



Karl Adkins
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Karl Adkins Elected One Of Five Bar Councilors

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Post Managing Editor
Karl Adkins, a principal attorney with the law firm of Ferguson, Stein, Watt, Wallas & Adkins, was recently elected one of five bar councilors to the North Carolina State Bar Council.

Adkins, as well as the other four attorneys was elected by the Mecklenburg County Bar.

In assuming his new duties, Adkins will be responsible for the proper discharge of the duties and functions of the North Carolina State Bar, which acts as an agency of the state that controls the discipline, disbarment and restoration of attorneys practicing law in the state.

Also as a bar councilor, Adkins will have the power to formulate and adopt rules of professional ethics and conduct. He will be in a position to formulate rules and procedures for discipline. His position is one of extreme importance to both the NCBS and the general public.

Attending the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Adkins received his juris doctor from the Law School of the University of Michigan.

Following law school, Adkins worked as a law clerk to the Honorable Damon J. Keith, United States District Court Judge in Detroit, Michigan. One year later he joined the firm for which he now works, becoming a principal in 1974.

Active both professionally and civically, Adkins is a member of American Bar Association, the North Carolina Bar Association, the North Carolina Academy of Trial Lawyers, and the North Carolina Association of Black Lawyers. His civic activities include work with the Mecklenburg County Youth Services Bureau, the Charlotte Rehabilitation Homes, the National Conference of Christians and Jews, and the City of Charlotte Housing Authority Grievance Panel.

Adkins is married and the father of two children.

BSC Choir To

Hold Christmas Concert Sunday

The 45-voice choir of Barber-Scott College will hold its Annual Christmas Concert in the College Union on Sunday, December 8, at 7 p.m.

Under the direction of Leroy Roberson, the choir will perform the contemporary Christmas opera, "Amahl and the Night Visitors," by Gian-Carlo Menotti.

The BSC choir will act out this story in song. Selected members have been assigned characters and the remaining choir members will be the supporting cast.

"It will be a rewarding experience for the choir members," said Roberson. "The choir was really enthused about the opera because they had never performed in one before. Everyone has been willing to put in the extra amount of time and dedication needed to carry out the performance."

Fast Food Fair

On Thursday, December 12, the Charlotte Area Fund will be sponsoring a Fast Food Fair at Double Oaks Center at 1326 Woodard Ave. Representatives from several fast food businesses will be on hand to discuss job opportunities. The Fast Food Fair will last from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m. For more information, call Ms. Blackson at 372-3010.

We Were Wrong

Last week it was mistakenly stated that Mrs. Kennedy was the lady pictured in the photo that accompanied the N.C. Mutual Life Insurance article. The lady shown in the photo was Mrs. Geraldine Hairston.



Records Show Fewer Infant Deaths From Medical Conditions

Raleigh-Human Resources Secretary Phillip J. Kirk Jr. said there are fewer infant deaths in North Carolina from medical conditions that were fatal than 10 years ago.

Kirk said that 10 years ago more babies were dying because of perinatal conditions such as prematurity (low birth weight), respiratory distress (hyaline membrane disease), and birth injury (lack of oxygen). There were also more infant deaths among babies born to diabetic women.

"While these conditions still occur, we are better able to help these babies survive by detecting the conditions early and providing specialized medical care," Kirk said. "This has helped North Carolina to reduce its infant mortality rate 37 percent over the past decade."

Dr. Richard Nugent, Head of the Perinatal Care Program in the N.C. Division of Health Services, said that when two year statistics from 1973-74 were compared with those

from 1983-84, the number of infant deaths declined from 3,500 to 2,106. Of this overall decline, 68 percent were due to the drop in deaths from perinatal conditions. Additionally, 82 percent of that decline represents a drop in infant deaths during the first month of life, which is the most medically critical period for a baby.

"Advancements in medical technology have played a key role in the decline in infant deaths," Nugent said. "In addition, women are also

taking better care of themselves both before and during pregnancy. This increases their chances of giving birth to healthier babies."

He pointed out that regional efforts to reduce infant mortality have also been successful. High technology care is now more readily available to residents in rural areas of North Carolina. Referral, transportation, and reimbursement funding for mothers and babies with special care needs have been increased as well.

State Health Director Dr. Donald H. Levine said that the development of statewide prenatal clinics in 90 of the state's 100 counties, coupled with the fact that women are seeking prenatal care earlier and more regularly than ever before, have contributed to the reduction in infant mortality.

He noted that more professional education has been provided for doctors, nurses and other health professionals who work and care for mothers and infants.



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