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Close-Up

Top Ladies of Distinction host farewell for Doug and Bea Covington

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Dr. H. Douglas Covington was his usual congenial self last Tuesday evening, only he wasn't wearing a tie.

With less than two weeks to go before taking on the chancellorship at Alabama A&M University in Normal, Ala., Covington and his wife, Beatrice, were the guests of honor as well-wishers and friends bade them goodbye and offered their congratulations at the poolside lawn party held at the spacious home of the Rev. and Mrs. Moses Small. The Top Ladies of Distinction were hostesses for the casual affair.

Covington resigned from his post as chancellor of Winston-Salem State University on July 8, after serving at the historically

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black institution for seven years. His resignation will take effect Aug. 20.

Dressed in a tan safari jacket with the first few buttons undone, white slacks and white oxfords to match, Covington could barely make two steps without someone stopping him to chat. Nevertheless, he never stopped smiling.

"It's very moving," Covington said of the party, "and it really touches me. It's just a profound sense of gratitude because these are people who have stood by me through all adversities."

"They were the ones who were slow to criticize," he said, "and quick to praise and encourage me."

Covington, who had often been criticized during his administration for his decisions, didn't let the past put a cloud over any of the festivities. The only ones who seemed the least bit miffed were



WSSU Chancellor Dr. H. Douglas Covington and his wife Beatrice say they'll miss Winston-Salem but it's time to move on (photo by James Parker).

several supporters of the chancellor, who were discussing comments made by Paulette Marshall in the July 12 edition of the *Chronicle*. Marshall, a member of the National Alumni Association Board of Directors and president of the Kuandeale Alumni Chapter, one of several in the city, had earlier expressed her displeasure with Covington.

Clester Hickerson, a former alumni association vice president,

and Mavis Horne Lloyd Miller, also a member of the alumni association, both said Marshall was not at liberty to speak for the national association. In a brief telephone interview, Marshall said she had spoken for herself and not the association.

"I had been concerned about what I had read," said Hickerson. "It disturbed me because it seemed as if Paulette Marshall was speaking for the whole association."

"If you're going to quote anything," she said, "then quote James Wright, the national president."

Wright, who lives in Montclair, N.J., could not be reached for comment at the July 12 edition's press time.

Bea Covington, an active socialite in the Winston-Salem community and a member of the Top Ladies, said she would miss her husband's hometown, but thought the opportunity at Alabama A&M would prove more challenging.

"I'm sad about leaving my friends," said the Dayton, Ohio, native, in the same congenial manner her husband displays. "We are going to miss them, but I really wanted my husband to be a part of a comprehensive program. Alabama has a graduate degree program and the school is larger."

"Sometimes when you come to a place where you've worked very hard," Mrs. Covington said, "and you've done your best, it's deserving of good leadership to move on. He did some good things at Winston-Salem State."

