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## Close-Up

### 'This is a dream come true'

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Greensboro pianist Joseph Ansley had no problems keeping the entertainment light as he performed for guests at the *Chronicle's* reception last Friday.

Over 200 guests and friends attended the affair, which marked the official opening of the paper's new home on Liberty Street. The evening was highlighted by congratulatory remarks from bank presidents to Winston-Salem Mayor Wayne Corpening.

"... When you're awarded the best and the first in the country," said Corpening, "what else can you be?"

"We've got a great community and that total community is held together by papers such as the *Chronicle*," he said.

John Medlin, president of Wachovia Bank and Trust Co. Inc., which helped finance construction of the *Chronicle's* new home through industrial bonds, said it was the ambitious and intellectual demeanor of a young Ernie Pitt, the paper's publisher, that convinced him the award-winning weekly would go far.

Dr. John Marshall Kilimanjaro, a long-time friend, mentor and supporter of Pitt and publisher of the *Carolina Peacemaker*, a black weekly in Greensboro, was on hand to congratulate the publisher and staff on the new structure, which once served as a tire store.

"It makes me very proud," said Kilimanjaro. "You know I was one of the people he (Pitt) came to before he got started."

"This is a dream come true," said Kilimanjaro, "and it shows again what can happen when the community stands behind young entrepreneurs like Ernie and Elaine Pitt."

Photographer Clarence Nottingham developed a personal relationship with the *Chronicle's* publisher.

"I knew him when he had four or five sheets on Patterson Avenue," said Nottingham. "I would help him out with pictures."

"Ernie is like a son to me," he said, "and I'm just as overjoyed as he is. I'm very proud of him."

Golfing buddy Jim Conrad, owner and operator

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of Conrad's Hair Designs, got to the reception in just enough time to miss the crowd around the refreshment tables.

"I had to come visit my friend who has the most successful black newspaper in the country," he said.

The National Newspaper Publishers Association, a group of black publishers, recently named the *Chronicle* the best black paper in the nation. Earlier this year, the North Carolina Press Association recognized the paper as the state's best weekly for the second consecutive year.

Gary Brown, director of the city's Community



Mayor Wayne A. Corpening, center, congratulates *Chronicle* Publisher Ernest Pitt on his recent national honors as Sybil

Kilimanjaro listens (photo by James Parker).

Development Department, which granted funds for the building's renovation, commended the paper for taking a lead in downtown revitalization, a factor he said that made granting money to the *Chronicle* an easy decision.

Said Brown: "It takes private people and private money to make our city shine."

"... This building will be sort of a trailblazer for this end of Liberty Street," he said, "and I thank you for trailblazing."

Executive editor Allen Johnson lost track of time as his "few remarks" turned into a rally of praises

"We have so much potential now to grow," he said. "It's very nice to see where it's come."

Among the many guests attending Friday's reception were, Larry Leon Hamlin, director of the N.C.

Black Repertory Co.; Thomas Elijah, executive director of the Winston-Salem Urban League; Mutter Evans, owner and general manager of radio station WAAA-AM; John Clark, manager of Sears and Roebuck Co.; Elynor Williams, director of corporate affairs for Hanes Group; and attorney Please see page A11



Mrs. Patricia Higgins, education scholarship awards chairman, recently presented awards to the American Legion Post No. 220 Auxiliary award winners. Pictured, left

to right, are Higgins, Tujana Ross, Caroll Carter, Marjorie Thomas and Martha Gillis, out-going president. Not pictured is Muriel Thomas.



The newly elected officers for the American Legion Post No. 220 were recently installed by Mrs. Evelyn Funches. Seated, left to right, are Mrs. Sandra J. Armstrong, not pictured; Mrs. Shirley Carter, first vice president; Mrs. Mary Thomas, second vice president; Mrs. Lois Smith, secretary; Mrs. Lula Jenkins, treasurer; Mrs. Patricia Higgins, financial secretary. Standing, left to right, are Mrs. Martha Gillis, Mrs. Delores

Douthit, Mrs. Addie Jenkins, Mrs. Juanita O'Neal, Mrs. Gina Tatum, historian; Mrs. Margarine Hicks, sgt. at arms; back row, left to right, Mrs. Doris Noble, Mrs. Ethel Stitt, Mrs. Marilyn Springs, asst. sgt. at arms; Mrs. Martha Jackson, Mrs. Juanita Mason, Mrs. Ather Neely, Mrs. Lottie Myers, Mrs. Janie Murray, asst. chaplain, and Mrs. Evelyn Funches.

