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Meet The Contestants



HARRIETTE LEE DAVIS

Harriette Lee Davis is one of the ten contestants who will compete on August 23 for the title of Miss Bessemer City 1970. The pageant is sponsored by Bessemer City Jaycees and is to be held in the auditorium of Bessemer City High School. The rising senior at BCHS is the daughter of Mrs. Harry Lee Davis and the late Mr. Davis. The blonde, blue-eyed candidate has studied art for four years and been a member of the school band for five years. She has had a year of baton training. She plans to present her art for her talent. At BCHS, she is featured in the Purple and Gold and belongs to the Beta, Journalism, French and Dramatics clubs and the FTA and FHA. She would like to further her education at Wake Forest College. She is five feet and seven inches tall and weighs 118 pounds. Her pageant hostess is Mrs. Allan Farris.

City Gives Go-Ahead For ABC Construction

A public hearing was held Monday night at city hall for the purpose of rezoning property on West Alabama Avenue for the erection of the town's first ABC store.

The property is located on Alabama Avenue and is almost directly behind Robert's Super Market. It is part of the late S. J. Durham estate and is now owned by Plato Pearson of Gastonia.

The request for the rezoning was made by the ABC board. Serving on the ABC board are R. W. Thornburg, chairman, Roy J. Bullard, Clarence Adams, D. W. Smith and Boyd Morgan.

The full city council was present, including Mayor Clyde Servis, Ted Williams, Donald R. Carpenter, Neil Barnes, Jackson Parker, S. B. Pearson and Meek Capps.

There was no formal protest to the rezoning request. The council granted the request.

The brick and block ABC building will consist of the ABC store with offices and warehouse facilities. The store is expected to be in operation by October.

Other items of business were also done at the meeting.

The town at its last regular monthly meeting, had voted to join the Gaston County Regional Planning Board, joining at that time With Gastonia and Dallas. Now as a member of the board, the town votes on other county municipalities joining with the planning group.

At the meeting Monday night, Bessemer City approved of Mt. Holly joining the group. Mt. Holly had filed an application to join.

The tentative budget allotted \$3,000 for Bessemer City's joining the county planning board.

The council granted a request from the Woman's Club to permit the organization to place a cement picnic table and trash collector container in the downtown park.

The town has purchased a used patrol car from the State Highway department. The council voted to keep the old police patrol car, keeping it on hand as an auxiliary to the recently purchased patrol auto.

Mayor Servis appointed Parker, chairman, Williams and Pearson to a committee to outline work projects for city employees to follow. The projects will be scheduled according to need, priority, etc.

25 Years Ago— In Bessemer City

The following news items were carried twenty-five years or more ago in the GASTONIA GAZETTE. Lois Lynette Sexton was correspondent.

Among boys who will report to the navy induction center at Camp Croft on Saturday are Jerry Savage, Meek Capps, Bob Kincaid, Bob Payne, Stowe Wyant, Bayne Whitworth and James M. Whitworth... Joe Lemaster has returned from Squantum, Mass., where he visited with Lt. (jg) and Mrs. Caleb M. Lemaster. Lt. Lemaster is with the Naval Air Corps. Joe also visited in Baltimore, Md., with Mr. and Mrs. Fred New. Mrs. New is the former Elizabeth Hoover... Mrs. Paul Long has returned from Duke Hospital where she received treatment. Pfc Wilbur Tucker of Texas City, Texas, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Tucker... Pvt. Ruben Jenkins of Fort Bragg spent the weekend with his parents... Herbert Whitley is a patient at Duke Hospital where he is undergoing treatment... Harry Dameron is stationed at Lowery AFB Base, Colo. and Pvt. Fred Dameron is at Miami Beach, Fla. They are sons of Mr. and Mrs. I. C. Dameron... Pvt. Robert Metcalf spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Metcalf... Mrs. G. H. Tarpley is a patient at City Hospital, Gastonia, suffering from a broken arm and leg. She was struck by an auto while leaving Gambrell Mill. According to police report, no eye witness to the scene has been found...

