

Chronicle Profile

# "I Don't See How I Did It"



Doris Noble and Granddaughter

She used to get up at five o'clock in the morning, cook breakfast for 8 children, get them off to school and day care, then catch the 6:30 bus to work. She worked all day at the hospital, came home and cooked dinner for the family, and spent the evenings cleaning, mending or supervising homework-- and getting ready for 5 a.m. to roll around again.

She raised the children by herself.

"When I look back on it now I don't see how I did it," admitted Mrs. Doris

Noble. "It was a mighty rough road, but it's getting better now."

Mrs. Noble was pregnant with her eighth child when she and her husband separated.

"Back in the fifties the courts didn't like to award you money if you were working," she recalled. "So I had to support them myself."

"Daycare took half my salary."

Ordinary events become major projects when you are dealing with a family of eight. Dinner, for example, had to consist of

two chickens or three pounds of hamburger.

"I had to wash 3 times a week," said Mrs. Noble. "I'd use my line, my neighbor's line, and my next neighbor's line to hang out the washing."

"And when everybody else was preparing for Hallowe'en, I was laying away for Christmas. And the toys-- before I could get 'em paid for they'd tear 'em up."

Mrs. Noble was no stranger to large families, how-

ever. She has seven brothers and a sister. There are advantages to large families, she noted.

"The children learn to get along with people, and there's always somebody around to help you when you need it."

With a large family, there is a lot of work to be done, but more people to do the work. The Noble children took turns washing dishes and cleaning house, and even the boys learned how to sew, and do their own mending. As the children grew older, they got odd

jobs to earn their own spending money.

Mrs. Noble's 3 oldest sons won athletic scholarships which enabled them to continue their education.

Perhaps the most famous athlete in the family is Anderson Noble, who plays football for WSSU. Mrs. Noble has scrapbooks of his achievements: his player awards, Ram of the Week articles, and programs from each game.

Mrs. Noble was an athlete herself back in Atkins High School. She played

guard on the girl's basketball team, and back-catcher in baseball. The ability to excel in sports seems to have been inherited by her children: Robert and Gregory played football, Anderson is playing at WSSU, and Michael plays for Hanes High. Another son, Ronald Lewis is a basketball player, and Reginald plays tennis.

"I don't see how I did it," said Doris Noble again. "I wish they had had Big Brothers/Big Sisters a long time ago. I could have used it."

## Ricky's Models Present Fashion Show

By Yvette McCullough  
Staff Writer

"Holiday Mood in Fashion", a fashion show presented by Ricky's Models, Ltd. was held Sunday evening at the Masonic Hall. The fashion show featured some of the new looks in fall fashions, as well as new designs in lounge wear, sportswear, church wear, office wear and evening wear.

All the fashions in the program were originally made, rather than purchased. However, anyone wanting to purchase an outfit worn by one of the models could have it made at Ricky's Boutique, which is owned by Ricky Wilson.

According to the models, the "in" look for fall in the area of office wear is the straight skirt and blazer. Most of the designs were tailored for the slim look, with most of the models accenting their outfits with boots or heels.

The basic color this fall is gray. The models pin striped it, wore it as a solid, and even crocheted it. Gray seemed to be the color to fit any shape, shade, or size.

As the narrator Avis Crockett said, "Oh doesn't that just make you want to do something."

Evidently it did. The models wore gray in a pin striped suit, in two pieced outfits, in hats and in

These models presented their fashions Sunday evening at the Masonic Hall. All garments worn by the models are hand made and can be purchased at Ricky's

something."

dresses. Gray seemed to fit in well for the office, for church and for a sporting event.

Other colors making an arrival on the scene were lavender, cream, rust, and dark green. These colors will seem to be the "in"

Boutique. As shown above, these models--Lolene, Ricky, and Dot, are setting the trend for the black woman this fall in fashion.

thing this fall.

Because these ensembles were the models' own creations, many took the opportunity to experiment. Such experiments took the form of a bathrobe made of three bath towels, a crocheted stole and matching tam, a hand crocheted coat, knee-

knockers that resembled full skirts and different hats for all occasions.

