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LOVELY RHODA RENNICK
...To Pursue Field Of Law

Rhoda Rennick

Is Our Beauty

By POLLY NIVENS
Post Staff Writer

Beauty, supposedly, is only skin deep. But there are times when beauty is enhanced by a lovely personality. Such is the case with our Beauty for this week.

She is Miss Rhoda Rennick, charming daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Rennick, Sr. of 207 Wheeler St. in Wadesboro, N. C. Rhoda is not only lovely to

5 CMS Schools

Presented For

Accreditation

Five schools in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg school system were presented for accreditation at the annual meeting of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools held Monday through Wednesday in Dallas, Texas.

The schools were Derita, Long Creek, Park Road, Olde Providence, and Highland Elementaries.

Accreditation by the Southern Association represents a measure of excellence over and above the minimum standards required by the State," said Marie Haigwood, special assistant for elementary education for the Department of Public Instruction. "It means that the individual school staff is constantly trying to improve and extend their services to children."

TURTLE-TALK



Do not expect that EVERYONE WILL THINK YOU ARE PERFECT. Be SATISFIED if you are ABLE TO FOOL ONE OR TWO PEOPLE.

look at but she has that winning personality as well.

She is a Junior at Johnson C. Smith University, where she is a Political Science Major. "Sometimes I wonder if I chose this major to follow in my father's footsteps, replied Miss Rennick. He is a lawyer and would be very proud if I became one also. Who knows, maybe I would make a very good woman lawyer."

Also at Smith our Beauty is chairman of the Social Committee for the Union Program, President of Swing Phi Swing Social Fellowship, Inc. Golden Bull Chapter, and she was chosen by the junior class to represent them in Homecoming activities as she reigned as "Miss Junior 1974-75".

After graduating from Johnson C. Smith Rhoda has undecided plans to attend graduate school and to pursue the field of law.

Our beauty is a 1972 graduate of Bowman High School. While attending Bowman she was a cheerleader, a member of the dancing club, the Dramatics Club, where she won a trophy for "Best Actress". Also her brother John Jr. was awarded the trophy for "Best Actor". "We really felt proud, smiled Rhoda. That was really "a Family Affair!" During her senior year at Bowman, Rhoda was chosen as "Miss Bowman Senior High School 1972-73".

Rhoda's hobbies are horseback riding, dancing, being with people, and swimming. She is born under the sign of Taurus and admits she has all the traits of her sign. Taurus people are stubborn, she stated. Believe it or not we find it hard to trust anyone."

Our 20 year-old, 118 pound Beauty is presently engaged. "He is really a nice young man, beamed Miss Rennick. He is a senior this year and if all goes well we hope to be hearing wedding bells in July."

Rhoda is currently working at Belk's in Southpark. "I am a salesgirl and I really like the job. Finals are approaching and that means I have to divide my time between studying and working."

New General Assembly To Dine Here

The Charlotte-Mecklenburg school system will host a regional legislative dinner for members of the 1975 General Assembly here on December 19 at East Mecklenburg High School.

The dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. said Benny Cotton, director of the Southwest Regional Education Center. The Southwest education region includes the Anson County, Cabarrus County, Concord City, Kannapolis City, Cleveland County, Kings Mountain City, Shelby City, Gaston County, Lincoln County, Mecklenburg County, Stanly County, Albemarle City, Union County and Monroe City school units.

"We feel that this is an excellent opportunity for representatives of our school families in this region to sit down with their own decision makers and discuss the needs of our 1,200,000 public school children," State School Superintendent Craig Phillips said. "This is the last of eight regional meetings scheduled in all sections of the State during November and December," he added.

About 350 teachers, administrators, and support personnel will meet with Phillips and other State agency staff people prior to the dinner to discuss mutual concerns about education in North Carolina.

Bake Sale Saturday

At Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Women Missionary League, of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church will hold a bazaar, attic and bake sale on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The church is located at 3001 Beatties Ford Road and the proceeds will benefit the league's charities.

