

Mrs. Vonetta Ridge Named 1975 Garden Club Queen

Mrs. Vonetta Ridge of Charlotte's Irvin Park Garden Club was crowned Queen for 1975 at the 40th Annual Federation of Garden Clubs of North Carolina Convention recently at Sheraton Center.

Mrs. Ridge, competing with representatives from approximately 100 garden clubs from throughout North Carolina, raised the most money - \$305 - and received the First Prize of a \$25 cash award, a gold pewter vase, certificate and the crown from outgoing state President Virginia H. Levister of Louisburg, N. C. at the organization's annual Banquet.

Other Charlotte Garden Clubs represented at the annual convention were: Fleur Joli, President, Annie Mae Dale; Four Leaf Clover Garden Club, President, Lizzie M. Nowell; Washington Heights Garden Club, President, Mrs. M. G. Gillespie; Druid Hills Garden Club, President, Mrs. Eva Wiley; Artistic Garden Club, President, Mrs. Danelle Hill. Mrs. Annie Dunn is President of the Irvin Park Garden Club whose member, Mrs. Vonetta Ridge, won this year's contest.

Second place went to the Old Fashion Garden Club of Louisburg and Third Place winner was the Greensboro Garden Club.

This year's convention was attended by approximately 200 garden club members and the money raised from the contest goes to help underwrite the organizations scholarship program and various special projects, according to newly crowned Queen Vonetta Ridge.

The members of Irvin Park Garden Club are: Mrs. Annie



MRS. VONETTA RIDGE
...Irvin Park's vice president

Dunn, President; Mrs. Vonetta Ridge, Vice President; Mrs. Annie Carson, Secretary; Mrs. Hattie McCray, Assistant Secretary; Mrs. Emma Westbrook, Treasurer; Mrs. Sadie Nash, Mrs. Margie Hooper, Mrs. Willie Mae Simpson, and Mrs. Lucina Cherry.

Queen Vonetta Ridge is 32 years old and is married to Samuel Edward Ridge. They live at 913 Log Cabin Road in Hidden Valley and have no children. Mr. and Mrs. Ridge are members of Huntersville Presbyterian Church pastored by Rev. E. R. Richardson.

Her main hobby is gardening and she likes to bowl when she can find the time.

Mrs. Ridge is a native of Huntersville, N. C. She is a 1961 graduate of Torrence Lytle High School and

received her clerical training at Central Piedmont Community College. She has been employed for the past year-and-a-half as an accounts receivable clerk at Memorial Hospital.

Irvin Park Garden Club President Annie Mae Dale hosted a lawn party on Monday, August 4, at her home at 3614 Manchester Drive with approximately 75 to 100 of the Federation of Garden Club delegates attending. She also entertained the Junior Garden Club members on Sunday night, August 3, in Room 613 of the Sheraton Center, with cookies, potatoe chips and punch.

The incoming president of the Federation of Garden Clubs of North Carolina is Ms. Romelia Mason of Winston-Salem, N. C.

Black Employment Rate Rose Sharply In July

Washington--The unemployment rate for blacks appeared to show signs of improvement in July, dropping seven-tenths of a percentage point to 13.0 percent. The jobless rate for blacks in June was 13.7 percent.

The unemployment rate of 13.0 percent in July for blacks showed greater improvement than the rate for whites, which remained at 7.9 percent.

Nationally, the U.S. Labor Department's Bureau of Labor Statistics reported that unemployment declined and total employment rose further in July.

Johnson C. Smith

Sets Evening
Class Schedule

Dr. Limone C. Collins, Vice President of Academic Affairs at Johnson C. Smith University, has released information concerning a new evening class schedule for the institution. This accommodation has been planned for regular students who have part-time jobs, for persons in the community who work and do not have day-time hours free and who wish to pursue a degree and for former students who wish to complete degree requirements.

Courses to be offered during the fall semester include English 190, the freshman English course; Business 121, Personal and Family Finance; Accounting 235, Principles of Accounting; History 135, United States to 1865; Education 222, Measurement and Evaluation; and Psychology 131, General Psychology I.

Registration for all classes will be held on August 28-29 for freshman and September 2-3 for upper classmen.

At 8.4 percent, the unemployment rate was down sharply from the second quarter level of 8.9 percent but was still much higher than a year earlier. (The July figure was not complicated by seasonal adjustment difficulties encountered during the 2 previous months.)

Total employment--as measured by the monthly survey of households--rose by 630,000 in July to 85.1 million. After declining by nearly 2.6 million during the 6-month period ended in March, 1.2 million persons have obtained jobs in the subsequent months.

Total nonagricultural payroll employment--as mea-

State Grant To
Aid City Water
Supply System

A grant totaling \$1,073,299 has been awarded to Charlotte to aid in financing improvements to its water supply system, according to Human Resources Secretary David Flaherty.

Similar grants have been made on five other occasions to cities and towns throughout North Carolina. In all, \$53 million has been awarded totaling 294 grants since the program began in 1972.

Applications for the grants were approved in accordance with the Clean Water Bond Act of 1971. Voters approved the issuance of \$150 million in clean water bonds in a 1972 referendum.

State grants provide only a portion of the total project cost. Most of the financing comes from local sources with some projects receiving federal assistance, though the amount of federal grant money has decreased during recent months.

measured by the monthly survey of establishments, rose in July by 90,000 from the June low of 76.3 million (as revised). However, increased strike activity kept an estimated 95,000 more workers off payrolls than in the previous month. Although employment trends are generally quite comparable in the household and establishment surveys, this has not always been true

over short periods of time, as in the last few months.

