



Aileen Miller
.....86 years young

Festive Affair Given For Mrs. Aileen Miller

More than 40 friends and family gathered recently at the White Hill Apartment Center in Huntersville to tell Aileen Miller "Happy Birthday."

According to Mrs. Miller, "When you reach 86 you always think of inviting your friends and family to your birthday party." She was showered with a cake, good food and lovely gifts.

This festive affair was given to Mrs. Miller by her daughter, Virginia Williamson, her son-in-law, Samuel Williamson, and her granddaughter and grandson-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Lenwood Edwards of Greensboro.

A long-time resident of Shelby, N.C., Mrs. Miller moved to Huntersville about four years ago and became a resident of White Hill Apartments.

Very contented in her new sur-

roundings, Mrs. Miller replied, "I love my new home. I have so many friends and wonderful neighbors. And, although I'm the oldest resident, I know I'm the youngest at heart."

Mrs. Miller is also the oldest member at the church which she has attended since infancy. "I'm called the mother of the church." With that title she has watched over the leaders of the Chapel Hill Baptist Church and asserts, "Rev. Gray and Rev. Gibson are men of God. I love them and the members as well. They make you feel so at home and welcomed."

A warm, jubilant person, Mrs. Miller enjoys reading, cooking, (especially pies and cakes) and flower gardening. Traveling, meeting new people and seeing new things are additional things Mrs. Miller enjoys.

Rape Crisis Funds Awarded

Seventeen community rape crisis programs in North Carolina have received grants totaling \$262,500 to be used to assist victims of sexual assault.

The grants are awarded by the Council on the Status of Women (CSW) in the N.C. Department of Administration. Funds include federal and state monies which are used to match locally generated funds.

"We are pleased to be able to make these funds available to help sexual assault victims in our state," said secretary of administration Grace J. Rohrer.

More than 30 counties in North Carolina have programs to assist sexual assault victims. More than \$538,500 was requested by 27 programs.

The following 17 programs will receive funds: Rape Crisis Center of

Asheville, Options of Burke County, Sheltered Home of Caldwell County, Family Violence and Rape Crisis Volunteers of Chatham County, Rape Crisis Volunteers of Cumberland County, Durham YWCA Rape Crisis Center, Family Services-Rape Response of Winston-Salem, Turning Point of Greensboro, Family Services of High Point, Family Violence and Rape Crisis Association of Lee County, Victim Assistance of Mecklenburg, Cape Fear Substance Abuse in Wilmington, Orange County Rape Crisis Center, Crimes Against Women Task Force in Elizabeth City, Union County Crime Prevention and Interact in Wake County.

The grants will help local programs provide 24-hour crisis intervention and victim advocacy as well as counseling, volunteer training, and community education.

N.C. State Research

Supreme Court Voting Behavior Studied

By Matalie Eason Hampton
Special To The Post
Even United States Supreme Court justices, the country's top judicial decision makers, have a right to a change of heart. Although the nine justices seldom change their minds on matters of law, a North Carolina State University researcher and his colleague hope to learn more about why justices vote as they do by examining cases where justices have

changed their minds. The study by Dr. Robin H. Dorff of NCSU and Dr. Saul Brenner of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte will focus on Supreme Court voting from 1946 to 1975, years Dorff describes as those of the "modern court." Two votes are taken each time the nine Supreme Court justices make a ruling on a case, with a time lapse of about one to three months between votes. Usually, Dorff said, justices

vote the same way both times. But in roughly 10 percent of the cases, justices switch their votes from minority to majority opinions, he said. Since justices' votes usually are based on their own liberal or conservative views, Dorff believes the pressures of the small-group situation come into play when justices reverse themselves. One explanation for vote reversing may be solidarity-giving the court's decision the appearance of greater unanimity, he stated. Another possibility is that a justice makes a strategic decision to switch to create a favorable situation for encouraging others to vote with him on future issues, he said.

