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MRS. WILLETTE ROBINSON
.....1969 Olympic graduate

Mrs. Willette Robinson

Is "Beauty Of The Week"

By Polly Manning
Post Staff Writer

Mrs. Willette Robinson has been chosen as this week's Charlotte Post Beauty. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Taylor of 3401 Manchester Drive.

Willlette is married to Donald Robinson and they live at 1941-C L'Atriums Drive with their two daughters, Donteia 4, and Shalette 14 months.

The 1969 graduate of Olympic High School recently celebrated a birthday. While she was attending Olympic she was a member of the newspaper staff, an honor roll student, and a member of the band where she played the violin and percussion. She was also in the orchestra.

After graduating from high school our Beauty took off to the capitol city of Raleigh where she attended Shaw University. During her four years at Shaw she was a member of the creative dance group, the United Heritage Gospel Choir, Human Development Social Club, whose purpose was to do various things in the community and to help deprived children in the community. She also did an internship at Mars Hill College where plans were proposed for the community. Willlette was also a member of the yearbook staff, the Shaw Bears, a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority where she served as Basileus of their campus chapter. Ms. Joyce Cook was the advisor. Drama played an important role in her college stay. She starred in two productions, "Man of La Mancha" and "Calamity Jane". Her dance group was also featured on "The Hour of Opportunity."

Mrs. Robinson's favorite subject while in school was Calculus. "I really love working with numbers and I also liked the teacher that I had."

Her favorite teacher was Dr. Kenneth Bazzell mainly because the class wasn't a push-over. In order to pass you really had to get down to business.

Willlette's hobbies are creative dancing, listening to all types of music, sewing, and cooking spaghetti. She admits that there's no special talent required to be able to cook this dish, but it's fun. Natalie Cole has become her favorite singer.

She is born under the sign of Taurus and describes them as being easy to get along with, intelligent, and stubborn.

Our Beauty is employed as a Research Analyst for J. P. Stevens. Her duties are to handle all research for the collection department. She enjoys the job because of the freedom that it entails. She is also very proud of the fact that she was the first black to be

hired in the department at Stevens.

The Robinson family attends St. Paul Baptist Church where Rev. Paul W. Drummond is the pastor. Willlette sings in the choir.

Sidney Portier is Mrs. Robinson's favorite actor. She likes his movies and the way he acts. She also likes Richard Pryor.

Her mother is the person she most admires. "I admire her for just being her," smiled Willlette. "When I was looking for a Mother's Day card for her it was really hard because I just couldn't find one that said what I really wanted to say."

Her favorite television show is "Six Million Dollar Man." She states that she is just fascinated with the way he knocks down doors.

Willlette's favorite food is all types of sweets. Her favorite scent is Este Lauder.

She was so excited about being chosen as Beauty. She stated that it is the best thing that has happened to her in a long time.

Summer Program To

Employ The Disadvantaged

The 1976 summer program for employment of disadvantaged youth has been announced by the North Carolina Office of Employment and Training. The funds for the program which were allocated under Title III of the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA), were recently made available through an urgent supplemental appropriations bill passed by Congress. This Act which will fund a nationwide swine flu immunization program, also provided money for summer youth programs and monies for an extension of some Title II CETA programs.

Planning has already begun for the summer youth program with an emphasis on innovative projects. Over \$9 million has been allocated to North Carolina for the 86 counties administered by the Office of Employment and Training. The sixteen Lead Regional Organizations which represent these 86 counties will be responsible for planning and implementing the programs as well as recruiting eligible applicants.

These Lead Regional Organizations will be receiving a package of materials from the

Office of Employment and Training this month which will include planning guidelines, funding criteria, applications for enrollment, and eligibility requirements for applicants.

To Prepare For Ministry

Berean School Principal Resigns

By Hoyle H. Martin Sr.
Post Staff Writer
Vanard Mendinghall, Jr., principal of the Berean Seventh Day Adventist Parochial School has resigned to return to school to prepare for entering the ministry.