Holshouser Names Twitty To Recreational Council

by James Cuthbertson
Post Staff Writer

A Charlotte insurance executive has been appointed to the 13-member State Parks and Recreation Council by Governor Jim Holshouser.

Walter W. Twitty, district manager for North Carolina Mutual Insurance Co. and a member of the former Board of Conservation and Development will be sworn-in when the council holds its first meeting at 9 a.m. Friday morning in Raleigh's Royal Villa.

Born in Rutherfordton, N. C., Twitty of 1725 Madison Ave. attended Johnson C. Smith University. He is married to Samella Brown and has two children: Marilyn

25 and Walter Jr., 15. Twitty has been in the Life



GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY

From left to right: Ernest Wilson, Chairman Trustee Board, Richard Gillespie, Architect, A. D. Lindsey, General Contractor, Jack Price, Board Member, Rev. Thomas, Minister Big Pineville, L. C. Clark, Presiding Elder, Bishop William M. Smith, Presiding Bishop, M. L. Houston, Minister, Calvin Wallace, Building Fund Chairman.

China Grove A.M.E. Zion To Build New Church

Sunday, November 24, 1974 is a date long to be remembered by the members of China Grove A.M.E. Zion Church located in Pineville, N.C.

Many distinguished guests and friends were on hand to witness the historical Ground Breaking event which began promptly at 1:30 p.m. with the Minister of the Church, Rev. M. L. Houston presiding. A very appropriate hymn for the occasion, "The Church's One Foundation" preceded the

Scripture Lesson taken from the second Chapter of Revelations. The prayer which followed was offered by Rev. Milas Thomas, Minister at Big Pineville A.M.E. Zion Church. All three choirs of the Church joined in singing a special arrangement of "Amazing Grace" under the direction of

James Wilson, Presiding Elder L. C. Clark introduced the Speaker, Bishop William M. Smith of the Second Episcopal Area.

Bishop Smith's subject was, "Building for the Future on the Heritage of the Past - no man builds for himself." He cautioned that we should be careful what is carried out of the old building into the new. "We should leave behind such things as hatred,

jealousy, laziness or anything we have in our hearts against anyone and carry with us into the new structure, new thoughts, new attitudes, clean hearts, pure minds, new insight, vision and courage." The very inspirational message was followed by a song, "Everybody Ought to Pray Sometimes" lead by our Pianist and Organist, Mrs.

Yvonziner Cuthbertson. After the Benediction, the entire congregation gathered on the lawn of the church for the grand finale, "turning of the spade". Each individual present was given an opportunity to turn the spade. For a \$40 donation, golden shovels will be available in early 1975 for those persons who participated in this most important event.

The Architect for the new church building is Richard Gillespie, A.E.A., General Contractor, A. D. Lindsey, Church Extension Board, Lem Long, Jr., Building Fund Chairman, Calvin Wallace, Secretary, Mrs. Yvonziner Cuthbertson, Treasurer, Mrs. Lillian Smith. Construction of the new China Grove A.M.E. Zion Church building is scheduled to begin very soon.

Poor Suffers

Inflationary Prices Send Medicaid Health Care Costs Skyrocketing

Current Costs Show 48 Percent Increase

North Carolina's Medicaid program which provides health care for the poor has skyrocketed in costs since it began in 1970.

The cost of the program for fiscal year 1970-71, the first full year of operation was only \$93.9 million. This past 1973-74 fiscal year costs spiraled to \$139.4 million, a 48 percent increase in three years. The amount budgeted for fiscal year 1974-75 is a whopping \$182.5 million.

Much of the cost increase is due to increased services provided and an increase in the number of people receiving these services. However, inflationary price increases have also played a significant role.

An example of cost increase for health services over the three year period is in inpatient hospital services. Hospitals receive the largest share of Medicaid funds, this past fiscal year \$41.3 million was paid to hospitals. The average cost in 1970-71 for a days hospital service amounted to \$37.11. In 1973-74 a day in the hospital for North Carolina's poor cost the Medicaid program \$74.18. This is a 100 percent increase in three years. Current cost per day of hospital services is \$83.58. Other health services covered by Medicaid have increased in cost but not in proportion to hospital inpatient care.