The study will be based on court records for the 29-year period as well as personal notes of Justice William J. Brennan Jr. Dorff said Brennan's notes on cases, archived in the Library of Congress, offer detailed information about court deliberations not available through other sources. Brenner has received permission to use the notes for scholarly study. While it is impossible to know exactly what goes on behind the closed doors where the court deliberates, Dorff says he plans to develop a set of hypotheses to explain switching behavior as it relates to circumstances surround-

ing vote reversals. He believes a justice is more likely to switch his vote from minority to majority opinions on cases of less importance to the court. Switching is more likely on economic cases and less likely on cases of civil rights, he revealed. And a persuasive opinion writer may be more skillful at luring other justices to his side, Dorff explained. Cases where vote reversals caused the entire court to reverse its opinion will not be considered in this study, Dorff said. Cases of the court reversing itself are very rare, he claims.

Dorff does not yet plan to make broad generalizations about the court years he will study, years remembered for many landmark decisions. He and Brenner will examine annual court terms as well as individual voting records of the 25 justices who served during those years. Data will be compiled and analyzed by computer. Results of the study are expected by April. Funding for the study was provided by a \$27,200 grant from the National Science Foundation. Information acquired through the study will be incorporated into the U.S. Supreme Court Data Base Project, a nationwide research effort also funded by the National Science Foundation.

WPEG Earns Billboard Award

By Audrey C. Lodato
Post Staff Writer
One of Charlotte's own has recently been recognized in a national competition sponsored by Billboard Magazine.

Radio station WPEG won the "Medium Market Station of the Year" award based on its performance and ratings. As far as general manager Nancy Cooper knows, WPEG is the only station in Charlotte to win a Billboard award this year.

Says Cooper, "No one person or no one experience is being given credit for our success. It's been a team effort. Everybody, from the president, Bill Rollins, to the bookkeeper, has been working toward the same goal." That goal, she states, is "to be the very best urban contemporary station that could be. Every employee here deserves some credit."

According to the general manager, Billboard's station awards are an annual event. The magazine solicits radio stations to enter the competition, and then chooses winners in a number of categories according to performance. WPEG, Cooper notes, is one of the top-ranked urban stations in the country.

What makes this radio station so special? Cooper thinks the number one ingredient is "giving the audience what they want to hear."

Another important component of success is "letting the community we serve know we are here to serve them."

Among past instances of such



Nancy Cooper
.....WPEG executive

service to the community are free concerts every year and fund raising for sickle cell and the United Negro College Fund. The station is involved in the Family Outreach Adult Care Center auction and is developing a "feed the hungry of Metrolina" promotion.

Program manager Fred Graham adds, "We provide listeners with answers to questions that they might have about artists." Listeners, he notes, "like to know what's happening in urban music."

According to Graham, an urban format attracts both black and white listeners. The station has been playing urban contemporary music since 1979. Graham has been program director since 1981.

Spotting Dependency Syndromes

Alcoholism and drug dependency probably are here to stay.

It's only in recent years, however, that physicians, other health care professionals, and the general public have begun seeing the alcoholic or drug-dependent person as someone with a disease that can be treated.

"Dependency Syndromes" is the topic to be addressed during this Friday's Mercy Hospital Grand Rounds series. Charlotte physician Dr. Henry C. O'Roark and counselor Tom McLaughlin, who jointly operate Total Level Care, a short-term detoxification and treatment program located at Mercy, will present the program.

"Alcoholism and drug dependency are often the 'great masqueraders' to doctors," says O'Roark, "because they can hide as symptoms of other diseases. And," he adds, "while a patient would never think of denying the existence of diabetes, for example, denying alcoholism is a major roadblock toward treatment."

It's important, therefore, that phy-

sicians and other health care professionals are aware of symptoms that signal drug or alcoholic dependency and respond accordingly, says O'Roark.

The 30-minute presentation by O'Roark and McLaughlin will be given in the Mercy Hospital Auditorium on Friday, September 20, after a buffet lunch. Reporters are welcome to attend. The actual presentation will start at 12:30 p.m.

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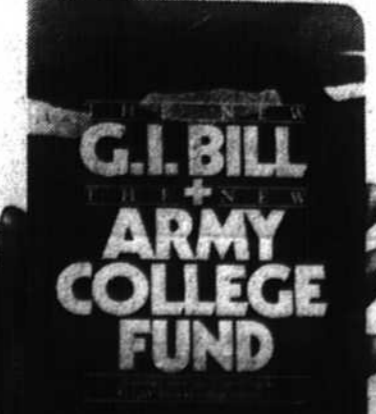
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