Mendinghall, 33, is also first elder of the Berean SDA Church where he has been a member for 15 years. Along with Elder Thomas Morrison, Mendinghall was instrumental in providing needed leadership and bearing the major responsibility for the church during a critical six month period when there was no assigned fulltime pastor in the latter part of 1974.

As principal of the Berean School for the past two years, Mr. Mendinghall was respon-

Post Office

To Close

Monday

Memorial Day week-end will affect postal service here in Charlotte, according to a statement from postal officials.

Normal Saturday services will be provided on May 29. Postal collection will be made in main traffic arteries and in the business areas.

Holiday schedules for receipt and dispatch of mail will be observed Sunday, May 30. Collection will be made in main traffic arteries and usual Sunday box service will be provided. Special delivery service will be provided.

Monday, May 31, will be observed as a National Legal Holiday.

A Box service window will be open at the West Trade Street Station from 7 to 9 a.m., and at all classified stations from 8 to 10 a.m.

Self-service units will be in operation at Amity Gardens' Shopping Center, American Bank and Trust at 5930 Fairview Road, Tryon Mall Shopping Center, Independence Shopping Center and in the West Trade Street Station lobby. Stamp vending machines will be available at all postal stations.

No regular delivery service will be available Monday. Special delivery mail and parcels containing perishable matter will be delivered.

Collections will be made from designated residential and business collection points. Additional collection service in business districts will be made as needed. The statement providing this information was signed by Postmaster O. B. Sloan.

Public Hearing Set

For Proposed

1976-77 City Budget

The Charlotte City Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, June 7 at 3 p.m. in the Council Chamber at City Hall to hear citizen's comments and suggestions on the proposed 1976-77 City Budget.

Persons wishing to speak at the hearing should notify the City Clerk, City Hall, 600 East Trade Street, telephone 374-2247, by noon June 7.

able for a number of new and relevant changes in the school curriculum, improved management procedures, financial accountability and new policies approved by the school's board of directors.

Working closely with the church pastor, Dr. Robert C. Connor, over the past year and a half, Mr. Mendinghall leaves with the knowledge that a new school facility will be built within the next 16 months. Land has been purchased and architects are now finalizing the building plans. This represents a dream involving 12 years of planning that Mendinghall has played a vital role in. In addition, he has been the major assistant to the pastor in implementing a number of changes and improvements in the church and its programs.



STATE SENATOR FREDERICK DOUGLAS ALEXANDER, left, received an Honorary Doctor of Law Degree during the 109th Annual Commencement Exercises of Johnson C. Smith University Sunday. The degree was conferred by Dr. Matthew J. Whitehead, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, right and Smith President Dr. Wilbert H. Greenfield, center. Also receiving Honorary Degrees were: Dr. Mabel Parker McLean, first wo-

man President of Barber-Scotia College, who received an Honorary Doctor of Human Letters Degree; and Moses S. Belton, retired Director of Admissions at JCSU, who also received an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters Degree. Guest Speaker for the occasion was Mrs. Mal Johnson, Director of Community Affairs for Cox Broadcasting Corp.

Photo By James Peeter

Ms. Maggie Nicholson To

Run For School Board

Maggie L. Nicholson, 69, of 1225 South Caldwell Street, filed her candidacy for the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education Wednesday morning, May 26.

Mrs. Nicholson announced her intentions to run for this office Tuesday evening at the graduation ceremony of the Teamer School of Religion. She also received a doctoral degree.

The Rev. Nicholson ran an unsuccessful campaign for the same office in 1974. In that race, three board seats were in contention. Nicholson re-

ceived 1,180 votes and came in sixth.

This year, she is one of 14 presently announced candidates. Six seats are available and the filing deadline is noon, Friday, May 28.

The candidate has been actively supporting education for a number of years. She is now active as a teacher with the literacy council at Saint Mark Lutheran Church and serves as Media Awareness Chairperson for the Reading program at Central Piedmont Community College.