After hospitals, nursing homes receive the largest amount of funds. In 1973-74 nursing homes were paid \$23 million, pharmacies \$19.7 million, and physicians \$16.9 million.

Medicaid is administered by county social services departments and funded from all three levels of government with the federal government paying the largest share. Of the total \$139.4 spent in 1973-74, the federal share was \$97 million, state \$36.4 million and counties \$6 million.

Medicaid provides North Carolina's poor with one of the most comprehensive health care programs in the country. All people receiving public assistance and Supplemental Security Income are eligible. Other elderly or disabled individuals and families with only one or no able-bodied parents who have income too high to qualify for public assistance or Supplemental Security Income, but not enough to pay expensive medical bills, are also eligible. These are called the "medically needy."



ALLEN PATTERSON
...W. Charlotte Student

Patterson Is Exchange Student Semi-Finalist

Allen L. Patterson, 16-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Patterson of 6414 Hidden Forrest Drive, has been named one of the semi-finalist in the Charlotte Exchange Student Program.

A delighted Patterson first learned of his selection when West Charlotte High School principal Sam. P. Haywood made the announcement over the intercom system last Wednesday.

Two other West Charlotte students were named along with other students from throughout the Charlotte-Mecklenburg School System.

If Patterson becomes a finalist he will be one of the students in the system to spend 10 to 12 weeks in a foreign country this summer. He says he hopes to go to France.

Allen is a member of the French Club, a member of the Executive Board of the Open School, and plays on West Charlotte High School's tennis team.

Real Earnings Offset

By Price Increases

Real earnings of workers on production or nonsupervisory jobs in the private nonfarm sector of the American economy decreased from September to October after allowance for the usual seasonal change, the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics reported.

Real earnings--or earnings in constant dollars--are calculated by adjusting earnings in current dollars for changes in the Consumer Price Index. The figures are preliminary ones.

Real earnings decreased 0.2 percent from September to October, after allowance for the usual seasonal change.

This decrease was the result of a 0.9 percent increase in the Consumer Price Index and a 0.3 percent drop in average weekly hours which more than

offset a 0.9 percent rise in average hourly earnings.

Over the year, real average weekly earnings were down 4.1 percent. A rise of 8.8 percent in average hourly earnings was more than offset by a 12.1 percent increase in consumer prices as well as a 1.1 percent decrease in average weekly hours.

Before adjustment for the increase in the Consumer Price Index and for seasonal change, average weekly earnings were \$158.84 in October, compared with \$147.63 a year earlier.

Real spendable earnings (real weekly pay after deduction of Social Security and Federal income taxes) for a worker who was earning the average weekly pay and was

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WALTER W. TWITTY
Insurance Executive

of Thomasville and Donald P. Kanak, Jr., of Elkin are the other members of the council.

The council was authorized by the passage of the Department of Natural and Economic Resources reorganization

act during the last session of the General Assembly.

Other members appointed were Lawrence M. Ausbon of Southern Pines who will serve as chairman and ex-officio members, James D. Little of Wilson who is chairman of the Zoological Park Council and William Singletary of Raleigh who is president of the North Carolina Recreation and Parks Society.

Claude A. Gibson of Mars Hill, Dr. Kent Robinson of Boone, John J. Hawkins of Warrington, Mrs. Peggy Bell of Pinehurst, John D. Mackie of Oxford, Mrs. Thomas L. Willis of Raleigh, the Reverend Charles S. Hubbard of Durham and D. Kermit Clöninger

Insurance business with North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Co. for 36 years. He is a

member and chairman of the finance committee of Simpson Gillespie United Methodist Church, on the board of directors of the Brooklyn Day Care Center, the board of directors of the Charlotte Life Underwriters Association, the General Agents and Managers Conference of N.A.L.U., the Managers Advisory Council of North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Co., and the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce.

Other affiliations include: second vice president of the Johnson C. Smith General Alumni Association, Swanks Social Club and the Vice President of the Bridgeteers Bridge Club. He is the runner-up manager of the year of North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Co. for 1972.