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HONOREE IRMA WHITE GRIER receives Key To The City from Charlotte Mayor John M. Belk during Testimonial Service last Sunday. Her son, Eugene Grier, seated, second from right, and County Commission Chariman Elizabeth G. Hair, right, observe the proceedings.

Sunday Testimonial Service Honors Mrs. Irma W. Grier

By James Peeler
Post Staff Writer

The members of Grier Heights United Presbyterian Church, pastored by Rev. Raymond Worsley, and a number of local dignitaries headed by Charlotte Mayor John M. Belk and County Commission Chairman Liz Hair held a Testimonial Service honoring Mrs. Irma White Grier, widow of the late Arthur Grier, last Sunday following the regular Sunday Morning Worship Service in the church's sanctuary on Skyland Ave. in the griertown residential section.

Mayor Belk presented honoree Irma W. Grier with the ceremonial Key To The City before bringing greetings. Also extending greetings to Mrs. Grier were: Elizabeth G. Hair, Chairman of Mecklenburg County's Board of Com-

missioners; The Honorable C. E. Johnson, Chief District Judge, Mecklenburg County; Dr. H. W. Givens, former pastor of Ben Salem United Presbyterian Church and present pastor of Memorial United Presbyterian Church; Dr. Elo Henderson, Executive, Catawaba Inter-Presbytery Agency who was represented by Rev. Robert Craighead of the Agency Staff; Dr. Thomas A. Jenkins, Stated Clerk, Synod of the Piedmont, United Presbyterian Church; Rev. Daniel O. Hennigan, Stated Clerk of Catawba Presbytery; Kathleen Crosby, principal of Billingsville School and newly appointed Area Assistant Superintendent; Betty Miller Anderson, former Sunday School Student of Mrs. Grier; and Hazaline Grier, Clerk of Session, Ben Salem United Presbyterian Church.

The guest speaker for the historic occasion was Donald Harold Jordan of Funeral Services Hall-Jordan Funeral Home Chain, Greater Cincinnati, Ohio.

Mrs. Grier received presentations from the Session of the Church, Sunday Church School, United Presbyterian Women and United Presbyterian Men.

Also participating in the Testimonial Service were: Mrs. Bettye C. Walker, Organist and Minister of Music; Mrs. C. H. Kennedy, Elder and Acting Clerk of Session; Dr. C. A. Hood, Director of Student Life Programs at Johnson C. Smith University; Rev. Lawrence Mays, minister, Ben Salem Presbyterian Church, Dr. Preston Pendergrass, pastor of Antioch Baptist Church, Charles Redfern, Minister of Gospel Music; and Eugene Grier, President of Grier Funeral Service.

Mrs. Grier is a charter member of Grier Heights Presbyterian Church. She and her late husband, Arthur, donated the site on which the church now stands. Mrs. Grier has served in Grier Heights Church as the First Superintendent of the Sunday School, first woman elder ordained in the church, the clerk of Session, Secretary of the church, and secretary of the Women's Organization. Mrs. Grier was president of the Billingsville School P.T.A. for 8 years, state P.T.A. delegate to the National P.T.A. Conference in Little Rock, Arkansas, president of the Ladies Auxiliary of the North Carolina Funeral Director's Assn., member of the Women's Auxiliary of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, member Phyllis Wheatley Branch, Y.W.C.A., member of the Leisure Time Social Club of the Grier Heights Community, member of the Hobby Lobby Art Club, Secretary of the Women's Organization of Ben Salem and Grier Heights churches, Officer of Catawba Presbyterial, and she has worked with the Girl Scouts of Charlotte and received the organizations Four Leaf Clover award.

Benjamin Bagby

To Compete In Talent Hunt

Benjamin Bagby, the winner of the local talent hunt program, sponsored by the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, will represent Psi Phi Chapter in the district talent hunt contest, to be held in the Downtown Motor Inn, 201 South McDowell Street, Saturday April 24 at 7 p.m.

All contestants will be local winners from various Chapters throughout North and South Carolina.

The general public is invited to attend this program, admission is free.

TURTLE-TALK

A GOSSIPER: One who can give you all the details without knowing any of the facts

Bond Criticizes Caucus CBD Goal: 'Marshall Plan' For Nation's Poor People

Food Stamp Benefits Retroactive

RALEIGH -- Some North Carolinians may be eligible for retroactive food stamp benefits due to recent change in food stamp policy by the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Dr. Renee Hill, director of the Division of Social Services of the N. C. Department of Human Resources, states that those affected are low-income citizens who are receiving help in paying their rent from the Housing and Urban Development Act (HUD).

Effective October 9, 1975, the new policy states that housing payments by HUD are not to be considered in determining eligibility for food stamps or the amount an eligible household is to pay for its monthly allotment.

Household whose applications have been denied or whose cases were closed after October 8, and those that have paid a higher price in October and succeeding months because of the inclusion of HUD payments are potentially eligible for retroactive benefits.

Those households receiving HUD payments that are currently certified for food stamps will be notified as their cases are reworked. Households that are not currently receiving food stamps may reapply at their county social services department to determine whether they are eligible for retroactive benefits.

Registration Set For YMCA

Swim Classes

Registration for Summer Swim Classes will begin Monday, May 3, at 10 a.m. Registration will be on a first come, first served basis. The minimum age for registration is 3 years old.

For any additional information, please contact the McCrorey Branch YMCA, 394-2356.



PECOLA STURDIVANT
...Quail Hollow Jr. High Student

Pecola Sturdivant Is Beauty Of Week

By Polly Manning
Post Staff Writer

The sign of the Bull is the astrological sign dominating the moods and actions of our Beauty for this week. She is Miss Pecola Sturdivant.

