#### **Chronicle Profile**

# Life's Work Begun At Age Seven

By Shelia Rucker Staff Writer

Benita Michelle Parks is only seven, but she already has begun her life's work. In her crisp blue and white uniform, she was the youngest candy-striper at Forsyth Memorial Hospital on the Friday before Easter. There she spent six hours waiting on her great-uncle and three other patients in Room 444.

"The best part was helping them to eat, carrying their trays, bringing them fresh water and fixing them up to go to bed," Benita says. "The worst part is working with grouchy people, even though I know they can't help it."

It was Benita's idea to go over and help out at the hospital because someday she wants to work in a large hospital. "I want to work at a big hospital like Forsyth because I can help a lot of people," she says. "I have friends at the hospital who are nurses and also I copy my momma, who used to be a nurse's aide, too.'

Benita plans to take classes this summer at the Red Cross in first-aid and CPR. She loves taking care of her family members when they are ill, and has mastered the art of taking temperatures and blood

pressure. In addition, Benita goes to Thomasville once a month to Liberty Rest Home. "My uncle's wife lives at the rest home and I like to go and help her out. Sometimes I help her eat and push her around in the wheelchair. Also, I help her to the bathroom. I like going to visit the other patients and talking to them, too."

Benita says that she has never wanted to become a doctor. She emphatically shakes her head and says, "No. I just want to be a nurse."

"Sometimes I think," she adds, "that I would like to be a college professor because big people would be easier to teach. But I don't think I'll change my mind about being a nurse. I like to take care of people and give them plenty of TLC — that is Tender Loving Care."

Benita is an active member of Friendship Baptist Church, where she is a junior nurse ("I have to take out the babies that cry down to the nursery.") attends Sunday School and sings on the Tots Choir. She is an above-average student at South Fork Elementary and has received such certificates as Student of the Month, Perfect Attendance, Reading Achievement and Reading Fever Club.

Benita says, "I like to read a whole book every night. I already have read about 113 books."

Somewhere between her activities at school and church, she finds the time to attend Brownie meetings, work on her drawing and macrame, attend ballet classes at the Frannel School of Dance, enjoy her friends and her twin brother Billy, and cook her specialty, cornbread, which she says "melts in your mouth."

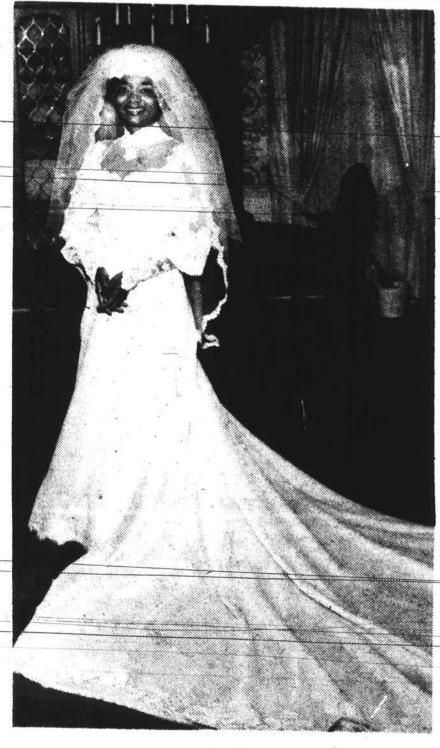
Earlier this year, Benita entered the Little Miss Winston-Salem Pageant. This was the second time Benita had entered the pageant, and last year she was runner-up. "I liked both pageants very much," she says, "even though I lost this time. My talent was tap dancing and I liked that. I danced to 'Tie A Yellow Ribbon.' All the other girls were real nice to me and they liked my tap dance outfit. The best part was standing out there in front of all those people. The only part I didn't like was the questions they asked ."

Benita's plans, of course, are to continue caring for others. "I would like to be like the nurses on 'General Hospital' and also like the nurses at school, expecially Mrs. Craddock. I like her."

She plans to attend Winston-Salem State's Nursing School in the future. "I want to go to WSSU and be an AKA. I like their pretty colors," she says. "My momma has a friend named Mrs. Vivian Burke and See Page 9



(Photo by Santana).



Marsha Atwater

## Bass-Atwater Couple Wed

By Floria Oates Community Affairs Editor

and Charles Dennis At- from Indiana University. water Jr. were married He is currently a commer-Saturday, May 1 at twelve cial branch manager at o'clock in a ceremony at Owens-Corning Fiberglass Saint Paul's Episcopal in Detroit. Church. Father Michael B. Maid of honor was Brenda the Sawtooth Center.

of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Raleigh. Camille Breathette B. Bass of 3726 Spaulding was flower girl. Sr. of Pittsburgh, Pa.

