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CHARMING JERRI MILLER

.....An astonishing young lady

Vivacious Jerri Miller Is

"Our Beauty Of The Week"

By Polly Manning
Post Staff Writer

"La Petes"! No this story isn't going to be written in French, La Petes is the name of the dance group which our Beauty for this week, Miss Jerri Miller, belongs.

"The group consists of six young ladies," explained Jerri. "We held our annual Awards night last Saturday at the Downtowner Inn. I walked away with four of the awards which was a big surprise to me."

She continued; "I won the

"Grade Award." This award is given by the instructor to the person that has been graded the highest in the class throughout the year. I also won the "merit Award." This award is given to the person who shows the greatest interest in the dance group and has the best attendance. The "Congeniality Award" really surprised me. I still can't figure out how I won that one, she continued. My fourth award was one given to all the girls for their participation in the group."

Ricky Brown is the instructor of this modern dance group, and, according to his pupil, "he is a very good instructor."

Jerri is the daughter of Mrs. Mary Miller of 1301 Milan Rd. She attended Independence High School last year, but, because her family has moved since the end of the year she will be attending West Mecklenburg High School this coming fall.

"I have only a few regrets about leaving Independence, stated Miss Miller. "All of my friends are there and I'm sure they are going to miss me just as much as I am going to miss them."

While attending Independence, Jerri was chosen as a Sophomore Beauty. "The student body chose different girls to compete for the title, she explained. The pictures were sent to Big Ways Radio and they were the ones to choose the winner. I was really flattered to be chosen."

Jerri has no plans of participating in activities at West Mecklenburg as of yet, but admits things may look rosier once she is there.

In her spare time our beauty enjoys swimming, dancing, playing tennis, and shopping for the latest styles in clothes.

The Miller family attends St. Luke Baptist Church where Rev. Parker is the pastor. Jerri was once a member of the Young Adult Choir, but, has long since given it up.

For the future she has plans of attending college. She hasn't decided on a location yet, but she wants to pursue a career as a legal secretary while working as a part-time model.

Jerri feels that the best thing a person can have is a friend. When speaking of friends she says she has to mention Rosemary Jones. "She is about the best friend a person can have," stated Jerri. She has helped me through many situations and has also made me aware of things that I should or shouldn't do as well as the type of people I should associate with. Although she is older than I, I still think of her as my very best friend."

Born under the sign of Sagittarius, our beauty feels that true beauty can be found within a person and can be bought out through their personality.

In Philadelphia, Pa.

Black Leaders Set Meeting

★★★ NAA To Help Minority Businesses ★★★

Program Is Staffed With Local Leaders

Help is being offered to local minority businesses in the vital area of bookkeeping.

According to Mike Rodman, director of the Charlotte Blue Chapter of the National Association of Accountants, NAA advisors are prepared to offer free financial consulting services to local minority businesses.

"Success will be more certain," Rodman explained Monday, "if the small businessman or woman is aware of all the ingredients in starting and managing a business." He added, "many small businessmen cannot afford expert accounting services."

Rodman stated that the NAA offers free financial consulting services in budgeting, advertising, marketing, credit, account collection, record keeping and all areas of accounting.

The organization is staffed by financial leaders in the Charlotte community. The NAA's Socio-Economic Program was founded in 1969 to aid people who want to establish their own businesses on the "firm foundation of modern financial management."

"Our advisors are assisting small businesses with the potential but not insurmountable problem areas of budgeting, general and cost accounting, systems design, payrolls, auditing, office machines, office management, taxes, banking relations, accounting aspects of Government contracts, data processing and all the other techniques and services required to become a

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Seeks Re-Election

Gantt Will Receive First Test In Primary

By James Cuthbertson
Post Staff Writer

City Councilman Harvey Gantt is seeking re-election to the Charlotte City Council because he wants to make Charlotte more than an "adequate or good city" and because he wants "to rekindle the public's trust and confidence."

Gantt's first test will be the primary election to be held on September 23. He is an architect with Gantt, Huberman and Associates and was appointed to the City Council to fill the seat of Fred D. Alexander made vacant when Alexander was elected to the State Senate.

That was seven months ago and at that time he responded to questions from the press regarding his willingness to seek election in the fall by saying that if he made a significant contribution to the council and if he won the confidence and respect of Charlotteans he would do so.

Gantt admits that he feels he has accomplished both and considers the last six months in office as being "exciting, sometimes controversial, rewarding and at times, not so



Photo by James Peeler

RAT ERADICATOR Edmond J. Walker and Health Educator Aid Myrtle J. Wright, right, prepare Rat Cafeteria and bait for site on Beatties Ford Road. The man and woman

team has been working together for two years helping to rid Charlotte and Mecklenburg County of property destroying rodents.

