



WINNERS in the 1985 Martin Luther King Jr. ACT-SO competition joining mistress of ceremonies Frances Weller, from left, are Tora Herring, first runner-up;

Darlene Harris, overall winner; and Valarie Berkley, second runner-up.

South Brunswick Sophomore Wins 1985 ACT-SO Contest

BY TERRY POPE

South Brunswick High School sophomore Darlene Harris was selected the overall winner at the sixth annual Martin Luther King Jr. 1985 ACT-SO competition in Shalotte Saturday night.

Ms. Harris, daughter of Mrs. Catherine Harris, was selected by a panel of judges from the ten contestants competing in either performing or non-performing categories. She sang a song, "Be Grateful," to capture the title and the chance to represent the county at the national competition to be held in June in Dallas, Texas, in conjunction with the national convention of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

West Brunswick High School senior Tora Herring was named first runner-up while Valarie Berkley, also a senior at WBHS, was named second runner-up. Both students gave speeches in the performing category.

Joe Clemmons of South Brunswick received an honorable mention for his drawing in the non-performing category. Clemmons' work was a representation of New York City.

ACT-SO is the acronym for Afro-Academic Cultural, Technological and Scientific Olympics. Sponsored in Brunswick County by the Cedar

Grove and Southport chapters of the NAACP, the program is designed to discover, expose and promote academic excellence among black high school students.

Ms. Harris will receive a \$500 scholarship and an expense-paid trip to the national competition. Brunswick County has had two national winners in recent years—James Webb in Oratory in 1980 and Janice Parker in Dramatics in 1983.

First runner-up Tora Herring, the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Moses C. Herring, will receive a \$100 scholarship. If the winner is not able to attend the national convention, Ms. Herring will compete in her place.

Ms. Herring's speech was titled "Reflections of Yesterday" and dwelled on the problems of continued prejudice among blacks and whites. "We sometimes feel we are neglected or rejected from our white counterparts," Ms. Herring stated. "We'll follow every rainbow to find our dreams."

"My dream is that we will one day conquer prejudice—that 95 percent of our congressional seats will no longer be held by my white brothers," she continued.

Ms. Berkley's speech, titled "Education: Get It Or Regret It," focused on the problems that arise when someone fails to realize the importance of receiving a good education.

"Home is basically the first place for education," Ms. Berkley stated.

"We shouldn't stop trying to reach our goals. I recall a television commercial that states, 'A mind is a terrible thing to waste.'"

Other students competing in the Shalotte Middle School cafeteria Saturday night were WBHS students Marian Gore, Ellen Bryant and Yolanda Stanley. From South Brunswick, others competing were Flora Wearren, Manuel Evans, Felita Vereen and Harold Jones. There were no students from North Brunswick in the contest.

Ms. Gore gave a speech titled "The Pride of A Black Man" that concluded with the statement, "Negro is your nationality. Be proud of it."

Other performances were given by Ms. Wearren, who sang "Somewhere Over the Rainbow," Ms. Bryant, who gave a speech titled "Looking Back," Jones, who sang "Truly" and Ms. Stanley, who sang "Forgive Me."

Ms. Frances Wheller of WECT-TV 6 in Wilmington served as mistress of ceremonies while additional performances were given by singers Stephanie Hewett and Vickie Jenrette; cloggers Tania Butler, Latonya Smith and Wanda Morgan; pianists Dwight Bryant and Bernard Flythe; dancers Corey Gore and group and last year's ACT-SO first runner-up Todd Parker of South Brunswick High.

Awards were presented by Jessie Bryant, president of the Cedar Grove NAACP chapter.



MARTIN LUTHER KING Jr. appears to be looking over the shoulder of South Brunswick's Flora Wearren as she sings "Somewhere Over the Rainbow." The ACT-SO program is held each year in honor of King.

Three Yards, One Home Damaged In Auto Wrecks

It was a bad weekend for doing yard work for three Brunswick County residents.

Three auto accidents Saturday on the county's highways resulted in damage to two yards and one Belville home, according to State Highway Patrol reports.

In an accident Saturday near Belville, a Leland man was charged with driving while impaired and operating a car without license plates, insurance and inspection sticker after running into a home, according to Trooper J.V. Dove's report.

Bobby Ray Fowler, 22, of Leland, was driving a 1974 Toyota at a high rate of speed on RPR 1524 about one mile southeast of Belville when the accident occurred.

According to Dove's report, Fowler ran off the right side of the road, lost control of his car and struck a house owned by Bessy Quince of Route 3, Leland.

The impact caused around \$2,000 damage to the home and \$900 to Fowler's car. There were no injuries in the accident.

In another accident Saturday near Supply, a Bolivia man was charged with failure to stop for a stop sign and failing to report an accident after his car jumped a ditch and landed in J.R. Galloway's yard about seven miles north of Supply on N.C. 211.

According to Trooper B.D. Barnhardt's report, Burris Leroy Robinson Jr., 22, of Bolivia, was traveling on RPR 1342 when he failed to stop for a stop sign and crossed N.C. 211. After jumping the ditch bank, Robinson's 1974 Pontiac landing in a patch of shrubbery in Galloway's yard.

Robinson left the scene and reported the accident the next morning to the Highway Patrol. Barnhardt's report stated. Barnhardt indicated Robinson was traveling too fast for the foggy conditions Saturday morning.

Damage was estimated at around \$600 to Robinson's car and about \$100 to Galloway's shrubs in the 11 p.m. accident.

Two people received minor injuries Saturday in a two-car accident that ended in Elbert Clemmons' yard on N.C. 130 about four miles south of Shalotte.

Phillip Winfield Pardue, 24, of Yadkinville, was charged with driving while impaired and improper passing following the accident. According to Barnhardt's report, Pardue was passing another car in a no passing zone when he maneuvered back into his own lane of traffic.

After running off the right side of the road, Pardue's 1980 Ford traveled across the center line and into the path of a 1979 Ford driven by Wayne Bryant Smith, 46, of Supply.

After colliding, the cars ended in Clemmons' yard causing about \$300 in damage. Damage was estimated at \$3,200 to Pardue's car and \$2,000 to the Smith vehicle.

Smith, Pardue and a passenger in Pardue's car, Bobby D. Wall Jr., 23, of Yadkinville, were taken to the Brunswick Hospital in Supply with minor injuries.

The accident occurred around 5 p.m.

A Shalotte man was also charged last Wednesday by the Highway Patrol with possession with intent to sale and deliver marijuana, according to Highway Patrol spokesperson Ruby Oakley.

Alan Kurt Greer, 33, of Route 2, Box 250, Shalotte, was charged with possessing five bags of marijuana at a residence at Shalotte Avenue and White Street, according to State Trooper Larry Richardson's report.

The incident occurred last Wednesday around 9:30 a.m., Ms. Oakley reported.



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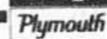
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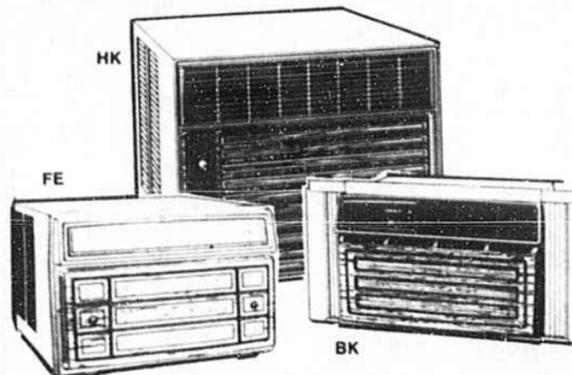
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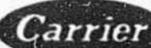


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