Unemployment totaled 7.8 million in July, seasonally adjusted, a decline of nearly 400,000 from the second quarter average. Nearly all worker groups have shared in this decline. Rate dropped most sharply among teenagers and adult women, from 20.5 to 19.1 percent and 8.5 to 7.9 percent, respectively.

THIS IS YOUR PAPER USE IT

SUMMER SPECIAL!!

SNO-WHITE
CLEANERS & LAUNDERERS

1/2 OFF
ON CLEANING ORDER

SHIRTS 29c ea. WITH CLEANING
CLEANING IN BY 2 BACK IN 1 HOUR
SHIRTS IN BY 12 NOON BACK BY 5 P.M.
(Freedom Mall & Coliseum Stores must have all cleaning & shirts by 9:30 A.M.)

CASH & CARRY Min. order must be \$2.00 after discount applied.

COUPON MUST ACCOMPANY ORDER
OFFER EXPIRES 8-16-75

BACK TO SCHOOL SALE

Everything In The Store
Buy 1 Get Second 1/2 Price

COATS, SWEATERS, LEISURE SUITS,
JEANS, DRESSES, PANTS SUITS

Jennifer's Children Shop

Located In The Freedom Drive Mall
392-2292

10 REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD BUY THE CHARLOTTE POST EACH WEEK

- ★ **BILL JOHNSON**
Sports Beat
- ★ **BOBBY JOHNSON**
What's Happening
- ★ **JAMES PEELER'S**
Features
- ★ **REV. WAYLON WALLACE**
Church News
- ★ **VERNON JORDAN'S**
"To Be Equal"
- ★ **POLLY MANNING'S**
Beauties
- ★ **JIM BLACK'S**
Features
- ★ **EDITORIALS & COMMENTS**
- ★ **JAMES CUTHBERTSON'S**
Features

★ It's a Powerful Lot
Of Reading For Only
\$6.00 a Year

IT'S TO YOUR ADVANTAGE TO BUY A HOME NOW

In A Beautiful Established
ED GRIFFIN
Well Planned, Quality Built Community

- ★ We have a very liberal and attractive trade-in program—your present home for a brand new beautiful, well built home.
- ★ Lowest FHA, VA and Conventional loans
- ★ Many homes are in county—no city taxes
- ★ 3, 4 and 5 bedrooms, 1 1/2, 2 and 3 baths
- ★ Landscaped lots, concrete drives, paved streets.

OPEN EVERYDAY 2-6

HOPE VALLEY Right off 4300 block The Plaza on Burlington From \$24,950	MARSHVILLE, N.C. From \$22,950	ROCK HILL, S.C. Southland Park See sign Hwy. 901 just below intersection with Chester Hwy. 321 From \$23,500
PARKVIEW EAST Left off 2700 block Old Monroe Rd. near Mecklenburg Hi on McLaughlin From \$33,950	MORGAN ESTATES From \$36,550 Located on Old 74, also Hwy. 84, Call Monroe Office - 289-4104	SPENCER ESTATES Off Lancaster Rd. Ed Griffin Co. 328-6786 Rock Hill. From \$36,100.
BEACON HILLS Out Midway Rd. to Stewart Mill Rd. From \$36,500	CONOVER, N.C. Lyle Haven Sales Agent in Conover, HI & Johnson Realty Co. 328-5261 From \$21,500	STATESVILLE, N.C. Old Farm From \$32,000 Call Salisbury Office 636-4121
CABARRUS WOODS Off Pleasant Rd. Ext. cross Cabarrus Co. line. See homes on the right at Cabarrus Woods sign. From \$24,950	MOORESVILLE, N.C. White Oaks Acres Main St. to Center St. then to Magnolia St. White Oaks Sales Office, 663-2524. From \$32,650	SALISBURY, N.C. Rolling Hills West to Wendell addition, turn right on Ashbrook. From \$34,250
HEMBY ACRES Out Midway Rd. to Stewart Mill Rd. From \$24,950	MONROE, N.C. Bramblewood Off Lancaster Ave. to Griffith Rd. Monroe Office, 622 B. Roosevelt Blvd. 289-4104. From \$41,950	LUDWICK ACRES Off 601 near Statesville Blvd. Salisbury, 636-4121. From \$28,750
YORKWOOD Intersection of York and Arrowood Rd. From \$27,950	WE'LL BUILD FOR YOU If you cannot find the home that you want in our present inventory, we will build you a home. Your choice of our plans, your choice of our lots. We'll Trade Homes	
PINE FOREST Less than 1 mile past traffic light in Matthews. From \$24,950	Ed Griffin Co. 537-4254 6157 E. Indep. Call Anytime	

STERCHI'S
Your **LA-Z-BOY**
Comfort Headquarters!

La-Z-Boy Reclina-Rockers combine the feel of luxury with rugged construction. Choose the style and upholstery that fits your decor!

PRICES START AS LOW AS \$159

BUY ON STERCHI'S PERSONALIZED CREDIT PLAN!

Sterchi's
FURNISHING SOUTHERN HOMES SINCE 1888

425 S. TRYON 333-3751
1213B ROOSEVELT BLVD. MONROE 283-1551
5943 SOUTH BLVD. 525-3391