

Public housing youth use essays to speak out against drugs

Tamarian McIntyre, a seventh grade student at Cook Middle School, was the winner of the Winston-Salem Housing Authority's ABCD Team Oratorical Contest Run-off held Sept. 26 at the Happy Hill Gardens Community Building.

Second place was captured by N'Kenya Stover, a seventh grade student at Hanes Middle School. Tracy Quattlebaum was the third place finisher. She is an eleventh grade student at West Forsyth High School. Michael Jefferson, the fourth place winner, is an eleventh grade student at Parkland High School. All four winners will be part of the ABCD public speaking team that will work on a regular basis with other youths to combat drug abuse in public housing.



Participants in the Housing Authority Oratorical Contest share the stage during a recent program.

Students in the contest represented the Happy Hill Gardens, Piedmont Park, Cleveland Avenue and Kimberly Park housing units. The contestants addressed their speeches to more than 150 parents and other interested individuals

assembled for the program.

Ms. McIntyre will compete for the state title in November. Winston-Salem will host the semi-finals and the finals will be held in

Raleigh during the annual Crime Prevention Conference Nov. 15 to 17.

The program also included a health exercise titled, "Adolescence

Revisited by Parents and Teens." Misty Fulk, a health educator with the Forsyth County Health Department conducted the workshop. Parents and youths shared experiences in small groups which centered on peer pressure, feeling good about oneself, school problems and alternatives to drug use.

Tracy McFadden served as mistress of ceremonies. Barbara Ferguson presented the awards. Lucille B. Ransby is crime prevention coordinator.

Ms. McIntyre ended her win-

ning essay with a poem:

*"I know we're young and have full lives to live,
Full of things we want to do and ideas we have to give,
Sometimes it gets hard trying to keep up with the crowd,
And at the same time, trying to keep our parents proud.
But there are ways we can cope, we don't have to belittle ourselves by turning to dope.
For when we abuse drugs we abuse ourselves, too."*

*And I'm here to say there's something better to do.
Find that friend with whom you can connect.
Instead of doing something you surely will regret.
Please don't take the coward's way out.
By turning to drugs when your world's in doubt,
For with drugs you'll add to the problem,
But without drugs, it will be much easier to solve them."*

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BRIDGE NEWS

Local winners announced; benefit tournament planned

By RUDOLPH V. BOONE SR.
Special to the Chronicle

Last week's bridge winners at the Carl H. Russell Recreation Center were Ruby B. Walker and Rudolph V. Boone Sr.

Because of the Election Day involvement of some members, the Winston-Salem Duplicate Bridge Club did not have enough players to constitute a point-earning game. Those who did attend enjoyed the evening, just playing bridge. A business matter was discussed and decided with the quorum that was present.

The Kings and Queens Duplicate Bridge Club canceled its game because of the scheduled nationwide scholarship tournament in Greensboro, Fri-

day, Sept. 29.

Another nationwide tournament is scheduled for Oct. 18 to benefit a national effort to liquidate a deficit incurred during the summer nationals in Portland, Ore.

Local bridge players taking part in the recent Grade "A" Tournament in Virginia Beach, Va., included Bessie Allen, Fionnie Anderson, Geraldine Cary, Pauline Caldwell, Charles W. Gadson, Irma Gadson, Inez Gerald, Geneva Coleman, Rosetta Hauser, Billie Matthews, Floyd Neal, Cordella Rumph, Nathaniel Rumph, Ruby B. Walker, Ruth Washington and Charles Jones.

Ruth Washington is president of the Triad Bridge Unit. She coordinated the effort in transporting players from Charlotte,

Greensboro and Winston-Salem to and from Virginia Beach for the weekend of Sept. 15 to 17.

Charles Gadson was a director.

Billie Matthews substituted in teaching the Wednesday morning bridge class at the Russell Recreation Center. The class meets at 11 a.m. every Wednesday. Persons interested in participating are welcome.

Bridge education is a priority of the Triad Bridge Unit, consequently the local clubs are providing opportunities for greater involvement, improvement of bidding and playing skills (a comprehensive understanding of the game). Hopefully the effort will expand to the colleges and universities locally, as it has already started elsewhere in the country.

Cardwell twins officially turn 'Sweet 16'

Special to the Chronicle

Of all the birthdays a person celebrates, why does the 16th birthday hold such special significance?

For Charlita Cecelia and Chareba Donielle Cardwell, twin daughters of Charles and Joan Cardwell, it certainly did.

It was evident that something was happening at 2917 Greenway Ave., Sunday, Sept. 17, as a motorcade of cars gathered to journey to Greensboro's Barn Dinner Theatre for a night of gala celebration.

The Cardwell twins, bedecked in after-five attire, were accompanied by 10 of their special friends who helped them begin their 16th birthday celebration in fine fashion. Having enjoyed a delicious gourmet meal prepared by the theater, the twins and their friends sat in awe to



The Cardwell twins, above, recently celebrated their 16th birthday.

see the buffet tables being whisked away and a stage descending from the ceiling from which they would view more.

The Broadway play "Weekend Comedy" provided laughter and memories for the evening and for years to come.

However, the celebration was not yet complete until the staff of

the theater and maitre d' brought out twin birthday cakes, virgin pina coladas and serenaded the twins with the ever popular "Happy Birthday" song.

As the guests departed with faces aglow and hearts light, we realized why the 16th birthday is so special.

NOW's October program to focus on rape issues

The October program of the Winston-Salem Chapter of the National Organization for Women will focus on "Rape: Myths and Self-Protection."

Lisa Allred of Family Services will talk about date rape and the myths surrounding it.

Pat Miller of the Winston-Salem Police Department will address rape prevention and self-protection.

NOW officers said that the purpose of the program is not to frighten but to give women options and confidence.

The program will be held Monday, Oct. 9, at 7 p.m. at the Glade Street YWCA. The program is free and open to the public.

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