

Emancipation Event Celebrates Freedom

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The annual Winston-Salem Emancipation Association Program attracted about 250 people who came to celebrate freedom. The event, which celebrated the 130th anniversary of the official end to slavery in America, was held New Year's Day at St. Stephens Baptist Church.

Attorney Harold Kennedy said the event had been held in Winston-Salem since the early part of the century.

Mel Watt, the newly elected Congressman from the 12th Congressional District, spoke on the history of the proclamation and what needs to be done to bring about more economic, political and educational freedom.

Watt is one of the two N.C. African Americans elected to the Congress, Attorney Denise Hartsfield read the Emancipation Proclamation and talked afterwards about the need to celebrate the document.

"In future years more people should try to attend," she said. "It is a historic day for African Americans, and we should begin to celebrate it. We celebrate holidays that have no impact on us. The road to progress is still winding, but we can't lose sight of the beginning of the road."

The St. Stephens choir performed. Attorney Harvey Kennedy III introduced the speakers, and his brother Harold was master of ceremonies.

"It was a very uplifting and inspirational program," Harold said. "Lincoln thought this was his greatest accomplishment, the freeing of the slaves."

College scholarships worth \$500 were awarded to Christy Miller, a senior at North Forsyth High School and DeKlethia Summey, a senior at Reynolds High School. Ethel Walker, chairman of the scholarship committee, said each student had at least a 3.6 grade point average, and was chosen on the basis of leadership, character and participation in extra-curricular activities.



Congressman Mel Watt

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Brush Up On Your Traveling Etiquette

If traveling or going on a tour with a group is on your agenda for 1993, you may want to keep in mind this traveling etiquette information. Traveling etiquette is most important for the comfort and harmony of a group. In traveling almost everybody comes in contact with fellow travelers who are most inconsiderate and think only about their welfare or the welfare of their fellow family members. They actually do not care what happens to the other travelers, who are not related to them, on the trip. These are some little things that all travelers can do to help make the trip or the tour more pleasant for fellow-travelers.

1. If riding on a special church bus, or chartered bus as a group try to pack as lightly as possible and don't hog up necessary space. Have you ever been standing in the lobby of a hotel or motel where a meeting has been held and watched the baggage being unloaded? It seems that some women are afraid to leave anything in their closets for fear someone might break in and steal the clothes they leave behind. This means that four or five women traveling with excessive luggage could create a real problem when traveling with a group.

2. Be friendly and courteous to the entire group. Don't act as if they are a part of an enemy army. Remember, you might need the group before the trip is over.

Don't be loud. Some people are so loud on a bus that you know all their business before the trip has gotten off to a 20-mile start. They drown out everybody else on the bus. They talk loud and long and never quiet down to give the other passenger's ears a rest.

Try to get acquainted with group members if you are traveling together as a club or church or community. If the group is made up of strangers, you might need to be cautious about becoming too friendly with fellow passengers. But you can be courteous.

If you are traveling together as a club, try to think of pleasant conversations and talk about things of interest to the group. Don't explain in detail how four members of your family died of cancer while everybody is having dinner and trying to think of pleasant things. People feel obligated to listen, still they might not know the persons. You should not monopolize the whole group's afternoon with specific details of your relative's deaths, and other tragedies.

Don't be a chronic complainer. Have you ever traveled with people who were never satisfied. The meal was not right because the table napkin was folded wrong. No matter how pretty everything looked, that passenger could always see a thorn and point it out to the group. Have you traveled with husband and wife who downright said ugly things about each other on the trip. Try to keep your marital dissatisfactions at home when traveling with a group.

3. If you have small children sit with them and make sure that your children do not infringe upon the rights of others. Some children begin eating and walking as soon as the bus starts and they never stop. It seems that some women take shopping bags of goodies on the bus, and the child knows about these goodies and seems determined to consume them all. Teach your children Not to pollute automobiles, buses, public parks and streets and buildings. America spend millions of dollars

each year cleaning up after people who are not at all interested in the facilities that have been provided for the enjoyment of all citizens.

Try to keep small children busy by playing quiet games with them or having them play with small quiet toys.

