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MISS VONTINA SIMMONS ...West Mecklenburg Junior

## 16-Years-Old

## Vontina Simmons

## Is Our Beauty

By JOANNE MOORE  
Post Society Writer  
Somebody once said that 16 is probably one of the most difficult ages there is. You're not quite old enough to be considered an adult and you're much too old to be called a child.

So then, what does that make you when you're 16? How about asking our beauty this week. Maybe she can give us some insight into the mysterious 16-year old.

Meet Vontina Simmons, 16 of course, and a junior at West Mecklenburg High School. Typical sixteen year old? Let's see.

She's talkative, likes sentimental music by Al Green, can relate to Aretha Franklin and above all wants to meet Billy Dee Williams, and spend an "endless day" with him talking and gazing into his gorgeous eyes.

We mustn't forget her boyfriend, because 16 and boyfriends go together, don't they?

Then there are her activities. She is vice-president

of Les-Charmant-elles Social Club, a representative of the Red Cross, a delegate to the Baptist Convention, and a member of First Mt. Zion Baptist Church. She sings in the choir at church and was vice-president of the Sunday School.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Robert Simmons, of 3138 Burbank Dr., Vontina finds time to swim, play baseball and play the piano.

How does she find time to do all these things? Where does she get the energy? Questions, that continually puzzle those who are on the other side of 16.

But there is the answer, to be sixteen is to be energetic, full of life, happy most of the time, and above all able to deal with the constant adult-child world they live in.

So 16 is not so bad, many have dealt with it and have been able to make it to the day when they become 17, a year older.

My guess is that Vontina will make the transition with very little problem.

## Women's Missionary Plans Celebration

The Women's Missionary Society of the African Methodist Episcopal Church will launch its 100th Anniversary Celebration during

the winter session of the Bishops' Council being held February 16-21, 1974, in Kansas City.

Miss Mary Frizzell, Connectional President; Mrs. Artisha Jordan, Connectional First Vice President and Program Chairman; Mother Edith Bryant, Fifth District Supervisor and Mrs. Cleo Love, Fifth District President, have made plans for an exciting kick-off celebration.

The W.M.S. has chosen the theme, "OUR HERITAGE-OUR FUTURE" and the Creative Arts Committee led by Mrs. M.L. Carswell, Connectional Chairman; Mrs. Georgia Stewart, Fifth District Chairman, and Mrs. Dorothy Counts, chairman of the local committee have planned a Creative Arts Festival as a means to demonstrate this committee's purpose and function.

## TURTLE-TALK



There was a man who called a SPADE a SPADE until he STUMBLED over one.

# 'Ricky' Wallace Named To Midget All-American Team

## NNAP Plans Winter Workshops In Miami

Miami Beach NNPA Growth, role and challenge of the Black Press will be discussed in two major addresses at the Mid-Winter Workshop of the National Newspaper Publishers Association here this

## Post To Publish Roy Wilkins' Column

Next Thursday, the Charlotte Post will begin publication of a new column by Roy Wilkins, one of the nation's most respected and most influential Black leaders.

Mr. Wilkins has been executive secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People since 1955. His balance and wisdom in directing that bi-racial organization have done much to bring the orderly, legal pursuit of civil rights for Blacks.

"His column will reflect his own personal viewpoints which we believe will be informative and of news value to our readers," Bill Johnson, manager-editor of the Post said Wednesday.

"We believe that having Mr. Wilkins to join our family of weekly reporters is another step in the direction of giving our readers the best and most informative newspaper in the weekly category," Mr. Johnson concluded.



REV. THOMAS JENKINS Organizing minister Church Observes

## Its 27th Year

The Statesville Avenue United Presbyterian Church will observe its twenty-second anniversary on Sunday January 27, at 11:00 a.m.

The church was organized in the Biddleville Presbyterian Church by the Presbytery of Catawba January 27, 1952. Dr. Thomas A. Jenkins, the organizing minister continues to serve as pastor.

The membership has grown from seventeen charter members to more than three hundred fifty. From a mission church to self-supporting church with an operational budget of \$50,000.

The worship service on Sunday will be a combination of the observance of young people's day and the anniversary.

Following the service a church family dinner sponsored by the fellowship committee will climax the day.

weekend. Delivering these addresses at the Playboy Plaza Hotel Thursday and Friday, January 24-25, will be William O. Walker, dean of the Black Press and Editor-Publisher of the Cleveland Call and Post; and NNPA President Calton B. Goodlett, Editor-Publisher of the San Francisco Sun-Reporter Newspapers. Goodlett speaks Thursday evening and Walker at the closing banquet on Friday evening.

Other workshop speakers will be Berkeley G. Burrell, president of the National Business League; George Bush, Chairman of the Republican National Committee, Dr. Michael R. Winston, Director of the Moorland-Spinarn - Research Center, Howard University; Miss Vera Gunn, President of the National Association of Marketing Developers; Stanley S. Scott, Special Representative of the U.S. State Dept. and Col. Wallace W. Frice, of Pan American Airways.

Panelists, who will discuss improved business management, leadership of Black newspapers, circulation building, and advertising salesmanship are: Mrs. Ruth Washington, Los Angeles Sentinel; Moser Newsom and John Oliver Afro-American Newspapers; Mrs. Lenora Carter, Houston Forward Times, Longworth M. Quinn, Michigan Chronicle, Robert H. Fentress, Johnson Publishing Company; George Jackson, American Airlines, and Norman W. Powell, Amalgamated Publishers Inc.

Following the Jan. 23-26 Workshop, the group will fly to the Bahamas for an overnight stay on Saturday, Jan. 26.

