

# Doris Grier To Preach 'Trial Sermon' Sunday

By BILL JOHNSON  
Post's Manager-Editor

Doris Grier will reach a new milestone in his colorful lifetime Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

At that precise hour the popular staff-member of Alexander's Funeral Home will preach his "Trial Sermon" at Silver Mount Baptist Church near Pineville, N.C. The special service will benefit "The Glimpse of Hope" broadcast, the weekly Radio Ministry of the Church. Well-dressed in a blue double-knit suit with blue and white shirt and tie accessories, the handsome gentleman said Tuesday afternoon: "It (preaching) is something I never thought seriously about until I became a member of Silver Mount Baptist Church a little over two years ago."

He credits eight close friends with being instrumental in his new directions into the ministry. "You'll have to say that Rev. William Lee Jr. deserves most of the credit," he explained. "Working in the church under his personal supervision, along with the help of deacon Theodore Leake, Deacon A.A. Holloway, Deacon Henry Stinson and Sister Isabell Leake, made me take a better look at becoming a minister."

Shortly after entering the fellowship of Silver Mount, Grier says he accepted the "call to the gospel ministry." He will speak from the text found in the sixth chapter of



**DORIS GRIER**  
Has new directions

St. Luke's ninth and 10th verses from the subject "Talking about Jesus." Grier will continue his formal education at the Teamer's School of Religion

before entering a higher field of study.

"I don't know what I would have done without them," Grier continued, praising the owners and employees of the Alexander's Funeral Home. He singled-out Zake Alexander Jr., Kelly Alexander and the late Thomas Simmons as the close friends who helped him to turn his life around.

"They have been more than just friends to me and the privilege of working under their close supervision and personal care has meant everything to me."

Sister Isabell Leake is another close friend who was pointed out for special praise by Grier. He says "working with the president of the Silver Mount Baptist Church's Ushers Chorus gave me deeper thoughts and more serious concern about religion."

Mrs. Leake is President of the Usher's Board.

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## Eric Harris Is Player Of The Week

By ALAN ROUNDTREE  
News Staff Writer

The prep basketball season is nearing playoff time and it is time for everyone to put their best effort forward.

The Lion's of West Charlotte High were forced to come up with nothing short of a super effort when they took on perennial Mecklenburg champions South Mecklenburg High in their gym last week.

Trailing by five points with only 1:43 left in the game the Lion's went to the "Harris-Machine" to pull them out of trouble.

The "Harris-Machine" as it is referred to around the westside campus is composed of Phil and Eric Harris. Both are excellent offensive and defensive players and the pair couldn't have picked a better time for an all-around performance than the game against South.

With Eric scoring the last 11 West Charlotte points to pull the Lions to a 49-47 victory putting them in a three-way tie for first place in the Southwestern 4-A Division 9.

For his efforts in that game Eric Harris has been selected as the Charlotte Post's Prep Basketball Player of the Week. He is the first prep player to win the award twice this season.

Called "one of the finest players ever to play at West Charlotte" by his coach Charles McCullough, Eric canned 25 points for the game and contributed some timely defensive plays as well.

A totally unselfish player who gets along well with his teammates, Harris keeps a cool hand under pressure.

"We knew what we had to do. We had been down before," said the 6-2 senior who has attracted the eye of several college scouts.

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**WILLIE SAMUEL PARKER**  
...Student Missionary Teacher

## Parker To Teach In Pusan, South Korea

Willie Samuel Parker, 20-year-old son of Elder and Mrs. F.W. Parker of 1438 Plumstead Road, has become the first black from Oakwood College, a Seventh Day Adventist College in Huntsville, Alabama, to do Student Missionary teaching at the National Church's Mission School in Pusan, South Korea.

The Oakwood College junior will take a leave of absence from his college studies in order to spend one year teaching English and Bible courses at the Seventh Day Adventist Mission School before returning to complete requirements for his degrees in Religion and Secondary Education.

The National Church contributes \$100 per month toward his maintenance. The church also paid the \$638 one-

way plane fare for the trip which took him from Charlotte, to Los Angeles, to Honolulu, to Tokyo, Japan, and landed in the capital city of Seoul, South Korea. He then traveled 6 hours by bus to arrive at the school's location in Pusan, South Korea.

Prior to his departure in January, Willie delivered a farewell speech to the congregation of Berean Seventh Day Adventist Church on Double Oaks Road, on Sabbath, December 29, 1973, where he was a member.

Willie was chosen from only 5 persons of the total college population recommended by the faculty of Oakwood College to represent the school.

He is a 1970 graduate of Mt. Pisgah High School Academy Candler, N.C. (just outside of Asheville, N.C.)



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