

# Black Women Attorneys To Hear Congresswoman Yvonne Braithwaite



Arthur "Gene" Grier  
...Grier's general manager

## "Gene" Grier

### Elected Second

### Vice President

by James Peeler  
Post Feature Writer

Arthur Eugene "Gene" Grier, President and General Manager of Grier's Funeral Service at 2310 Statesville Ave. has been elected second vice president of the Funeral Directors and Morticians Association of North Carolina, Inc. at the all-black organization's 48th Annual Convention in Winston-Salem, N.C.

Mr. Grier served four years as the organization's Membership Chairman before assuming his present post.

The Funeral Directors and Morticians Association, of N.C. Inc. will hold its next annual meeting in June at the Wilmington Hilton Plaza Hotel on 15, 16, and 17 June.

"Gene" is also president of the Western District Funeral Directors Association, for the past year, with jurisdiction over the territory from Mecklenburg County to Asheville, N.C.

Mr. Grier is a 1961 graduate of Second Ward High School. He attended Florida A&M University from 1961 through 1963. After a 3-year stay in the Army he attended the Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science from 1968 to 1969 before assuming the presidency of Grier's Funeral Service in 1969.

He is a member of Grier Heights Presbyterian Church, a 3rd Degree mason in Grier Heights Lodge No. 752, and a member of Epsilon Nu Delta Mortuary Fraternity.

## West Mecklenburg

### High To Hold

### Barbeque

The West Mecklenburg High School PTA will sponsor a fund-raising barbeque at the school on Thursday, March 18, from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

The cost is \$2.50 per plate or three sandwiches. Delivery will be made if the order is six tickets or more.

All proceeds will go to the academic and athletic programs at West Mecklenburg which is located at 7400 Tuckaseegee Rd.

Special entertainment will be provided by the school's music department.

Washington, D.C.—Congresswoman Yvonne Braithwaite Burke (D-Calif.), Chairperson of Congressional Black Caucus, will be the featured speaker when the National Association of Black Women Attorneys hold its 3rd Annual Convention at Washington Statler Hilton Hotel, March 24-27, in the Nation's Capital.

According to Attorney Wilhelmina Jackson Rolark, NABWA Founder-President, Mrs. Burke, who is a member of the Association will address the groups annual banquet, being staged in the Statler Hilton's Presidential Ballroom on Saturday evening, March 27.

Ms. Olie Cooper, who has been a lawyer for fifty years and was associated with the Office of the Dean, Howard University Law School for forty-three years, will receive the Association's Bicentennial Achievement Award at the Banquet.

Launched three years ago, NABWA, according to Mrs. Rolark, was inspired by the challenge to encourage the approximately 700 black women attorneys of this country and to serve as a forum addressing their needs and goals. The 1976 convention theme is "The Black Woman Attorney at The Bicentennial - New Strategies for Action."

A prime feature of the year's convention will be a joint session with national elected black female officials on the Equal Rights Amendment and the Abused Female. Appearing as speakers at this session will be Audrey Colon, Chairperson, National Women's Political Caucus, Attorney Marialice Carter, Legal Service Corporation, Dr. Alicia Hughes Hess, FCC, Dr. Francis Welington, a psychiatrist, Hon. Hannah Atkins, Oklahoma State legislature.

The Convention will have a variety of workshop sessions, including: Role of the Black Woman Attorney in Delivery of Juvenile-Criminal Services; The Private Practice of Law; Corporate Practice; Prepaid Legal Services; and Continuing Problems: Admission to the Bar.

Participating in the various workshops are Ruth Robinson, Department of Labor; Veda Clark, Private Practitioner, Washington, D.C.; Iraline G. Barnes, Assistant U.S. Attorney, Jean Capers, Private Practitioner, Cleveland, Ohio; Mrs. Rolark, Private Practitioner, Washington, D.C.; Hon. Gwen Cherry, Florida State legislature.

Dovey Roundtree, Private Practitioner, Washington, D.C.; Samuel Cornelius, Deputy Director of the Office of Minority Business Enterprise; Lucy Edwards, Assistant General Counsel, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights; Richard Scupi and W. Alter Lewis, of Lavereres Legal Services Plan; Dean Charles Duncan, Howard University School of Law.

Dr. Barbara L. Smith, National Director, Sister United; A special panel on a Title VII Case by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission will be presented. Participants will be Izzie Jenkins, Deputy General Counsel E-



Attorney Wilhelmina Rolark  
...NABWA founder-president



Congresswoman Burke  
...NABWA guest speaker

qual Employment Opportunity Commission; Virginia Draper, Assistant U.S. Attorney Maryland, Ethel Olivieriere, private practitioner, Danville, Virginia.

Other highlights of the convention are job interviewing for NABWA members and a VIP reception for the elected black female officials.

Constance Newman, Assistant of Housing and Urban Consumer Affairs, the Department of Housing and Urban Development, will bring greetings to the Conference as will Dorothy Height, President of the National Council of Negro Women.

D.C. Mayor Walter W. Washington is designated to receive, the NABWA's newly inaugurated Equal Rights Award at the Association's Annual Breakfast on Thursday morning, March 25.

# Upward Bound Career Workshop Held

A career workshop and Seminar for Upward Bound students was held last week on Johnson C. Smith University's campus.

The purpose of the workshop seminar was to acquaint program participants with avenues of post secondary vocations.

Participating in the seminar were public services agencies, military services, private enterprises, self-employed professionals, health related agencies, construction industry representatives, communications industry personnel, and persons employed in education related fields.

Representing their respective vocational fields were: Wesley Everett (Law Enforcement); Willie Stratford (U.S. Post Service); Robert Meacham and s. Julia Doby (Charlotte Park and Recreation Commission); GYSCY George Moore (U.S. Marine Corps);

SSGT Dan Rollins (U.S. Air Force); SGT Kenneth E. Jackson (U.S. Army); CPO Alfred Melton, Jr. (U.S. Navy); Reuben Flax (Discount Auto Parts); Harris Jones Jr. (Marketing Research); Harvey Gantt (Architecture); Ms. Carlene Smith (Health Related Fields); H.D. Weatherford (Apprenticeship programs in construction industry); Manny Clark (Radio broadcasting); Leonard C. Nixon (College admissions counseling); Dr. Joseph A. Gaston (Education Administration); Mrs. Martha McKinney (Continued Education); Nigel M. Aytton (College placement); James Scott (College Admissions); Robert Floyd (Banking); Mrs. Rosa Jones, (Juvenile Counseling); and Moses W. Jones (College admissions).

Other persons in attendance were former Upward Bound

ers Marvin Baxter and Reginald McClinton. Johnson C. Smith University Special Services students present at the event were Sim Fogle and Jacquelyn Randolph.

Upward Bound students in attendance expressed their approval of the guest consultant's presentations and indicated through evaluation sheets distributed at the beginning of the workshop, seminar that they gained a significant store of knowledge concerning the vocational areas represented.

The broad community support represented by the agencies participating in the program and the enthusiasm with which they were received by Upward Bound students have inspired planning for another career workshop, seminar to be held during the summer phase of the Upward Bound program.

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19. 1945, New York state adopted a FEPC law.
20. 1852, Harriet Beecher Stowe's book "Uncle Tom's Cabin" was published.
21. 1945, the state of Georgia repealed its poll tax law.
22. 1501, Blacks were brought to America as seamen, soldiers and explorers.
23. 1851, at 16 Hosea Richardson became the 1st Black Jockey to ride on Florida track.
24. 1868, Dr. W.E. DuBois, born in Great Barrington, Mass., one of the founders of the NAACP, 1st Black elected to National Institute of Arts and Letters.