

## Ms. Vogue, Mr. Esquire winners selected

### Ebony Copeland joined by Marlon Norman in win

The Miss Vogue/Mr. Esquire Pageant was held at 7:30 p.m., May 8, at Swain Auditorium, Edenton. The event was sponsored by Nu Eta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. located in Edenton. The pageant participants were area high school juniors and seniors from Chowan, Washington and Perquimans counties. More than \$12,000 was netted in scholarship funds.

The pageant culminated four months of cultural, social and fundraising activities which included the following clinics: "Get Acquainted, Cultural Awareness, Community Service Project, Health Awareness, Career Day - After High School, What?, Appreciation Luncheon, Getting Your Good Looks Together, and Rehearsal for Pageant." The clinics were designed to assist in the educational and cultural develop-

ment of our youth and to encourage them to succeed in their academic studies while synonymously developing greater self-respect and pride.

The theme for the pageant was "When You Believe." The mistress of ceremony was Ms. Linda Baum, (Garlinda McFarland) formerly known as the program director and Morning Lady of KISS 97 FM in Elizabeth City. Presently, she works at the Campus Corner, Elizabeth City, NC. The greeting were rendered by Soror May Wilkins - president of Nu Eta Omega Chapter - Edenton. Soror Jolyquin Belfield - vice president - and Soror Bettie Bemby were instrumental in organizing and assisting the contestants with the presentation of the program.

After the presentation of the contestants, the contestants waltzed to a medley of music. Other program participants were: Sherea Simons, Antonio Webb Jr., Jorice Webb Manuel, Jonovan Cooper, Thurman Overton and Louis Belfield.

The former Ms. Vogue's walk was rendered by Kim Alicia Taylor prior to the highlight

of the evening, the crowning of Ms. Vogue and the presentation of Mr. Esquire. Acknowledgement of the contestants and their parents were given by Linda Baum. Soror May Wilkins presented awards to the following categories, Most Talented, Ebony Copeland; Best Scrapbook - First Place, Marlon Norman and second place, Calvin Coston; Top Model, Marlon Norman; Ms. Congeniality, Gerri Cole; Mr. Congeniality, Jentry Webb.

Winners of the pageant were: Ms. Vogue, Ebony Copeland, and Mr. Esquire, Marlon Norman.

- Ebony Copeland, senior, John A. Holmes High School, Edenton. Parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Copeland, Sr., Edenton

- Marlon L. Norman, senior, Plymouth High School, Plymouth, NC. Parents, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Norman Sr. of Plymouth.

Other contestants participating in the pageant were:

- Calvin Coston Jr., senior, John A. Holmes High School, Edenton. Parents, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin W. Coston Sr. of Edenton.

- Gerri L. Cole, senior, Holmes High School, Edenton. Parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph V. Cole of Edenton

- Jentry R. Webb, senior, John A. Holmes High School, Edenton. Parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Webb, Edenton.

The final remarks were delivered by Soror Jeroline Coston who spearheaded the Ms. Vogue/Mr. Esquire Pageant for 1999.