One feature that most of the designers kept in mind was that of inexpensive cleaning. Most of the garments were easy to care for and machine washable.



Holiday Mood In Fashion

Staff Photos by McCullough

### NCNW from page 6

**Attendance**  
1st Place - Mary McCormick-January  
2nd Place - Seasons The Youth Group of the NCNW  
3rd Place - Clara Ellis-June

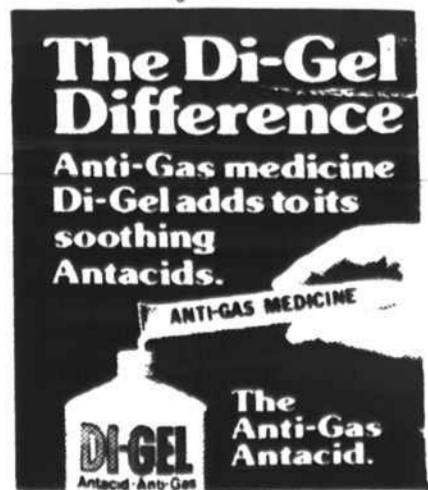
The Chairperson was Mrs. Georgia Smith, and the tables were judged by Mrs. Thelma Lewis, Mrs. Alworth Banner, and Mrs. Iris Officer. Among the honored guests present were Dr. and Mrs. J. Ray Butler, Dr. and Mrs. Jerry Drayton, Mrs. Kitty Gray- President of the Charlotte Section of the NCNW and members of that section, the Shanta Malia Ensemble directed by Mr. James Smith of Hanes S.M.E. Church, and Mrs. Peggy Moore and Mrs. Brooks of New Bethel Baptist Church.

#### Announcement

The Mt. Olive Missionary Circle will hold a family night program at the church on Sunday, November 26th at 5 p.m. The purpose of the program will be to provide Christmas cheer for sick, shut-in, and elderly persons.

ston-Salem Section of NCNW, Mrs. Manderline Scales gave a review of the activities of the NCNW and invited all to support and participate in the activities that are designed to help the family and community in a very positive manner. The next meeting of the NCNW is on December 14, 1978 at the Patterson YWCA at 7:00 p.m. All interested persons are urged to attend and become an active part of the Winston-Salem community.

A good way to help a baby learn to talk, doctors say, is to use moderate tones and clear-cut speech. Loud sounds can confuse young children.



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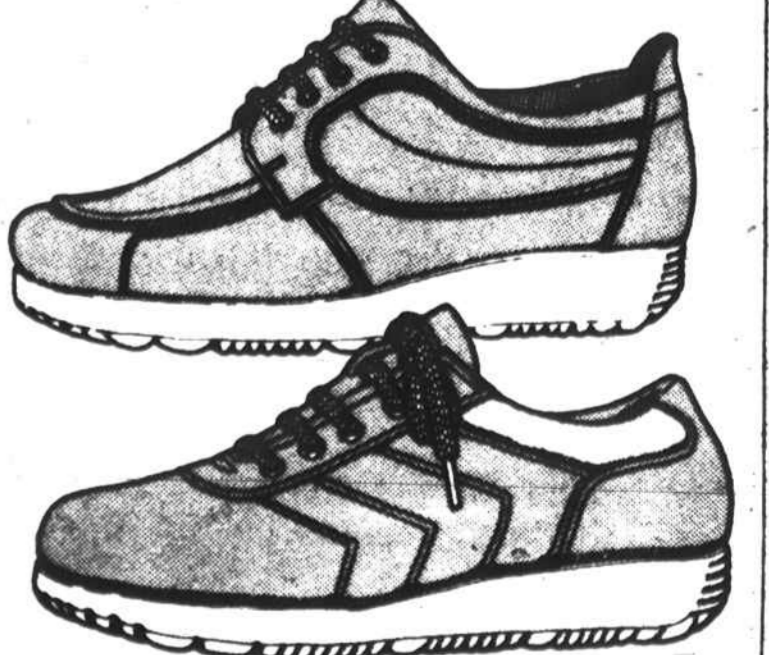
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