It is sometimes very helpful if you can begin talking to your small child about trip before you get on

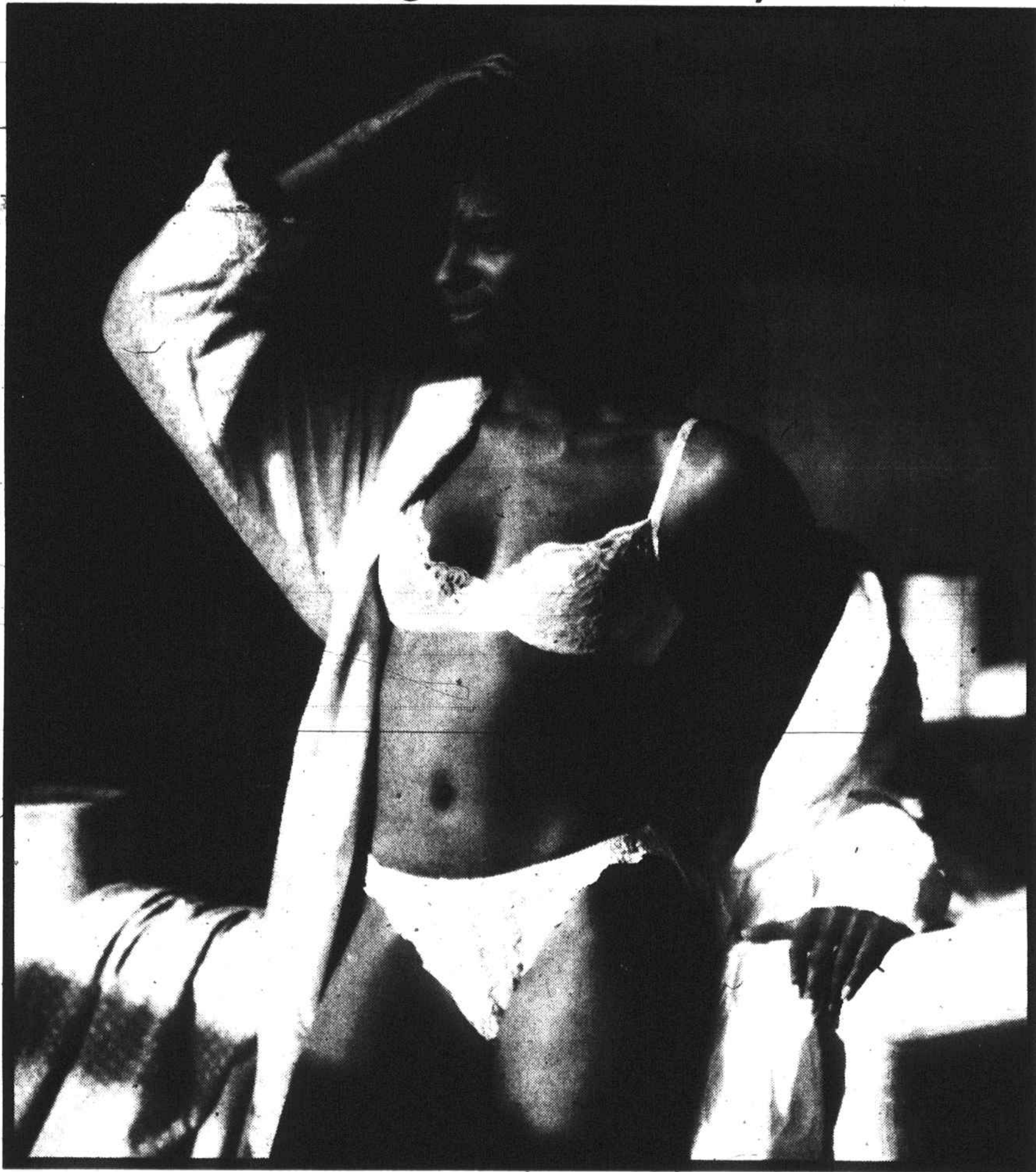
the bus. Talk to the child about bus etiquette and about representing the rights of others. Travel can eventually become very boring.



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