University of Wisconsin. son was ring bearer. manager for Stroh's Light Detroit.

at Stroh's Brewery in Detroit, Mich. The bridegroom graduated from Ohio University and received a master's degree in Miss Marsha Louise Bass business administration

Curry, rector at Saint G. Bass, M.D., of Los Stephen's Episcopal Angeles. Bridesmaids were Church, officiated. A Marianetta Bolton of reception followed in the Detroit, Maxine Marshall R.J. Reynolds Gallery at of Cincinnati, Ohio, Cynthia Hudson of Pittsburgh The bride is the daughter and Joan Lofton of

Drive. Parents of the James B. Atwater of bridegroom are Mr. and Dallas, Texas, was the best Mrs. Charles D. Atwater man. Groomsmen were David Johnson and Samuel The bride attended Hamp- Ross of Cincinnati, James ton Institute and received a Grier of Tallahassee, Fla. master's degree in business and james Carr of administration from the Philadelphia. Omari Hud-

She is currently brand The newlyweds will live in



1122 S. Main St.

725-3852

•NO CREDIT CHECK FREE SERVICE

•GET IT NOW.!! EASY WAY TO OWN!

Prices Good With Purchase Option Plan

OPEN: Mon-Thurs, 9:30-6; Friday 9:30-7 Saturday 9:30-1PM

7842 E. Silas Creek Ext. North Point Shopping Center WINSTON-SALEM . HIGH POINT

Sears

at the PARKVIEW SHOPPING CENTER

Winston-Salem, NC

5 Points - Rts. 311 & 150 - Reynolds Park Road

# Lachenalia Garden Club Meets

By Shelia Rucker Staff Writer

The Lachenalia Garden Club met Saturday, May 8, residence on Rosa Street. The meeting was called to

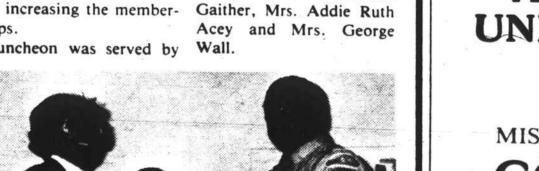
Ruth Acey.

prayer was by Mrs. Addie meetings, the Garden Donald Alexander, Mrs. Procedure was followed 12, and projects and means Campbell, Mrs. Christine at Mrs. Russell Dothit's for reading of the minutes for increasing the member- Gaither, Mrs. Addie Ruth and treasury report. Topics ships. of discussion included the Luncheon was served by

order by the president, Mrs. flower shop, rules and the hostess. Those present C. Campbell. The serenity regulations for conducting at the meeting were Mrs. Council meeting on May Reginald Jones, Mrs. Clark

KILLS

FLEAS, TICKS!



## **Boy Scout Troop** 818 Activities Held

Boy Scout Troop 818 participated in a number of activities during the month of April.

troop held a fishing derby at High Rock Lake, where Kevin East won \$10 for catching the largest fish.

Church on Saturday, April 17, a first-aid skill class was

The final night was Mon-

day, April 19. A demonstration on emergency procedures was given by the Winston-Salem Rescue On Saturday, April 10, the Squad and Michael Grier was awarded the Tenderfoot badge. Troop 818 is sponsored by

the Zion Hill Baptist At Zion Hill Baptist Church, Parents who would like their boys to become members of the troop should contact Scoutmaster McDuffie at 727-0072.



Michael Grier receives Tenderfoot Badge from Scoutmaster Marshall McDuffie, as his mother

#### Band Student From Page 6

Band.

mance. "She shows more gress!" Lisa will succeed, at Carver.

R.V. Boone, her present very cooperative in doing achieve. band teacher, sees Lisa as a things that help our music much-improved studnet in program," he says. "I am

with the 9-10 All-County initiative in learning, prac- Boone adds, because of her tices more regularly and is strong determination to

Lisa Blalock, a 10th-grade clarinet player, won runnerup honors. She is the attitude and musical perfor- very happy with Lisa's pro- highest ranking 10th grader



Paulette Grier tooks on.

Sergeant's Flea & Tick Collar SURPLUS Kills Fleas - Kills Ticks

#### **AN ALMOST UNBELIEVABLE VALUE!**

MISSES' AND WOMEN'S

### COLORFUL **DRESSES**

PRICES CUT 57% to 62%

Were \$6.99 to \$7.99

NOW

3 styles to choose from...assorted colorful summer prints are easy-care polyester and cotton.

MORE UNBELIEVABLE VALUES AT SEARS SURPLUS STORE!



SALE STARTS THURSDAY, MAY 13

We sell first quality and discontinued merchandise from Sears. "Was" prices are the regular at which items were formerly offered Catalog or in many Sears Retail Stores around the country

QUANTITIES ARE LIMITED, SO HURRY IN!



Shopping Center

Mon./Tues./Wed.&Sat. 9:30-5:30 Thurs. & Fri. 9:30-9:00 p.m. Closed Sunday

Ask about Sears restit plans TREE PARKING 785-0950