She has several organiza-

Cancer Claimed 7,800 Tar Heels

RALEIGH—Cancer claimed a record number of lives in North Carolina in 1975 according to a recent preliminary statistical report from the Division of Health Services.

Over 7,800 of the state's citizens died of cancer in 1975. Deaths from the dreaded disease have risen every year

since 1950 when only 3,163 people died. During the last 25-years, the number of cancer deaths has risen nearly two and one-half times. It is the second leading killer in the state and nation.

Deaths from heart disease killed approximately 16,600 Tarheels in 1975. This repre-

sents a continuation of a decline in heart attack deaths dating back to 1973 when an all-time high of 17,317 deaths was reached.

The number of deaths from stroke dropped from a record high of 5,883 in 1973 to about 5,250 in 1975. On the other hand, arteriosclerosis (hardening of the arteries) appears to have claimed fewer North Carolina lives in 1975 than any year since 1959. Deaths from the disease skidded from 700 in 1972, to 575 in 1975.

While declines were noted in heart and blood vessel disease, another chronic disease, diabetes, was on a tear-claiming a record 989 lives in 1974. Some progress toward abatement was observed in 1975 with a death toll of 885, but the incidence of the disease is still rising due mostly to obesity and heredity.

The rise in cancer deaths is due mostly to a rise in the incidence of lung cancer. Public health officials list as probable causes excessive smoking, environmental factors

and the introduction of certain chemical compounds in industry. As for heart and blood vessel diseases, early detection and treatment are advanced as the likely reasons for the slight decline.

Blacks May Challenge Delegation

By Hoyle H. Martin, Sr.
Post Staff Writer

Democratic Party blacks and women are demanding that the state party leadership elect more blacks, women and young adults as delegates to the Democratic National Convention meeting in July.

Blacks and women have complained that of the 46 delegates chosen at the district conventions across the state on May 8, only six women, four blacks, and three people under 30 years of age were elected. By comparison, the state delegation to the 1972 Democratic Party convention included 14 blacks, 30 women and five young adults.

Charlotte dentist Reginald A. Hawkins, who challenged the N.C. delegation to the 1972 convention on the issue of the number of black delegates, announced two weeks ago that he would contest this year's delegation if it has less than 18 blacks.

Louise Brennan, chairperson of the 9th Congressional District Democratic Party, charged last week that women were under represented in the N.C. delegation of the Democratic National Convention and that party control has been returned to the "bosses." She blamed changes in the party's delegate selection rules, which ended the quota system, as the reason that blacks and women are under represented this year. In 1972 the quota system assured blacks and women adequate representation at the convention.

Furthermore, the new rules allow the presidential candidates to approve slates of delegates and, historically for the first time, they can reject nominations from the floor at the district conventions.

Mrs. Brennan, like Dr. Hawkins, might challenge the N.C. delegation before the convention credentials committee if blacks and women fail to get more delegate seats.

Reportedly, Mrs. Brennan has also indicated that the delegate challenge might be taken into court on the grounds that the party failed to utilize affirmative action plans as a means of assuring adequate representation for blacks and women.

Reports out of the state Democratic Party headquarters indicate that many party women are more upset than many blacks because they constitute 54 percent of the state's registered Democrats while blacks represent only about 15 percent. Given the current percentage of blacks and women among the already selected delegates, one party spokesman said, "Blacks are in better shape than women and young people at this stage of the selection process."

Meeting in special session last Saturday, 9th District Democratic Party women unanimously passed a resolution requesting that women be elected to all the 15 at-large and remaining delegate seats to the convention. A second resolution, also passed unanimously, calls for ending the current policy of giving presidential candidates veto power over lists of delegates to the convention.

TURTLE-TALK



Getting your head together in your OLD AGE could simply mean ASSEMBLING TEETH, GLASSES AND A TOUPE.