## Social Notes

### Morgan Post installs officers

The Ralph R. Morgan American Legion Post No. 220 and auxiliaries held joint installation services for the 1984-85 year at the Post Home.

Commander William Wright presided, North Carolina Department Commander Harvey T. Hall brought greetings from department headquarters.

Past Commander George Grady Sr. was the Legion's installing officer.

The new officers are Commander W.L. Wright; 1st vice

commander, Larry Wilson; 2nd vice commander, Luther Berry; adjutant, Henry A. Wilson; finance officer, Thomas Jackson; judge advocate, Richard Miller; service officer, Southern Prysock; sergeant-at-arms, Frank Wright; and historian, Bobby Jackson.

Scholarships were presented by Mrs. Patricia Higgins, scholarship awards chairman, to Tujana Ross, Caroll Carter, Marjorie Thomas and Muriel Thomas.

Mrs. Martha Gillis, out-going president, congratulated the recipients.

Also, a reception was held for the returning Boys and Girls State citizens at the Post Home immediately following the installation of officers. Boys State participant Thomas Jackson was introduced by Larry Wilson. Girls State citizens Marlo Thomas, Aretha Higgins and Caroll Carter were introduced by Martha Gillis.

### Brown gets service award

Betsy Brown of Winston-Salem was recently named recipient of Sertoma International's Western North Carolina District Service to Mankind Award for outstanding volunteer work in the field of prison ministry.

The Western Carolina District includes 17 Sertoma Clubs and extends to the Tennessee border. Mrs. Brown was sponsored by Sertoma West of Winston-Salem.

She was honored for her extensive work in the area of prison ministry and especially for her efforts in women's jail visitations and intimate family ministry.

A little over a year ago, Brown became part-time director of the YWCA's Project New Start, which gives support services to women released from prison, wives of men in prison and their children.

Mrs. Brown, who has a bachelor's degree in sociology, is actively involved in the Juvenile Justice Council and the Junior League. She is a board member of the Forsyth Prison Chaplaincy and has done volunteer work with United Way of Forsyth county.

She co-authored two publications for the N.C. League of Women Voters, "Women in Prison" and "Victim Compensation."

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

THURSDAY, JULY 19

The Easton Community and the Urban Arts Department of the Urban Arts Council will sponsor a "Neighborhood Evening in the Park Concert" in the parking lot of Mt. Carmel Baptist Church on Hillman Drive from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Everyone is asked to bring folding chairs and pillows.

The Youth Chapter of the Winston-Salem Branch NAACP will meet at 4 p.m. at the NAACP office at 2817 New Walkerton Road in the Jersey Shopping Center. All youth officers are urged to be present and on time. Other youth interested in becoming members are invited to attend.

### PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

All students, old and new, who will be attending Carver High School in the fall, interested in participating in girls volleyball, tennis and cross country, and boys soccer and cross country should contact Mrs. Peggy Witherspoon at 767-6445 or call the school at 767-6445. Practice for girls volleyball begins

at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesdays and will be held each Wednesday from 7:00 p.m. at the 14th Street Recreation Center. Includes basketball, volleyball, card games, chess and other table games, horseshoes and volleyball.

### PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Entry forms are being accepted for the 4th annual 1984 Mt. Carmel Baptist Church Pageant, scheduled to be held September 21-23. Age divisions are 4-6, 7-10, 11-14, 15-17, 18-24. Entry forms can be sent by mail or by calling 919-294-0292. Use a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Mrs. N.C. American Branch Girl Pageant at P.O. Box 5412, Greensboro, N.C. 27133.