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Women's Organization Buys Apartment Office Building

Concluding several years of intensive effort, the National Beauty Culturists' League, Inc., completed the purchase of the Cambridge Apartment at 1221 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. on March 14, 1979. "This represents the fulfillment of one of our most cherished dreams," stated Dr. Katie E. Whickam, who has been President of the League for over 20 years of the organization's 60-year history.

Under Dr. Whickam's leadership the League has grown to 10,000 members in 37 states in the United States and Virgin Island, and Bahamas. Now that its national office will operate out of its handsomely decorated suite at the Cambridge, the League will be able to expand its program of upgrading the professional skills and managerial practices of licensed cosmetologists and beauty shop owners who are League members.

The Cambridge was purchased from Columbia Realty Venture for \$3,450,000. Designed by the well-known architectural firm of Cohen and Haft, and built in 1965, it is a 10-story elevator, air-conditioned building, containing 131 apartments and 15,000 square feet of office space on the first floor. Among its many amenities are a roof-top swimming pool, a party room and an underground parking garage. It is located just a few blocks away from the site of the new

convention center being planned for Washington and is within walking distance of the downtown area.

"We decided to buy this building for a number of reasons," said Dr. Whickam. "In the first place, we knew it would be a good investment for our organization, now and in the future. But also, because of the first floor office space, we were able to establish in the building our new National Institute of Cosmetology, which contains a model beauty salon, executive offices, classrooms and a large demonstration auditorium that will seat several hundred people. We will be conducting seminars that will bring the latest styles and methods in beauty care to our members and others interested in protecting and advancing our position in the industry. There are great opportunities for young people in the cosmetology field," said Dr. Whickam, "but we must also be careful to preserve the historic economic independence and community involvement of the black beautician and shop owner. Thus, the establishment of the institute of Cosmetology at the Cambridge marks the realization of another of our dreams," added Dr. Whickam.

One of the League's first activities since taking over the Cambridge will be a program planning session of its Board of Directors on April 7 and 8. Aside from



MISS JABBERWOCK AND COURT—(left to right) Misses Tracie Vample, Tammy McCrae, Audrey McQueen Miss Jabberwock 1979, LaQuinta Parker and Marlynn Jones.

Miss Audrey McQueen Crowned "Miss Jabberwock"

Miss Audrey McQueen, a tenth grade student at Person Senior High School in Roxboro, was crowned Miss Jabberwock 1979 on April 7 by the Durham Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma theta, Inc. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. McQueen. James Farmer of Roxboro served as her escort.

Her court consisted of Miss Tammy McCrae, first runner-up, Hillside; Miss LaQuinta Parker, second runner-up, Jordan; Miss Traci Vample, third runner-up, Durham High; and Miss Marlynn Jones, fourth runner-up, Hillside.

The honorary attendants were Miss Rhonda Jackson,

Chapel Hill Senior High School; Miss Saundra Clement, Hillside; and Miss Sherry Lester, Person Senior High.

Misses Gena Bounsell, Jordan; Michele Wilson, Northern; Adrienne Kendall, Hillside; Barbara Ivey, Chapel Hill Senior High; Minque Satterwhite, Jordan; Wendlyn Filmore, Southern; and Phyllis Throckmorton, Hillside were all honorable mention.

All proceeds from the Jabberwock are earmarked for scholarships and charity.

Scholarship recipients will be announced in May.

POETRY CONTEST OPEN TO YOUTH WRITERS

The Durham Chapter of National Barristers' Wives, Inc., announces a Poetry Contest. Childhood and Spring. Children and young people in grade K-12 are encouraged to enter the contest. They might write about whatever is a part of their experience including - love, friendship, caring, devotion to parents, nature, sun, moon, stars, flowers, birds, raindrops, snowflakes, butterflies, pools of water, or whatever challenges their imagination. They are also invited to think about children in other parts of the world.