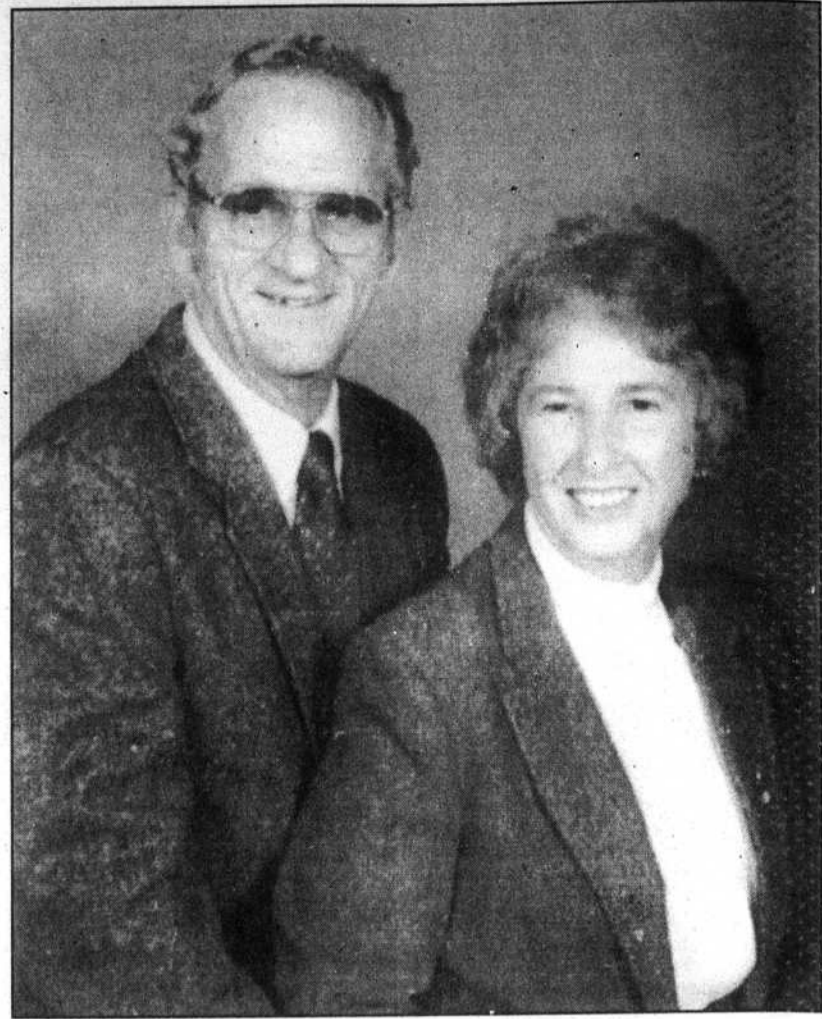
The judges for talent, model

and scrapbooks were: Gloria Beasley, Glorious Elliott, Beatrice Stanley, Fred Joyner; Sorors, Mary Marshall, Avis Davis and Angela Brumsey. Linwood Lewis was the tabulator for the judges. Gail Joyner, interior decorator, decorated the stage. Ushers and gift bearers were Jervina Coston, Alicia Loucher, Candace Pitter, Sellace Coston, and Jonathan Beasley.

Each contestants received a certificate and a trophy. Scholarships will be awarded to the contestants as they enter the college of their choice. The pageant will become an annual event.

Presently, the members are seeking contestants for May, 2000. If you have juniors or seniors who would like to participate, please contact any member of the Nu Eta Omega Chapter.

The officers and members of the chapter are: May Wilkins, president; Jolyquin Belfield, vice president. Other officers are: Angela Norman, Vanessa Davis, Darlene Loucher, Betty Littlejohn, Ruby Webb, Rebecca Ware, Mary Marshall, Avis Davis, and Bettie Bemby. Members are: Todne Bemby, Angela Brumsey, Charlean Cartwright, Sharon Chesson, Mary Chesson, Elricka Cooper, Jeroline Coston, Mary Hill, Mavis Hill, Arnita Hyman, Sandra Johnson, Mary Lewis, Sonya Littlejohn, Jorice Webb Manuel, Dianna Norman, Senya Noman, Brenda Sawyer, Carolyn Spruill, Ellen Walston and Tanja White.



### GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY IS CELEBRATED

Helen and Billy Elliott of Edenton recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at a dinner party hosted by Mr. and Mrs. William T. Elliott III at their home. The couple exchanged their wedding vows on April 14, 1949.

## Being a blooming genius

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First, water deeply and thoroughly once a week. It takes about an inch of water to soak roots deeply enough to make a difference. You'll know you've applied an inch by placing a few shallow bowls among the plants; when they collect an inch of water, turn off the sprinkler. Note the time this takes so you'll have a guideline for every watering thereafter.

Water is crucial to most annuals and perennials. Petunias and impatiens are quick to wilt but are forgiving if you water them promptly. Caladiums are not so forgiving; let them wilt down and they may go dormant! Your persistence with regular, deep watering will give plants the ability to hang on through hot weather stress. Flowers in containers can be



Remove faded flowers to help your remaining flowers thrive.

so difficult to keep watered. They may need water every day. Moving potted plants to areas where they get shade in the afternoons may help. If you report them, be sure to use a potting soil which contains water-retaining polymers and a wetting agent. This will help the soil retain moisture longer in hot weather, yet allow for good drainage.

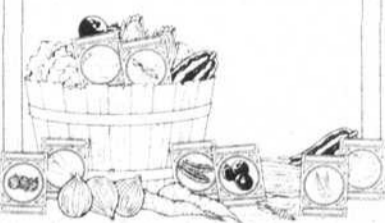
Next, snip off faded flowers from annuals such as geraniums, marigolds, petunias, and scarlet sage; continue pinching off the faded blooms as they wither. This keeps flowers from setting seed so plants will have more energy for new growth and more flowers. Annuals will need a dose of fertilizer to fuel the new growth and flowering that will last until the first frost. Apply a time-released fertilizer that will feed the plants gradually and without burning.

Finally, mulch flower beds with two to three inches of bark to help keep the soil cool and moist. Mulch keeps water from evaporating from the surface of the soil. Working like a silent gardener, mulch also keeps down weeds.

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