

# Belton Joins Governors

By Willie Mae Porter  
Joseph C. Belton, principal of Marie G. Davis Elementary School, has been appointed to the Board of Governors of the North Carolina Advancement School. Miss Carolyn Anthony, secretary at the Education Center, has been named chairman of the Professional Standards Committee of the North Carolina Association of Educational Secretaries.

Mr. and Mrs. Roosevelt Simpson of 1628 Merriman Avenue enjoyed the recent visit of their son and his family. Mr. and Mrs. Theodore E. Huey. The Simpsons were also very pleased to have had Mrs. Doris Davis Haily and son Victor of Pittsburgh, Pa. Mr. Huey is associated with the City of Cleveland Engineering Department and Mrs. Haily is with Eastern Airlines.

The decedents of William and Sarah Holloway will gather Sunday, September 10, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Holloway, 2709 Englehart St. Dinner will be served on the back lawn at 2 o'clock.

Mrs. Florence Johnson of 2622 Baxter St. spent their vacation visiting with Mrs. Lucille Small in Brooklyn, N.Y. They report an enjoyable week in the big city. Mr. and Mrs. Willie McDow of Meeting St. in Lancaster, S.C. visited with Mr. and Mrs. McDow here last week. Miss Judy Williamson has returned to her home in Jacksonville, Fla. following a stay here during the summer months with her sister, Miss Bernice Williamson.

Her stay was enlivened with a gala birthday party which was attended by 24 couples.

Mr. and Mrs. Rennie Yonque were in town for a short visit last week. They will also spend part of their vacation in Atlanta, Ga. and Dayton, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Drayton Cornelius of Long Island, N.Y. are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Wallace on Pine St. for the next two weeks. Miss Josephine Jackson, also of Long Island, is in town visiting with Mrs. Azalee Rorie and family. Mrs. Deborah Brown is also spending some time with Mrs. Rorie.

However, the happiest moment of the month for Mrs. Rorie came with the visit of her son Robert Bruce Jr. who now makes his home in Omaha, Neb.

Mrs. L.A. Stowe had Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Pettiford of Greensboro as her guests here last week. Mrs. Cleo Yonque, popular Public Health Nurse, is a patient in Memorial Hospital and Mrs. Carrie J. Adams is in the Ear, Eye, and Throat hospital. Mrs. Lillian Alexander, Mrs. Lucille Tyson, and Mrs. Freeman McGriff are also on the sick list. A GET WELL CARD TO EACH OF THESE FINE CITIZENS WOULD BE APPRECIATED HERE.

Mrs. Janie Pride of Booker Ave. entertained with a gala dinner party here last week. The honor guest was Mrs. Nettie Sturdivant, who is visiting here.

Others in attendance were: Mrs. Mary Hinton, Mrs. Amanda Eason, Mrs. Elizabeth Dargans, Mrs. Mary Pressley, Mrs. Zesta Cherry, Mrs. Ollie Mitchell, Mrs. Minnie Hethington, Mrs. Gertrude Ratchford and Mrs. Beulah Jones. Mrs. Sturdivant resides in New York City.

C.A. Jacobs of N. Pine St. was stricken by a stroke here last week following his 80th birthday. Reports list his condition as improving in Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, D.C.

A trip to Durham and a visit with their daughter, Miss Nanice Crowder and their son, Donnell occupied most of the week for Mr. and Mrs.

James Crowder. The Crowder children are students at North Carolina Central University. Melvin Caldwell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Caldwell of Tracey Dr. is back in school at Shaw University in Raleigh and Miss Anita Caldwell is about to begin her senior year at Bennett College in Greensboro. She is the Caldwell's daughter. Another son Thomas graduated from Shaw University this spring.

**FAMILY REUNION**  
There was a huge get-together at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carwell Crawford of 433 Woodvale. The occasion was the Crawford family reunion.

Attending were: M.L. Davis of Marion, S.C., Mr. and Mrs. Blessie Crawford, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Davis, Hartsville, S.C., James and Kevin Crawford of Asheville; William Gamble, Marion, S.C., Mr. and Mrs. Willie Shirley, Mrs. Helen Mae Cleveland of Wilmington, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Grier of Myrtle Beach, and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Featherston, Kenneth Featherston, James H. Crawford, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Spears, L.C. Nelson, John Livingston and R.B. Livingston, all of Charlotte.

Local businessmen, Willie and Jack Barber were in Philadelphia, Pa. last week visiting with their brother Joshua and other relatives and friends. Mrs. Hattie Bell Foster of Providence, R.I. is visiting with her daughters, Mrs. Worth Williams Jr. Mrs. Jerome Platt, and Mrs. Willie Mae Anderson. She has many very



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close friends here.