Walker, Wright Team Battles

Disease-Carrying Pests

By JAMES PEELER
Post Feature Writer

The team of Edward J. Walker, Rat Eradicator, and Myrtle J. Wright, Health Educator Aid, of the Mecklenburg County Health Department staunchly maintain that there is "no good a rat does", and they are doing all they can to rid the county of the destructive and disease-carrying pests.

"Rats carry cancer-causing disease, and plague, destroy property, food stuffs, and homes," said Mrs. Wright who has been with the Rodent

Control Department for 6 years.

She added, "Cats don't kill enough rats and if you feed a cat 9 Lives he ain't gonna look for another rat - he'll use rats to play with to get exercise."

"We have been greatly effective in the city and county", continued Mrs. Wright, and "problems with rats exist in all sections of the city and county."

She and Mr. Walker agree that dogs, chickens, pigs and other animals and pets attract rats, as does uncut grass and weeds, and improper use of

garbage cans.

They advise the use of good garbage cans, with lids on all the time and lined with plastic garbage bags. Don't let food stuff or animal droppings lie around cans or be thrown in the yard or compost heaps.

For further information that can be reached at the Mecklenburg County Health Department by calling Rodent Control at 374-2664 between the hours of 8 and 5. They will come to your home and put out rat poison. FREE OF CHARGE.

Health Educator Aid Myrtle J. Wright, 34, is married to William E. Wright. They live at 608 East 6th Street and have 5 sons and 1 daughter: Frances Wright, 18, William Wright Jr., 17, James, 15, Charles, 13, Clarence, 12, and Ronald, 11.

She is a member of Mt. Pilgrim Holiness Baptist Church where she is President of HBYPU, and leader of The Clyburn Sisters Chorus. She has been very active with Charlotte's Model Cities and Charlotte Area Fund Programs. Mrs. Wright has been with the Rodent Control Program for 6 years and says she likes her job. "I was once on the Aid to Dependent Families and this job with Rodent Control got me off."

Rat Eradicator Edmond J. Walker, 59, lives at 2032 Wilmore Drive with his wife, the former Hannah Lee Brown. They have no children. He is a member of Big Pineville A.M.E. Zion Church where he serves on the Trustee Board. Mr. Walker is a member of Paul Draton Lodge, Post Number 7 and a member of the Singing Crusaders Quartet which is composed of Willie Sanders, Kenney Martin, Eddie Harris, William Carter Watson, and James Wilson.

The Rodent Control team of Walker and Wright have been working together for two years. They advise you to check around your property for trails, runs and burrows and, if you find signs of rats, call them at 374-2664.

Gov. Brown Will Be Key Speaker

Many of the nation's leading black political figures, will visit Philadelphia, August 6-9, to participate in the Fourth Annual National Convention of PUSH, People United to Save Humanity. Rev. Jesse Jackson, National Director of Operation PUSH, announced this week.

Colorado's Lt. Governor George Brown will be one of the featured speakers as will Borough President Percy Sutton of Manhattan.

Carla Hill, Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban Development also will be participating. This convention will mark Ms. Hill's first official visit to Philadelphia.

Other national leaders in attendance as part of the program will be Congressman Augustus Hawkins, D-Cal., and Pennsylvania Commonwealth Secretary, C. Delores Tucker.

Some 5000 of the nation's most prestigious leaders of PUSH representing presidents of educational institutions, clergymen, and community organizers will join PUSH MEMBERS DURING THE FOUR DAY CONFERENCE ACCORDING TO A. M. Lockhart, Communications Consultant to Rev. Jackson.

Heading the Philadelphia delegation and serving as convention hosts are Rev. Charles Walker, President of Philadelphia PUSH, Rev. James Hall, pastor of Triumph Baptist Church and Convention Chairman and Emma Chappell, Treasurer and Acting Executive Director of the local chapter.

The Convention will feature various plenary sessions, workshops, and seminars beginning with a meeting of businessmen, ministers and black college presidents.

The theme of the event is Organizing an end to the 70's Depression. The motto is "Save the Family."

Combined convention registration and PUSH memberships are open to the public and available by writing PUSH, P. O. Box 21776, Philadelphia, Pa. 19146.

Cong. Jim Martin

Will Discuss

Women's Issues

Congressman James G. Martin will discuss "Women's Issues and the Congress" at a public forum in Charlotte Monday, August 4, at 8 p.m. at the Trade Street YWCA.

The forum will be sponsored by the Mecklenburg County Commission on the Status of Women.

Congressman Martin, who was chairman of the Mecklenburg County Board of Commissioners before he was elected to Congress, will hold a question and answer period after his speech. The public is invited to attend and to participate in the discussion.

The Commission on the Status of Women was established in 1971 by the County Commissioners.

TURTLE-TALK



The only thing that you can get for a DOLLAR these days is CHANGE.