

Tips On Photography

Gadgets Alone Are No Guarantee Of Success

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When Post Managing Editor "T" Simmons assigned me an article on photography tips the week after I finished taking a photography class, I figured, "This is a test to see if I learned anything."

Cameras and photography are big business, and anyone with an interest in picture-taking and a bank account to finance it can accumulate quite a collection of equipment to make the term "picture-perfect" a reality.

Although the proper equipment helps in getting the look you want in your pictures, gadgets alone are no guarantee of success. Quite good shots can be made with a simple "Instamatic" type camera or a basic 35mm without a lot of attachments. So, if your interest in photography is mainly limited to family reunions, baby's first steps, and-or your kitten's antics on the living room floor, here are some tips that might help.

— When taking pictures of children or pets, get down on the floor or ground with them and take your shots from their eye level.

— When shooting a live subject, have them do something that interests them rather than just smile at the camera. You'll get a better expression.

— When taking "action" shots, try panning (moving the camera to follow the action of the subject); when possible, try to take your picture in the split second when movement has stopped (e.g. when a child is swinging, the swing stops for an instant before reversing direction); if you can set your shutter speed, select a speed of at least 250, depending on the speed at which your subject is moving.

— Select a plain background, or your subject will get "lost" in it.

— Get close to your subject so that it fills the frame.

— When looking through the viewfinder, be aware of "mergers," such as a tree limb behind your subject seeming to come out of his or her ear, or cutting off a hand or foot or head.

— Vary your composition by putting your subject slightly off center; have subjects "look into" rather than out of the picture.

— "Frame" your pictures with objects in the foreground. An example would be to shoot through the fork of a tree.

— When traveling with your camera in the summer, it's a good idea to keep it in your ice chest (protected from wetness, of course). Film is more sensitive to heat after it's been exposed (shot), so have it developed as soon as possible.

— When you buy film that you're not going to use immediately, store it in a ziploc bag in the freezer. Thaw it for 24 hours before putting it in your camera. If you want to save some money, buy marked down film that's about to expire and freeze it til you're ready to use it.

— When shooting your picture, gently squeeze the shutter button rather than snapping it. Be sure fingers and camera straps aren't in the way of the lens. (Unless you're using a single-lens reflex camera, as most 35mm's are, the lens you look through is different than the lens you shoot through.)

Although this is hardly a complete listing of "useful tips" for the amateur photographer, it's a good place to start. There are plenty of easy-to-understand (and some not-so-easy) books in the library and at bookstores and camera shops, as well as camera clubs and photography courses available to suit your level of interest. So get out that camera and start shooting!



Tanya R. Mitchell
... Who's Who



Tonya E. Taylor
... Garinger senior



Amanda Y. Thompson
... Enjoys chess

Here March 23

39 To Vie For Cotillion Top Honors

With the Delta Debutante Annual Cotillion only a wink away, March 23, the 39 high school seniors participating are now wading through a sea of excitement and anticipation.

The Cotillion, in its 21st year, will be held at the Park Center beginning at 9 p.m. Last year's queen, Jacqueline Faulkner will be on hand for the special event of crowning the new 1985 "Miss Debutante." Scholarships will be given to deserving winners and runner-ups in two categories: (1) debutantes without Delta Sigma Theta mothers or sisters and (2) debutantes with active Delta Sigma Theta mothers or sisters.

Sponsored each year by the Delta Sigma Theta Charlotte Alumnae Chapter of Charlotte, the social event is coordinated this year by Royce E. Buck and Dorothy P. Johnson. The president and vice president of the sorority are Elaine T. Brown and Daisy Spears Stroud respectively.

The elegance is of course part of the Cotillion but what makes the event so special is concern for youth exhibited by the sorority members and the lasting relationships that will build between the debutantes.

The Post has featured 35 contestants during the last few weeks. This is the final foursome. They share the talents, enthusiasm to succeed and willingness to learn that has become associated with the debutante.

