



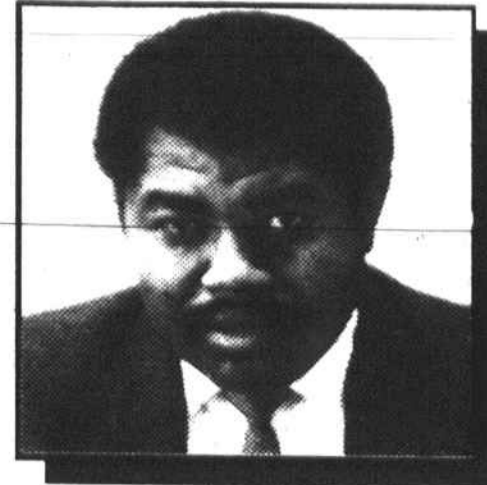
Ebony Winner

Artisia Murray, fourth from left, was crowned "Miss Ebony Fashion Fair" at the recent fashion extravaganza. Pictured with Miss Murray are, from left, Velma Friende, Urban League Guild president, Princess Pressley, first runner-up, Joan Cardwell, Fashion Fair chair, and Delores Smith, Urban League president and chief executive officer. Both Miss Murray and Miss Pressley won scholarship awards.

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Lyons, Johnson become Eagles

The status of Eagle Scout is a coveted position within the Boy Scout ranks and few realize that more than two local young men recently promoted to the level.

"The fact that a boy is an Eagle Scout has always carried with it a special significance not only in scouting, but also as he entered higher education, business or industry and community service," said James A. Lovell Jr., chair of the board of regents of the National Eagle Scout Association. "The award is a performance-based achievement -- the standard has been maintained over the years. Only 3 percent of every 100 boys who join a Boy Scout troop earn our flagship rank. The goals of scouting -- citizenship training, character development and personal fitness -- remain important ideals for all Eagle Scouts."

Recently local scouts Carmen E. Lyons and Eric J. Johnson were elevated to the Eagle Scout ranks.

Carmen, a ninth grade student at West Forsyth High School, joined Cub Scout pack 818 in 1984. In 1985, he was chosen Cub Scout of the Year. He said that the promotion to Eagle Scout is a highlight of his years in scouting.

"I feel very proud of being promoted to the highest rank in scouting," said Carmen, the 15-year-old son of Clavon Lyons. "I've worked for the merit badges to get the rank."

Carmen received the Junior Leaders Training Award in May 1988. He has earned 28 merit badges.

Fourteen-year-old Eric is a ninth grade student at East Forsyth High School. He joined Cub Scout Pack

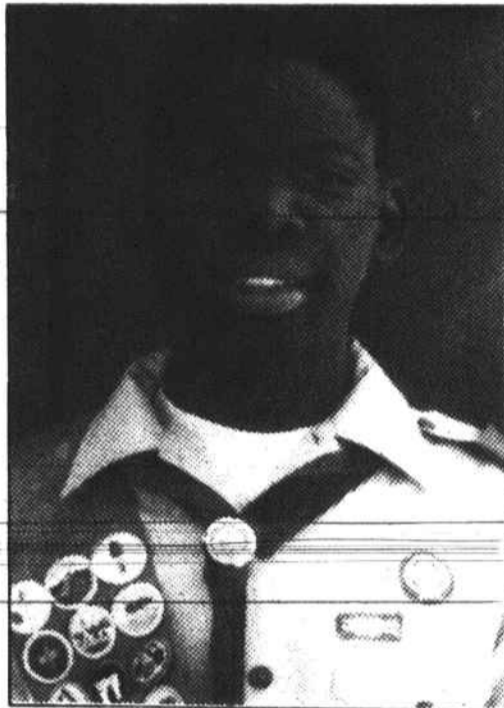


Carmen Lyons

818 in 1982 and worked his way up through the ranks. He was named Cub Scout of the Year in 1986. In July 1987, he received the Junior Leaders Training Award. He has earned 24 merit badges and six skill awards. He is the son of John H. Johnson and Mary L. Johnson.

Carlton Crump, scouting district executive, said that the two youngsters have contributed much to their troops and that he expects that they will serve as role models for other scouts.

"I am extremely pleased that these two young men have reached the Eagle rank. They are an example of the hard work and dedication that exemplifies the scouting program," he said. "Zion Hill Baptist Church and its scouting committee are to be commended for their dedication to the scouting program. With the help of



Eric Johnson

Eric and Carmen, I hope to see many more Eagle Scouts from East Winston-Salem in the future. All of our churches should average two Eagle Scouts per year. This can only happen when the church and the parents are willing to go the extra mile."

Mr. Lovell said that scouts worthy of the Eagle Scout status have demonstrated outstanding skills and are deserving of respect from their communities.

"Eagle Scouts represent all of the finest that is inherent to scouting. Those of us who have earned the Eagle Scout Award possess the respect of virtually all sectors of the youth and adult populace of America. Eagle Scouts are talented, experienced men, each of whom has knowledge of or program and has had a rich experience in scouting as a youth."

CHS celebrates National Adoption Week

Special to the Chronicle

The Children's Home Society of North Carolina will join adoption agencies and support groups in the United States and Canada in celebrating National Adoption Week Nov. 19 to 26.

In 1988, more than 23,000 young, unwed North Carolina girls faced crisis pregnancy situations. With the adoption option, birth parents can offer a child a future -- a chance for hope, happiness and security. For more than 300 North Carolina children available for adoption, this dream is yet to become a reality.

Nationally, 60 percent of children available for adoption have special needs. Because of their age, physical or mental handicaps, needs to remain with siblings or minority racial heritage, they are more difficult to place for adoption. Minority

race children make up 40 percent of that group and are the majority in North Carolina public agency care.

Samuel and Manual have hit some hills and valleys in their lifetimes -- more than some people ever experience. And Samuel and Manual only have 11 combined years of life behind them.

They also have seven foster family placements between them.

Six-year-old Samuel and his 5-year-old brother, Manual, need a family. Even with the disruptions they have experienced in their childhood thus far, the brothers are happy, talkative, friendly youngsters, says their social worker. "They like to play just like any other children. Understandably, their greatest needs at this point are for love, acceptance, encouragement, firmness and consistency."

School teachers report that both



Demico, 9, left, and 6-year-old Dominic have been in foster care for four years.

boys enjoy school and have good academic potential.

Dominic's and Demico's definitions of what a good family consists of are a bit fuzzy, but they do know that the ingredients include a nice mother and father, other children, punishment for misbehavior and love.

Nine-year-old Demico and 6-year-old Dominic have been in foster care for four years. In 1985, a Department of Social Services worker found the boys, then ages 2 and 5, walking alone along a busy highway.

While they have had some rough spots, both Dominic and Demico have good character qualities according to their social worker.

"Demico was rather reserved for our first meeting," she says. "This is understandable, though, since the subjects discussed were personal and of a sensitive nature. He told me he is a good artist, too. He enjoyed writing a story and drawing a picture for his life book (a diary)."

She said Dominic has good academic potential, although he has not yet achieved it.



Samuel, 6, left, and his 5-year-old brother, Manual, are happy, talkative, friendly youngsters who need a family.

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