The rules of the contest are simple: A poem may be either lyric or narrative free verse or rhymed. A single poem should not exceed twenty lines. Poems must be printed or typewritten on unruled paper, 8 1/2 by 11. Each student submitting a poem should place the following information in the lower righthand corner of the sheet on which the poem is written: Name, Grade, School, Name of Teacher. Entries must be submitted to the Chairman of the Poetry Contest on or before Friday, April 27. Entries will be grouped according to grade level: Group I, Grades K-3; Group II, Grades 4-6; Group III, Grades 7-9; Group IV, Grades 10-12. Entries will be judged by a committee competent to evaluate poetry. Prizes will be awarded in

each group for the poems adjudged best in that category. The prize-winning poems, together with others which, in the opinion of the judges, merit special recognition will be published in a booklet entitled, "Poetry, Childhood and Spring." Students desiring further information contact Mrs. Estelle Belcher (688-1705); Mrs. Patsy B. Perry (682-7485); or Mrs. Minnie P. Spaulding (682-6279). All students who enter the contest, as well as their parents, teachers and friends, will be invited to the Museum of Art at North Carolina Central University on May 18 to receive recognition for their participation in the contest. Prizes will be awarded at that time, and the prize-winning entries will be read.

A nursing director at Duke University Medical Center is going to England for ten days as an "ambassador." Mrs. Evelyn B. Wicker, director of nursing services for Duke Hospital South, her husband and two children are among 254 Triangle area residents selected to participate in an international exchange program. The program is sponsored by the Friendship Force, a private organization which began a number of years ago in Georgia, where it was boosted by then governor, Jimmy Carter. Mrs. Rosalyn Carter now

Duke Nurse, Family, Selected To Be Friendship Ambassador

and Mrs. Mable Johnson also received a UMW pin for their outstanding work.

Rev. T. Maurice Huntley and Rev. J.W. Ferree gave remarks. The program was followed by a fellowship hour. Mrs. Ruth Brock was director of the fellowship activities.

serves as honorary national chairman, and the honorary chairman for North Carolina is Mrs. Carolyn Hunt, wife of Gov. James B. Hunt, Jr. The group will go to England April 18 on a jet which will bring a similar group of British citizens back for a ten-day visit in this area. Participants in each group will stay with a host family for four days and then have the option of visiting a second family or travelling. Those who make the trip now will be hosts for other Friendship Force

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Mrs. Bertha C. Vinson of Winston-Salem Is UMW Honoree

Winston Salem - The United Methodist Women of St. Andrews United Methodist Church, Winston-Salem, honored Mrs. Bertha C. Vinson as the UMW Sweetheart of 1979 at a Service held recently in the Fellowship Hall of the Church.

Mr. Mary Reynolds and Mrs. Eutha Laghin conducted the devotion. Mrs. Ruby G. Pervis, chairman of the Program Committee presided.

Mrs. Vinson, the honoree, was escorted to the throne by Mrs. Odessa Page.

The following persons paid tribute to Mrs. Vinson, citing her outstanding work in the church.

Joseph Dalton, the church; Mrs. Louis W. King, President of the UMW; Mrs. Elva W. Johnson, Laity; Mrs. Frances Nash, President of Sr. Choir; Mrs. Ruby Bigelow, Vice Chairman, Administrative Board; John Litaker, Assistant Superintendent of the Church School and Ronald Hauser, Chairman, Committee On Missions.

Joe A. Livingston, Director of the Senior Choir, sang, "Let Me Call You Sweetheart."

Mrs. Mamie V. Alston, daughter of the honoree, was the family's representative. She read a poem entitled, "Grandmothers," written by Ms. Me-Me Chambers, granddaughter of the honoree, and a prayer written by J.W. Cuthrell, Jr., brother of the honoree.

Presentations included: U.M.W. Pin and certificate presented by Mrs. Louis W. King, president of the UMW, Saint Andrews United Methodist Church; a bouquet of roses, presented by Mrs. J.W. Ferree; family plaque and

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