A feature article with photo carried on Staff Sergeant Ralph J. Boone gave the account of his receiving two oak leaf clusters and the silver star along with three stars for three theaters of war, Pearl Harbor, flight, good conduct and American Defense ribbons. He is quoted as giving the Red Cross workers a plug—especially the girl Red Cross workers, saying, "We fly for coffee and the Red Cross Mobile Unit," but hastily added, "and to chalk up those missions that are so necessary to get us back home." He serves as an aerial photographer gunner on a B-26 'Marauder' and completed forty combat missions. Along with Red Cross workers, he enjoyed seeing the entertainers, Kay Francis, Martha Ray, Carol Landis, Bob Hope and others....

An impressive Memorial Day program took place near the honor roll board in the downtown park on which names of the boys and girls who are serving in the armed forces are listed.

Mayor O. R. Black made the address. The National Anthem was played by the Bessemer City Band; the Boy Scouts of Troops 1, 2 and 3 gave the flag salute, taps were played by Dot Sisk and Arnold Shulman. Rev. J. B. Pearson of Garrison Memorial A.R. Presbyterian Church, led in prayer and Rev. G. W. McClanahan of Grace Lutheran pronounced the benediction....

Miss Carrie J. Mauney left Monday for Greensboro to attend the 25th annual session of the North Carolina Pastors School and School of Missions... Pfc Harley W. Whitesides has been promoted to corporal at Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas... Mrs. Ernest Carroll and daughter, Mrs. Gary Hollis, have returned from visiting Pvt. W. A. Buddy Carroll at North Camp Hood, Texas. Pvt. Carroll has been made co-captain of the 140th Bat. Baseball team at Camp Hood... Mrs.

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OES Masonic Banquet Was Held Monday Night

The members of the Bessemer City Chapter of the Order of The Eastern Star No. 263 entertained Monday night at a banquet social which honored local Masons and their wives. The Masons are members of Whetstone Masonic Lodge No. 515.

The banquet took place at the Masonic Temple on West Pennsylvania Avenue where special guests along with the OES, Masons and their wives were Mrs. Janie Dodd Kincaid of Kings Mountain, Grand Treasurer of the Grand Chapter of OES of North Carolina, and Mr. and Mrs. John Owensby of Gastonia. Mrs. Owensby is the District Deputy Grand Matron of the 17th District.

Guests were greeted by Mrs. Charles A. Harmon, Worthy Matron and Floyd Noblett, Worthy Patron. Mrs. Noblett kept the register.

Appetizers and punch were served upon arrival by Mrs. R. M. Kiser, Mrs. Dan Rhyne and Mrs. Edna Hoyle. Dinner was served in the

dining room where the table laid with covers for seventy four were placed in U-shape, covered with white linen cloths and centered with pink runners interspersed with miniature pink roses and ivy. A large greenery centered the officers table.

Butterflies were also used in the table decorations, which symbolized the Worthy Grand Matron's symbol of "Happiness."

Mrs. Harmon gave the welcome and Mr. Noblett gave the invocation.

David Kincaid, Master of The Lodge was introduced. He introduced the Masonic officers and the past Masters of The Lodge.

During the evening, taped recordings prepared by Nancy Harmon Spencer were played.

Waitresses for serving the meal were Angie MacDonald, Susan Lindsay, Rosemary Bryner, Mary Harmon, Pat Harmon and Nancy H. Spencer.

Officers of the OES had charge of the dinner arrangements.



