

## Area Weddings

### Smith-Wright

Licia Renee Smith and Albert Hiawatha Wright were married Saturday, September 26, 1992, in a 3 p.m. ceremony at St. Stephen Baptist Church in Winston-Salem.

The Rev. Joseph Samuels officiated. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith of Winston-Salem.

The groom is the son of Queen Ann Wright and Lonnie S. Wright.

The bride was given in marriage by Frank Smith, her father.

Serving as matrons of honor were Gwen Whitmire, sister of the bride, of Winston-Salem, and Sarah Hall of Winston-Salem and Charlena Gray of Baltimore, Md., both sisters of the groom.

Bridesmaids were Tunisia Brooks, daughter of the groom, Ferrica Hall, niece of the groom, and Barbara Shankle, sister of the groom, all of Winston-Salem.

Best men were Darryl Wright of Winston-Salem and Lonnie Wright of Philadelphia, Penn., both brothers of the groom.

Groomsmen were Albert Eaton, Jerome Smith, brother of the bride, and Monta Smith, nephew of the bride, all of Winston-Salem; Calvin Wright, brother of the groom, of Orlando, Fla.; Darry Gray, brother-in-law of the groom, of Baltimore, Md.; and Mike Jennings, friend of the groom, of Winston-Salem.

The bride is a graduate of R.J. Reynolds High School and attended Miller-Motte Business College.

The groom is a graduate of North Forsyth High School and is self-employed and works as a special enforcement officer in a security company.



Mrs. Licia Wright

## Lessie Hatton is Player of Month

Lessie Hatton, a rising bridge star, won "Player of the Month - October" honor by earning four first place wins and two ties for first and second place wins with two different partners. She accumulated a total of 29 points. Her closest rival was one of her partners (Monday games), Inez Gerald, who came in second with 16 and 1/2 points. Inez had two first place wins, one tie for first and second, and one second place win. Sandra Brown, Lessie's other partner (Tuesday and Thursday games) was third with 14 and 1/2 points. Floyd Neal was a close fourth with 13 and 1/2 points.

The particular scenario set up an unusual placing for "Pair of the Month - October." Lessie Hatton and Inez Gerald won the honor outright with a combined total of 47 and 1/2 points. The unusual fact is that Lessie Hatton and Sandra Brown teamed up to earn second place for the same honor with 43 and 1/2 points. Lessie and Inez won two first places and one tie for first and second together. Lessie and Sandra won two first places and one

tie for first and second together. The difference was that Inez won a second place with another partner.

Mavis Lloyd and Floyd Neal came in at a distant third with 22 and 1/2 points.

Congratulations to all of these players!

Winners last week: Monday, Oct. 26, 2 p.m., Carl

First Place: Sandra Brown and Lessie Hatton

Second Place: Floyd Neal and Mavis Lloyd

Thursday, Oct. 29, 7 p.m., Rupert Bell Recreation Center

First/Second Tie: Sandra Brown and Lessie Hatton

First/Second Tie: Floyd Neal and Ruth Washington

## BRIDGE NEWS

By RUDOLPH V. BOONE SR.

Russell Recreation Center

1st Place: Inez Gerald and Lessie Hatton

2nd Place: Demerice Erwin and Dorothy Stephens

3rd Place: Frances Coble and Andrew Wilkes

Tuesday, Oct. 27, 7 p.m., Winston Lake Family YMCA

Winston-Salem Duplicate Bridge Club

Third Place: Irma Gadsden and Monica Lett

Many of the local players will be warming up for the Metropolitan Grade "A" Tournament in Charlotte on the weekend of Nov. 13 through 15. New players are encouraged to get involved in tournament play at this particular time because it is so close in proximity. The experience is a great teacher! Plan to attend!

## Northwood Estates Club

by Rudolph V. Boone Sr. Special to the Chronicle

The Northwood Estates Know Your Neighbor Club recently elected the following officers to begin its term Jan. 1, 1993: Gertrude Murchison, president; Sarah J. Boone, secretary; Naomi Jones, treasurer; and Rudolph V. Boone Sr., public relations director.

Jones, who is the current president, and Murchison, who is the current secretary and treasurer, will be ending several years of service.

The members decided to give a financial contribution to the Westmoreland family that was recently burned out of their home and lost three children in the fire. This is going beyond the neighborhood to help those in need. In the past, the group has brought cheer and hope to elderly persons in rest homes

with gifts and entertaining programs.

The group will be undertaking two other projects.

They will be collecting items for the Crisis Control Ministry. People in the neighborhood and beyond may contribute by dropping "Food of the Month" items off at the Carl Russell Recreation Center. The item for November is canned fruit.

The club also plans to sponsor a "Reading Room" at the Carl Russell Recreation Center.

Regular meetings are held at the Carl Russell Center on the fourth Monday of each month at 7 p.m., with a few exceptions. Memberships are open to all residents in the Northwood Estates community. For further information, please contact any of the persons listed above.

## Wheeler First Black Female to Head RJR R&D Dept

Janet P. Wheeler has been promoted to director, R&D Planning and Administration, Research & Development Department of R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. She is responsible for directing the efforts of the Scientific Information Division (computer technology and library), R&D Facilities and Services Division, and R&D Planning functions.

Wheeler graduated from Hampton University in Hampton, Va., in 1969 with a degree in chemistry and joined RJR Tobacco 23 years ago as a junior research chemist in R & D.

In addition to her job responsibilities, she is extremely active and busy throughout the community. Wheeler is a member of First Baptist Church, Highland Avenue, where she serves as assistant church clerk. She belongs to the Phi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority; president, Phi Omega Inc. (the sorority's economic development group and developers and owners of Ivy Arms Apartment complex); Hampton Alumni Association; LINKS Inc.; Silhouettes of Kappa Alpha Psi; Ladies Investment Mutual Enterprise; and "Happy Bunch" Pinochle Card Club.

Wheeler serves on the Board of Trustees for Old Salem Inc. and Board of Directors for Reynolds Carolina Federal Credit Union,

YWCA, Habitat for Humanity, and NCC-LAW (Laws Affecting Women). She serves on advisory boards for Kate B. Reynolds Poor and Needy Trust, Crosby Scholars, Junior League of Winston-Salem, YWCA, and Arts Council Opera-



Janet P. Wheeler

tions Assistance Panel.

She is a member of Leadership Winston-Salem, 1988 Class, NAACP, and Winston-Salem Urban League.

Wheeler is married to Harden "Butch" Wheeler Jr.



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