This is also a salute to the ladies of the sorority who selflessly commit their time in developing the potential of Charlotte's youth... a task that is easy to talk about but requires energy and planning to achieve.

This week four young ladies will be featured: Tanya Rochelle Mitchell, Tonya Elaine Taylor, Amanda Yvette Thompson and Wanda Maria Tucker.

Ms. Mitchell, daughter of Raymond Mitchell and Norma Mitchell attends North Mecklenburg Senior High School.

She is a member of the Student Council Executive Committee, a North Mecklenburg Letter Girl and a Project Aries officer.

She is past member of the North Mecklenburg newspaper and annual staff.

Her honors and awards include Project Aries Leadership Award, Who's Who Among American High School Students and First Class Girl Scout honors.

Ms. Mitchell plans to further her education at St. Augustine College located in Raleigh.

Ms. Taylor is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Taylor. She is a student at Garinger High School. We were unable to attain further information on Ms. Taylor by press time.

Practical Nurses

The Willing Workers Licensed Practical Nurses (WWLPN) recently held their business meeting at the home of Bleaker Mayfield.

Plans were made for 1985 activities. Members will aid ill nurses. There are three ill LPN's who are members of WWLPN: Inez Hennigan, Doshia Harris and Gertrude Hope. Mrs. Hennigan received a hand-made afghan.

Plans have been made to give special gifts to others as well.

Each members' BIP was checked. Advice was conveyed about the prudence in eating low sodium foods and the importance of exercising.

The following was discussed: check your BIP regularly; eat low salt foods; walk four or five blocks a day and gradually increase to one mile. Walking was discussed as good for stress and in keeping weight under control.

Congratulations was given to Lucille Fuiell for 26 years of continued service to the Charlotte Rehabilitation Hospital.



Wanda M. Tucker
... "Superior Rating"

Ms. Thompson is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Thompson of Linkwood Place. A senior at Harding High School Ms. Thompson enjoys sports, music, dancing, reading and chess. We were also unable to contact Ms. Thompson for further information.

Ms. Tucker enjoys piano, golf.

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Sandra Funderburk Named "Nursing Student Of The Year"

Presbyterian Hospital junior nursing student Sandra Funderburk has been named Nursing Student of the Year. The North Carolina Association of Nursing Students awarded Miss Funderburk a plaque and a \$1,000 scholarship for winning the competition open to 51 nursing schools across the state.

The daughter of William and Phyllis Funderburk of Monroe, she received the award based on grade point average, personal references, a written essay and two interviews at the association's annual convention February 7-10 in Asheville.

Also at the convention, junior Gail Guthrie of Maitland, FL, was elected NCANS secretary; junior Margo Stephenson of Sebring, FL, was elected region II coordinator; and freshman Tanya Watkins of Durham, was appointed legislative chairman.

The Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing is the largest hospital-based school of nursing in the Carolinas, with more than 2,300 alumni. Founded in 1903, its 33-month curriculum is fully accredited by the North Carolina Board of Nursing and the National League of Nursing.

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Walls Sponsors Spring Concert

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of Lent are set aside as a penitential season in preparation for the rejoicing of Easter as Christ fasted for 40 days in the wilderness to prepare for His ministry.

Eucharist will be celebrated at 8 and 10 a.m. at St. Timothy's Anglican Church, 2211 Margaret Wallace Rd. All are welcome and baby sitting is provided.

WALLS MEMORIAL AME ZION

The Progressive Men's Club of Walls Memorial AME Zion Church will sponsor a Spring Concert Sunday March 17 at 5 p.m.

Featured group will be "The Anointed Ones." They will sing contemporary gospel music with full instrumental accompaniment.

The public is cordially invited to attend this event. There is no admission charge.

Walls is located at 2722 Bancroft St. Rev. J. T. White is minister; Timothy F. McMullen is program committee.