Born April 28th, Pecola describes Taureans as being achievers with the ability to keep their minds on the matter at hand.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Sturdivant of 2731 Zebulon Ave. Pecola attends Quail Hollow Junior High School.

At Quail Hollow her favorite subject is English. She states that the reason she enjoys it most is because it's the subject area in which she makes

her best grades.

Ms. Anderson and Mr. Scattergood have captured her heart as her favorite teachers. "I like Ms. Anderson because she is so much fun to be around," explained Pecola.

"Mr. Scattergood is young and he seems to understand young people and their problems."

Pecola's hobbies are skating and going shopping. She enjoys skating at any of the Skate Palace locations here in Charlotte and like any other woman, shopping for clothes is always a pleasure.

Miss Sturdivant's future ambitions are to attend Johnson C. Smith University and major in Business Administration. She plans to work as a Secretary upon receiving her degree. When asked why she chose Smith Pecola stated that her Aunt attended Smith and this inspired her decision.

The Sturdivant family attend St. Paul Baptist Church where Rev. Paul W. Drummond is the minister. Pecola is a member of the Visitor Committee. Her duties include recognizing visitors to the Sunday Morning Worship Service.

Jim Kelly is our beautys' favorite actor. "I love the way he acts in his movies and of course I like the way he looks.

The person she most admires is Mrs. Geneva Hudson, her aunt. "I admire her because of all the many activities she is involved in. She is employed with Memorial Hospital in the Laboratory. Besides her job she still finds the time to be a Girl Scout Leader and enjoy all outdoor activities.

Pecola states that being chosen as Beauty of the Week is a big honor for her.

Local Black Leaders To Appear On Program

By Hoyle H. Martin Sr.
Post Staff Writer

Yvonne Burke, Congresswoman from California and chairperson of the Caucus of Black Democrats has called for a "Marshall Plan for poor people." Speaking on the CBS television program "Face the Nation" Mrs. Burke said the major outcome of the CBD issues conference to be held in Charlotte this weekend should be a domestic "Marshall Plan" similar to our national effort to re-build Europe following World War II.

Implied in Congresswoman Burke's remarks is that the end result of the 12 specific issues to be discussed at the Charlotte conference ranging from crime to full employment to foreign policy to urban redevelopment should be to have the Democratic presidential candidate and the National Democratic Convention adopt these issues as a domestic "Marshall Plan" plank in the party's national platform.

Speaking on the same concerns, Basil Patterson, vice-chairman of the CBD and vice-chairman of the National Democratic Party, said in Charlotte Friday that the conference, which will involve about 2,000 black political, civic and business leaders, will attempt to get the Democratic-presidential aspirants "on the record" with regard to the issues of particular importance to blacks. Patterson added however, that "these are not just black issues...these issues affect everyone in this country."

In responding to questions, Patterson, a 49-year-old congressman from New York City said that to-date the candidates had not been speaking to or about the critical issues that should be brought to the American people. Since no one else has done this "we're doing it" Patterson said.

"What we are doing," Patterson said further, "is giving the candidates a chance to sell themselves to black voters. If they don't know how to do that then they shouldn't be running (for the high office of the President)."

In a related development, Georgia State Senator Julius Bond offered some critical remarks about the planned CBD issues conference. Appearing as the keynote speaker for the "kick-off of 'Black Arts Week'" at Johnson C. Smith University, Bond said Monday night before his address that the planned conference is an example of "slamming the barn door after the horse has been stolen."

He said further, "things of this nature should be done at least two years prior to the campaigns and not at the last minute." Earlier reports received by The Post has indicated that Senator Bond would be an active participant in the conference.

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Local Officials Support Blood Pressure Tests

The top two public safety officials in Charlotte have given their support to the upcoming "Check It and Live" blood pressure screening co-sponsored by the Heart Association of Charlotte-Mecklenburg and WSOC-TV-Radio.

Chief of Police J. C. Goodman and Fire Chief John E. Lee announced their support of the screening project today, and are encouraging policemen and firemen to take advantage of this free opportunity to detect "Silent Killer" hypertension. A Heart Association estimate projects that nearly 45,000 persons in Mecklenburg County have high blood pressure -- 22,500 of them unaware they are living with a potential killer.

"Check It and Live" is a 12-hour open-to-the-public screening set for the WSOC Studios at 1901 N. Tryon Street from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m., on Wednesday, May 5.

The screening will be staffed by nurse and physician volunteers who will record the blood pressure on a card for the individual's private physician.

WGIV Promotes Sherman, 2 Others

Three promotions were announced this week for staff members of WGIV radio station.

Rev. Joe Sherman Jr. was promoted from sales and public relations to the position of account executive, according to a release issued by the station. Replacing Sherman is photographer Jim Black. The station also hired Tommy Hendricks as an account executive.

"I'm elated with it (the promotion)," said Sherman. "It makes me happy to be associated with the station and the community in sales."

The young minister said his new job makes him less responsible in the area of public relations and more responsible in the area of advertising sales. He said the new job will make it more possible for him to spend time with his ministry.



Rev. Joe Sherman Jr.
...Account executive

Sherman reflected that he has served WGIV in its news department, public affairs, editorial writing and now as account executive. He said he is "looking forward to going higher."



Jim Black
...Public relations

to be to improve public affairs here," said Jim Black. Black plans to use his photographic skills to improve the image of the radio station, he said. Black indicated that some of his public appearances on behalf of the station



Tommy Hendricks
...Account executive

may include a slide presentation. Black said he also plans to work with community groups, clubs and organizations to help them use the media for various projects. He said this kind of service is needed.