

Mrs. Barbara Walker's Momentum Is "Picking Up!"

Barbara Walker is like many other contestants in this heated Churchworker of the Year contest. Her momentum has picked up and as she described, "I'll be going full blast these last two weeks."

Mrs. Walker's strategy so far has been quiet and low key. But the excitement of participation has surfaced. "I'm very excited about being a contestant. I had never entered a contest and this is certainly a challenge for me. I'm thankful that someone thought enough of me to enter my name for nomination."

She was elected to run as churchworker through a session at H. O. Graham Metropolitan Church, located at 2926 Old Steele Creek Rd., and pastored by Rev. A. R. Hendricks.

She has found that not only are church members responding but so are friends and family. "Many people are helping me out. I usually tell them that I am running for churchworker and that usually does it. By people knowing me they will usually buy the Post. I feel that the Post is both important and in-



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formative to our community," she continued.

In addition to aiding the public as far as informa-

tion is concerned, Mrs. Walker also feels that she is giving a financial hand to the church. "My number

one reason for entering the contest was to help my church. Secondly, I had never been involved in anything quite like this before and I looked forward to the challenge."

Like one particular song states, "No man is an island," Mrs. Walker is not alone in her ambition to be a winner. She is aided by a cast of committed committee members including Pamela Randolph, Charles Williams, Anita Lewis, Erwin Springs, and Lattie Chisholm.

Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Waddell Boyles, and Kevin Walker, her son, and a recent high school graduate, are also taking time to give her aid.

As a member of H. O. Graham Metropolitan Presbyterian Church, Mrs. Walker is involved in the Girl Scouts, is president of the Gospel Choir, and serves as an Elder of the church.

Right now Mrs. Walker is standing on faith and not on what she sees. And as long as there is hope there is that possibility that she can break through to the lead. Her final statement, "I hope that I win," exempli-

fies that it's never too late to achieve. Two more weeks are left and only time will tell.

Production Begins On "What's Happening Now!"

Production begins this week on "What's Happening Now!," the first-run syndicated comedy series from Columbia Pictures Television. The series is scheduled to begin airing fall 1985 in over 75 markets.

"What's Happening Now!" makes Columbia television history by resuming first-run production after a successful syndicated run. Its predecessor, "What's Happening!," follows a trio of high-spirited, black teenagers through the unpredictable misadventures that are part of growing up. "What's Happening Now!" picks up seven years later as the characters begin their young adult lives.

The cast includes Ernest Thomas, as "Raj," Fred Berry as "Freddie 'Rerun' Stubbs," Haywood Nelson as "Dwayne," Shirley

Hemphill as "Shirley," and introduces the character of "Nadine," Raj's wife, played by new cast member Anne-Marie Johnson. Danielle Spencer returns to the role of kid sister "Dee" in four segments during the first season.

"What's Happening Now!," taped before a live audience at studios in Glendale, Ca., is produced by Columbia Pictures Television in association with LBS Communications, Inc. Kim Weiskopf and Michael Baser are executive producers, Mike Milligan and Jay Moriarty are supervising producers, Bob Peete and Larry Balmagia are producers.

Mrs. Minnie Patterson Got Involved "Purely" By Chance

By Jalyne Strong
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Minnie Patterson is Macedonia Baptist's contestant in the small church category of the Churchworker of the Year contest. She's a first-time contestant and she got involved in the contest purely by chance. "My pastor, Rev. L. J. Wallace, said, 'There's something I want you to do,'" recounts Patterson. "I said O.K. but I didn't know at the time it was this contest," she laughs.

"He knew I'd do it," she continues. And she admits, her pastor knows her pretty well since Patterson has been a member of Macedonia 26 years, only a couple of months longer than Rev. Wallace. Plus, Patterson says, "I do work all over the church." So Rev. Wallace more than likely felt assured she could handle one other activity.

"It feels good being in the contest," says Patterson. "Though I'm not selling as many subscriptions as I want." Yet, for a contestant without a committee, Patterson is holding her own.

Her strategy is to call people on the telephone and once they commit to buy a subscription her husband, Woodrow, goes to pick up the money. "A lot of folks say we've got a good thing

going," Patterson smiles. Her oldest daughter is also helping out a little with sales.

Then, Patterson has picked up a few sales based on a little luck. "A few people have seen my picture in the Post and have called me to get a subscription," she says gleefully.

A mother of five, grandmother to four and great grandmother of one, Patterson loves to stay busy. Her hobbies are "people and travel." She explains, "I just like people. I like to do things for people—the least fortunate, I like to help the most."

"And I love to travel. I've taken short trips to the mountains, Atlanta, etc. But my children are sending me on a trip to Nassau soon," tells Patterson. Well, in that case, Patterson probably won't want to win the Churchworker grand prize trip, right? "Oh, no!" she exclaims, "I'll just go two times."

Actually, Patterson discloses that she'd enjoy winning anything in the contest. "I just want to win," she affirms. But if by some small, tiny, itty-bitsy chance Patterson doesn't get a prize this year, she says she's already looking forward to competing again next year. "I hope this is not the last



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time I participate in the contest," confesses Patterson. "I believe the first time you enter you feel your way. But the second time, you know what you're doing."

Patterson is Macedonia church secretary, chairman of the Deaconess

Board, she's affiliated with the gospel choir and is a member of the women's Sunday School class.

Other small church category contestants are: Sharon Gabriel, Moore's Sanctuary; Mildred Caldwell, New Bethlehem PBH; Brenda Prince,

Greater Bethel AME; Lucille Johnson, Matthews-Murkland- and Cora Hubbard, Chappell Memorial.

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