CALVARY CHURCH

The Mid-Atlantic Sunday School Convention will be held March 22-23 at Calvary Church, 5300 Sardis Rd. The convention is open to anyone interested in church education.

The Friday evening and all-day Saturday event offers 56 workshops in many areas of Christian education.

Keynote speaker will be Dr. Kenneth Gangel, Professor of Christian Education and author, of Dallas Theological Seminary in Dallas, Texas.

Other special features include music by the Messners of Michigan, puppetry and miming.

Pre-registration of \$8 may be mailed to MASSA, 1215 East 34th St. No. 6 Charlotte, NC 28025. Registration at the door is \$10. For more information call 545-6161.

SALEM BAPTIST

March is Mission Emphasis month at Salem Baptist Church. During this month each division of the Missionary Department of the church will participate in the morning worship service placing special emphasis on Mission.

During this month there will also be a workshop Sat. March 16 at the church. Registration begins at 9 a.m. and the worship will end at 12:30 p.m.

The instructor for the workshop will be Eva Johnson second vice president of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of NC.

Mrs. Johnson is from Salisbury. This workshop is for anyone in the area who would like to know about mission duties and what mission encompasses. Registration is \$2.

The president of the Missionary department at Salem is Mary L. Robinson.

On the third Sunday in March at 3 p.m. District II of the Mt. Peace Auxiliary will sponsor a missionary program at the church. The speaker will be Gertrude Hamilton of St. Paul Baptist Church on Allen St. Music will be furnished by the auxiliary choir and each Missionary Group present. Program chairman is Rev. Mrs. Minnie Connor.

Sunday March 17 at 7 p.m. the JA choir of Shiloh Baptist Church will be in concert at Salem Baptist. The choir is under the direction of Tommy Campbell. All proceeds from this program will go towards the Woman's Day celebration to be held

June 23.

Carolyn Gaskins is chairperson of the Woman's Day committee.

The public is cordially invited to all at Salem Baptist Church. Rev. Anthony L. Jinnwright is pastor. The church is located at 5318 Salem Church Rd.

MT. MORIAH

The Church Aide Society of Mt. Moriah Baptist Church, 381 Crestdale Rd. in Matthews will celebrate its Annual Day Sunday March 17 at 3 p.m.

Rev. J.H. Sherrill pastor of Fancy Hill Baptist Church, High Schools NC along with his congregation, will be special guests.

Rev. Sherrill is a servant of Jesus Christ and an extremely good speaker of the Word.

The power of God, through his sermons is not only felt by him, but by his listeners as well.

You are invited to come out to Mt. Moriah and witness this man of God as he allows God to use him.

Dinner will be served to all immediately following the service.

Rev. J.C. Robinson is pastor of Mt. Moriah.

PLEASANT HILL BAPTIST

On March 17 the members of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church will observe Men's Day. Featured attraction will be the presentation of the Men's Choir in concert at 4 p.m.

The theme of this year's program is "A Message In Song." Don't miss the first concert given by this Men's Choir. You will certainly receive a musical and spiritual blessing through songs.

Program chairman is Bennie Hall; Choir director, Charles Patton; Organist, A.C. McCullough; Pianist, Ronnie Monroe; pastor is Rev. J.Z. Cuthbertson. Donnell Crowder is Public Relations Director.

NEW EMMANUEL CONGREGATIONAL

Continuing the "Believers Are Achievers" series Rev. McDowell and members of New Emmanuel Congregational Church will present the vivacious and exciting Jaren McCombs as guest speaker Wednesday March 20 at 8 p.m.

Ms. McCombs is owner of "A Unique Boutique" located in the downtown area.

Motivation, challenge, dreaming, planning for success... all of these are characteristics of "Achievers Who Are Believers," Rev. McDowell voiced.

New Emmanuel Congregational Church is located at 3546 Beatties Ford Rd. The public is cordially invited to attend.

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