the season to give thanks to God for all of the blessings of life. For the overwhelming majority of the world's population, this is a time of profound hunger, pain and struggle for survival. To some in the United States, Thanksgiving is a traditional time for families to be together and to share a sense of gratitude for all the "good" things that have happened over a period of time.

For millions of Native Americans, the celebration of Thanksgiving in the United States serves as an annual reminder of the contradictions American myths, values and the commercialization of these myths and values. On the eve of the 1992 quinquennial observance of the arrival of Christopher Columbus to the Western Hemisphere, it should be necessary to speak a word of truth concerning the circumstances of Native Americans in the history and life of this nation.

Although there are numerous references to Native American symbols and terms in sports, television, and in other levels of society, there is a very inadequate understanding on the part of many Americans about the state of Native Americans today. The truth is that Native Americans have survived five centuries of oppression and genocide which is unparalleled in human history.

Every time crowds in the tens of thousands can now be seen on national television at sports events shouting, mimicking, and acting in a frenzy of so-called "tomahawk" moves, we wonder if these sports fans are aware of the racial and cultural indignities that they are "acting out" toward the Native American community. Of course, baseball, football and other sports fans should enjoy themselves, but not at the expense of the dignity of the Native peoples of this land and world.

Maybe Thanksgiving 1991 will give the nation another opportunity to express "thanks for the giving" of the millions of Native peoples who were forced to "give up" their lands and life in the birth and historical development of what is now "the most powerful nation in the world," in the view of President George Bush. Will our national elected leaders call the nation into a moment of "repentance" for the past and make a commitment for more fairness, respect, and reparational support of Native Americans? Will our national religious leaders call the communities of faith into prayer and acts of repentance for the "sins" committed against Native Americans?

The truth is that the future of the United States will not depend upon military might or industrial or even economic development as assured methods of maintaining "superpower status." But the future of this nation, we believe to a large measure, will depend upon a national commitment to revisit, rethink, and repent for the historic national sins of Native American genocide and African-American slavery. In other words, until we as a nation face up more readily to the true history of the nation, the real positive potential of the nation will not materialize.

President Bush's exclamation of a "New World Order" seeks to obfuscate the truth of U.S. history.

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