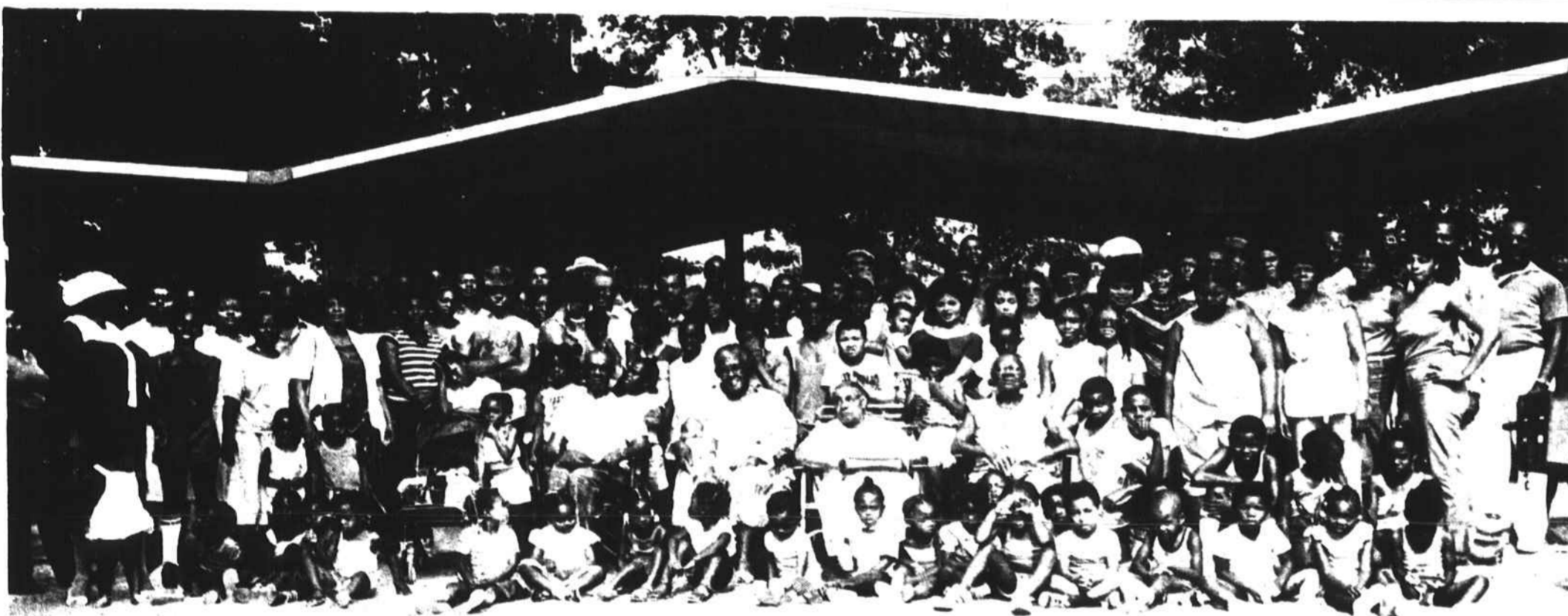
Thelma Small, an alumna of the university, thought Mrs. Covington was too modest.

"He's done outstanding work at Winston-Salem State," she interrupted. "He's done more for Winston-Salem State University than anyone since the founder, Dr. F.L. Atkins."

The chancellor's unusual dress had gone unnoticed by Beaufort Bailey, a member of the WSSU staff and an alumnus of the university, until it was brought to his attention.

"He's not like me," said Bailey, sporting a 35mm camera around his neck. "He's very conservative, but this is only the se-

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The Arnold-Springs Family

Arnold-Springs family has Blum Park reunion

The Arnold-Springs family held its 10th annual reunion Sunday, Aug. 5 at Blum Park.

Mrs. Tomasue Crockett was mistress of ceremonies and coordinator of the reunion. Others participating in the program were Evangelist Dorothy Johnson of Brooklyn, N.Y.; soloist, Ms.

Avis Crockett of Decatur, Ga.; and historian, Mrs. Georgia Sharpe of Winston-Salem.

Also attending were Mr. and Mrs. James Bynum of Hyattsville, Md.; Royal Abbitt and family of Maryland; and Elder Binns of Brooklyn, N.Y.

Recognition and gifts were

presented to the oldest family member present, Mrs. Irene Hughes of Pilot Mountain, and the youngest family member, two-month-old Yasmin Sheneka Hilton of Lexington.

Family members also purchased family tree t-shirts.

Over 300 family members at-

tended the reunion. Reunion goers traveled from Virginia, Maryland, California, Georgia, Florida, Pennsylvania and other North Carolina cities.

Ms. Avis Crockett, Mrs. Tammy Sharpe and Ms. Jennifer Springs were in charge of hospitality and registration.

Social Notes

Sadler heads New York YWCA

The Young Women's Christian Association of Yonkers and Lower Westchester, N.Y., has named Ollie Hinson Sadler as the new executive director.

A native of Winston-Salem, Sadler is a 1964 graduate of Anderson High School and attended Winston-Salem State University.