SPLASHING GOOD FUN FREE FOR ALL—Pictured above is the first group of swimmers in the portable swimming pool which is now opened free to the public at the Bessemer City Community Action Center at 127 West Pennsylvania Avenue. The pool was given by The Charlotte Observer Charities to the Gaston County Red Cross unit which is loaning it to the Community Action Centers in the county. The Red Cross unit supervises its use. The pool is opened from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. and is closed

during the noon hour. Life guards on duty have their salaries paid for by the Town of Bessemer City. Tom Ritchie, center director, says that depending on the usage, no set schedule for the different ages will be made. Should the need arise, a schedule will be arranged in order to see that all age groups can take advantage of the free swimming. Tommy Sherrill is assistant director of the center. Photo by Rev. Mr. George Shuford.



LINING UP FOR NEW ADVENTURE—Youngsters were standing in line Wednesday morning, waiting to take advantage of a public portable swimming pool. Some of the eager swimmers had never known the thrill of taking a plunge before into a genuine swimming pool, a situation that added a touch of tension to the fun. The swimming pool is free to the public with the only restrictions that swimmers must be at least seven years old and four feet tall. These restrictions are for safety purposes. The

town of Bessemer City is paying for the services of life guards for three weeks. In case more money is donated to the project, the swimming pool can be left here for an additional week. The pool is located on the grounds of the Bessemer City Community Action Center at 127 West Pennsylvania Avenue (the Woltz building). Photo by Rev. Mr. George Shuford, Action Council Chairman.

Head Starters Visit Library

Students enrolled in the Head Start program at Central School were guests recently at the Bessemer City Branch Library.

Sixty children were conducted on a tour of the library and were instructed in checking out books for reading from the library stock of books.

Stories told the group were "Rosa Too Little" and "Charlie, Did You Carry The Flag?"

Each student received a booklet containing information about the library, giving its opening hours, etc.

Book markers in the form of book worms were given as favors. They had been made by Faye Varnado, library youth worker.

Mrs. T. A. Lynn is librarian.

MAKES VISIT

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wright and sons of Illinois visited with Mr. Wright's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Wright, and with Mrs. Wright's mother, Mrs. C. A. Summitt. Robert Wright is a U. S. Navy career man. Mrs. Wright is the former Pearl Summitt.

Church Women Sewing To Build Parsonage

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Bessemer City Church of God have a sewing program underway as a financial project. The women are making face wash cloths in the fellowship hall where they have set up three rented commercial sewing machines for the operations.

The sewing is done by volunteer work of the church women who take turns sewing on the machines from 9 a.m. until 12 midnight.

The women have an order for 140,000 dozen terry wash cloths. The order was placed by the Church of God state office in Charlotte. The state office will use some of the finished wash cloths for its own uses in placing them in church institutions such as the state orphanage supported by the church, youth camps as well as distribution to other church women groups who will in turn sell them, also as financial projects.

The women mark, cut and sew and pack the wash cloths. The state office sends a truck to pick them up.

Calvin Wins Tweetsie Trip

Calvin Johnson was the lucky winner of a free visit to the tourist attraction "Tweetsie" at Blowing Rock. He also appeared on a pre-taped program of the "Little Rascals" which appeared Sunday over WBTU on the Fred Kirby show.

Calvin participated in a contest to win his Tweetsie and TV visit. His card was drawn as the lucky winner and his name as winner was announced on the "Little Rascals" program this past Sunday.

He went to the WBTU studios in Charlotte on Thursday where he was taped for the Sunday TV program.

Calvin is the eleven-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Johnson.

AT SIX FLAGS

Among local residents visiting "Six Flags Over Georgia" in Atlanta this week are Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Phifer and son Jimmy, Lisa Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Kane and daughters, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Burnett and daughters.



MABLE LOUISE DAVIS

Mable Louise Davis is a 1967 graduate of BCHS where she belonged to the French, Beta and Dramatics clubs and the FHA. Her hobbies are sewing, cooking and basketball. She would like to further her education at Gaston College. For her talent, she will recite an original skit in which she will also sing. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey L. Davis of Route 1, she is five feet four and a half inches tall, weighs 120 pounds, and has brown hair and brown eyes. Mrs. Don Carver is her hostess.