**CHURCH NOTES** - The Fall Membership Meeting of the Young Woman's Christian Association will be held at the Park Road Center Oct. 24 at 6:30 p.m. The YWCA will also stage an Old Fashion Political Rally on Oct. 27. This affair will be held on the back lawn of the New Center.

The annual Stewart's Tea of the Simpson-Gillespie United Methodist Church will be given at the home of Mrs. Mattie Alexander on Edison St. Sept. 24. Tabernacle Baptist Church will host the Mount Peace Missionary Baptist Association here Sept. 25.

Rev. Quincy Caldwell of Winston-Salem and Rev. William Lee of the Silver Mount Baptist Church will be the principle speakers at the worship services at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, beginning Sept. 17.

The fall board meeting of the Church Women United will be held at the Educational Building at Sardis Presbyterian Church, 6100 Sardis Road, Thursday, September 7, at 10 a.m.

October 14 has been set as Fall Rally Day for the local Boy Scouts. A day of camp-type competition, scout skill and other events will keep the scouts on the move.

Rev. L.D. Parker was the speaker and Marion Nix was the master of ceremony at the annual observance of the Spiritual Choir of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church here Sunday. Mrs. Florence Johnson is president of the organization which had the choir and members of St. Luke Baptist Church as its special guests. Other officers are: Mr. Nix, vice president; Gloria Nix, Secretary; Mrs. Lillie Porter, assistant secretary; Mrs. Evelyn Funderburk, chair-

man of the sick committee; Mrs. Mattie Sanders, treasurer; and Mrs. Joe Evelyn Liggett, choir director. Mrs. Margie Patton is the pianist and Mrs. Bentia Frazier is the organist. Church Women United will observe World Community Day at the Owens Auditorium on Nov. 5, starting at 7:30 p.m.

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## Article Reports

### School Buses Unsafe

#### For 'Packaging' Kids

**NEW YORK** - Schoolbuses are they packaging our children safely?

No, says The Journal of Insurance.

In fact, the magazine reports, the way the typical schoolbus is built can make it a deathtrap or expose child passengers to needless injury. It's a problem, The Journal suggests, that communities should be looking into.

An article entitled "The Other Busing Issue: Safety" appears in the September-October issue of the magazine, a bi-monthly publication of the Insurance Information Institute.

The article states: "On the basis of miles driven, schoolbuses have a low accident rate. But the accidents that do happen reveal many unnecessary hazards arising from mechanical failures, flimsy construction and poor design."

The article cites studies of fatal schoolbus accidents, carried out by the National Transportation Safety Board, which brought to light what the board described as "inadequate structural assembly" or schoolbus bodies.

In one overturn accident which killed four students and injured more than thirty, the NTSB reported that "a predominant source of injury was the laceration of child passengers by exposed edges of the bus interior sheet metal... raised into shapes similar to the edge of a shovel or a cookie cutter."

In another accident, a schoolbus sideswiped a tree, which penetrated the passenger compartment, killing one student and seriously injuring another. Said the NTSB report: "the tree penetrated more deeply into the rear section of the bus than would have occurred if the fasteners had been suf-

ficiently complete... the tree, because of the weakness of the fastening, merely disassembled and crushed the rear-most section of the bus."

The NTSB blamed "the very wide spacing of the screws which were used to fasten the edges of the sheet metal."

Other serious problems related to flimsiness of construction are identified by the article. Among them: the tendency of seats to rip loose from schoolbus floors, and exposure of children of children to facial damage, caused by impact with unpadded metal bars on the seats ahead. The article refers to a survey of members by the American Society of Oral Surgeons showing that annually more than 1,300 children require oral surgery because of facial injuries sustained in impacts with school bus seats.

Still other schoolbus safety problems involve mechanical failure, particularly brake failure, and driver error.

Seat belts in schoolbuses are not generally recommended as a solution to safety problems, says the article, because the spacing and configuration of schoolbus seats are such that lap restraints would only intensify, rather than prevent, impact of children's heads and faces against seat backs.

Solutions are possible, according to the Journal, through complete redesigning of the bus with attention to such features as structural integrity and the use of firmly anchored, high-backed

padded seats.

Actually, standards for a safer bus exist under an interstate compact, the Vehicle Equipment Safety Commission, and at least one manufacturer has built a prototype meeting VESC standards.

However, comments the Journal, getting schoolbuses that meet adequate safety standards is up to local voters and school boards who set the specifications and control the purse strings for schoolbus purchases.

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