She is an honor graduate of Hunter College, with a degree in social work and education, and is also certified in supervisory management by Pace University. Her involvement includes membership on the advisory committee to Covenant House, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, the Yonkers Student Advocacy Network and the Research and Development Committee to the 16th Legislative District. She was recently honored by the Westchester Region NAACP for her outstanding contributions to the Student Scholarship Program (ACT-SO).

Sadler will head a staff of 38 in coordinating the YWCA's programs. The YWCA currently houses a residential program for 54 young women and a day care center.

In her new position as executive director, Sadler will be responsible for the formulation of the Y's broader concerns and future direction and growth. This is particularly germane as the Y enters its 92nd year of service to the families of the Yonkers community.

"There is both a need and a desire to expand the Y's present programmatic services and to broaden our constituent base," said Sadler. "I look forward to the tremendous challenge and excitement of being affiliated with a national progressive organization such as the YWCA."

Sadler is married to Cornelius Sadler and they reside in Riverdale, N.Y., with their two children.



Ollie Hinson Sadler

Mrs. Nellie Head

Bus trip honors Mrs. Head

After 10 consecutive years of traveling to Disney World in Orlando, Fla., at Thanksgiving, Mrs. Nellie Head, who has coordinated trips for the Get Together Group of Winston-Salem, is being forced to discontinue travel plans due to ill health.

Faithful members of the yearly trip are urged to take the trip one more time in honor of Head, who has established the reputation of preparing some of the most in-

teresting, organized and fun trips in Winston-Salem.

Mrs. Head will conduct this year's trip with the assistance of Emma C. Ingram. The driver of the trip will be Mr. New, who has accompanied Mrs. Head for the past 10 years. He has promised to sing his famous song, "Pine Trees."

The fare for adults and

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

THURSDAY, AUGUST 16

*The first meeting for the Mount Tabor High School volleyball team will be held in the gymnasium. Practice will be held Monday, Aug. 20 at 4 p.m. All prospective athletes should bring proof of insurance, physical examination and parental permission to the first team meeting. The school is located on Petree Road.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 18

*The Winston-Salem Fire Department will hold its annual district competition at the Fire Department's Drill Tower at 2000 Silas Creek Parkway at 10 a.m.

*The Disabled American Veterans Chapter No. 65 will sponsor its first "Forget Me Not Extravaganza" at the National Guard Armory in Elkin from 8 a.m. until people leave. Activities will include exhibits, rides, arts and crafts. For more information call (919) 835-1639.

*The Center for Life Enrichment will sponsor an open house in celebration of the conclusion of Spiritual Frontiers Fellowship Conference Week at Guilford College in Greensboro. Doors will be open at the center on 1417 West First St. in Winston-Salem from 2:30-7:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 19

*The kickoff campaign reception for the "\$100,000 Drive Against Ignorance Committee," sponsored by the Sister Clara Muhammad Elementary and Secondary School, will be held in the school at 3:40 p.m. The reception is an RSVP affair. For more information call (919) 723-5524 or 724-2067.

*Urban Arts, the Sawtooth Center for Visual Design and the East Winston Branch Library will present "Art-Is," an afternoon recital and exhibition of music, drama, dance and art in the Forum at Winston Square at 226 North Marshall St. from 2-4 p.m.

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

*If you enjoy solving problems, First Line could use your help. Forsyth County's information and referral service telephone line needs volunteers. Help others and learn more about your community at the same time. Become a volunteer at First Line. For more information call 727-8100.

*Registration for beginning adult classes in macrame and sewing is now being held at Bethlehem Community Center. The classes are open to adults 18 years and older. The sessions will begin Aug. 22. Registration for macrame will be from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Registration for sewing will be held from 1-4 p.m. For registration information call 725-2997 or 722-6265.

*Registration is now in progress for the After School Day Care Program, sponsored by the Patterson Avenue YMCA at 625 N. Patterson Ave. Hours are from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily, except Saturday. The program will begin the first day of school, Sept. 4. For more information call 724-9205.