In discussing the growth, role, and challenge of the Black press, Walker will review historically the growth, going back in his own experience over a 55-year period during which he worked for the Pittsburgh Courier, founded the Washington Tribune, and took over the now 61-year-old Cleveland Call and Post in 1932 and developed it into the third largest black paper in the midwest.

## For WSOC

# Mrs. Bohn To Direct Community Relations

Mrs. Jeanne Bohn has been appointed Director of Community Relations for WSOC-AM-FM-TV. The announcements were made by Vice-President and General Manager Freeman R. Jones.

A native of Chicago, Illinois, Mrs. Bohn attended Knox College in Galesburg, Illinois. She holds a B.A. degree in English and was graduated cum laude in 1950.

Jeanne joined the WSOC stations in 1973 as Coordinator of Women's Programming and part-time consultant for



ELLIS M. GALLIER, left congratulates William "Ricky" Wallace, star football player of the Salvation Army Boys' Club football team at 2601 W. Trade St. Wallace is receiving a certificate and he's wearing the beautiful

jacket he won when he was named this week to the organization's All-American Football team for 10-12 year olds. (Photo by Peeler)

## Next Weekend

# UNCF Alumni Organization Plans Washington Meeting

More than 400 students and graduates of colleges and universities affiliated with the United Negro College Fund will develop a national program for strengthening the fund raising activities of the UNCF organization when they meet for the 28th annual conference of the National Alumni and National Pre-Alumni Councils January 31-February 7 in Washington, D.C.

Using the conference theme "A Mind Is A Terrible Thing To Waste," alumni and pre-alumni members from the 41 predominantly black UNCF schools will hold their workshops, meetings and social affairs at the Shoreham Americana Hotel, 2500 Calvert Street, N.W.

Ms. Rosemary S. Benton, President of the Washington Inter-Alumni Council, is host for the conference. Conference Chairman is Ellison

V. Peppers, Sr. Describing the conference as "action" oriented, Joseph H. Taylor, National Coordinator of UNCF Alumni Affairs, said "this is the first time both councils have devoted an entire conference towards aiding the mission of the UNCF and its member institutions."

On Thursday the UNCF Alumni and Pre-Alumni Councils will host "Opportunity Night" for 2500 junior and senior high school students in the Washington, D.C. area. These students will be able to discuss educational opportunities, programs and activities with a representative from each UNCF institution.

The formal opening of the conference will take place Friday morning when the Honorable Walter E. Washington, Mayor - Commissioner of Washington, D.C.

welcomes the delegates to the United States Capitol.



MRS. WILLIAMS Program director

## Mrs. Williams Heads YMCA Programs

Catherine P. Williams former Women and Girls Director has been named Program Director at the McCrorey Branch YMCA, 3801 Beatties Ford Road.

Mrs. Williams is a graduate of Johnson C. Smith University, Charlotte, North Carolina. She will devote full-time as Program Director in directing and planning all programs for the McCrorey Branch Y.M.C.A.

Mrs. Williams is very active in civic affairs and is in the process of becoming a certified Y.M.C.A. Directorship. She is a member of APD Association, holds office as Grammateus, President of the Mecklenburg County Chapter of Les Premieres Feemes, Inc. Girl Scout Leader, Interested Citizens Association, Fair Housing Association, Board of Directors National Conference of Christians and Jews, IBPOE, and a member of Memorial United Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, North Carolina.

## Salvation Army Boys' Club Star

By BILL JOHNSON  
Post Manager-Editor  
There is another all-American football player in our town.

He is William "Ricky" Wallace, son of Mr. and Mrs. William C. Wallace of 724 Walnut Ave.

A seventh grade student at Quail Hollow Junior High School, Wallace was named this week to the annual Salvation Army Boys Clubs' Midget All-American Football Team for 1973.

Although he's the first Charlotte native to be so highly honored by the national organization, Wallace became a member of the Local Salvation Army Boy's Club team quite by accident.

"I hadn't thought very much about playing football until this past season," the unassuming youngster said. "I had always wanted to play baseball and basketball."

He, nonetheless became an outstanding performer in the popular North Charlotte Optimist Club's Pop Warner League.

"He's one of the best tight ends and defensive backs in the league," Frento Burton praised. A former football player at Johnson C. Smith University, Burton is the head football coach at the Salvation Army Boys' Club.

He quotes statistic to support the appraisal of Wallace.

The 120-pounder caught 40 passes, made three interceptions, ran back punts and kickoffs and "played exceptionally well wherever we needed him."

One of two children in the Wallace family, Ricky was named the Most Outstanding player on his football team and he more than likely will be named team's outstanding baseball player at their banquet later in the year.

According to Ellis M. Gallier, executive director of The Salvation Army Boys' Club, the honor is given "in recognition of a boys outstanding ability in his school, church and football prowess."

"He (Ricky) is certainly deserving of the honor," Mr. Gallier continued. "He not only is an outstanding athlete, he's also a very fine young man."

Wallace is a member of the Grier Heights Presbyterian Church.

Until this season, his love for football began and ended with his thoughts of Larry Csonka, the fabulous Miami Dolphin football player.

"I'd rather play basketball," Wallace answered when asked to name his favorite sports. "He excels in baseball, too," Mr. Gallier interrupted.

Ricky was the star catcher for the Salvation Army Boys' Club baseball team at 2601 W. Trade St. He also played first base, outfield and pitched.

He currently is starring with the KYD basketball squad coached by Kenny Diamond. With Ricky in the role of a leading scorer and topflight guard, the teams have won nine straight contests. Ricky's contribution includes a 15-point scoring average.