

CMS Schools To

Select 1977

Teacher Of Year

School units across North Carolina are in the process of selecting 1977 Teacher of the Year candidates for the State and national recognition process. CMS Schools are now in the process of selecting a local Teacher of the Year.

The North Carolina Teacher of the Year program is co-sponsored by the Department of Public Instruction and the North Carolina Association of Educators--Association of Classroom Teachers (NCAE-ACT).

Each administrative unit is invited to select one teacher as its local representative in the recognition process. All of the local representatives in the state will then be narrowed to one district nominee for each of the 15 NCAE-ACT districts in the State. From those 15, one State nominee to compete in national competition will be chosen. According to State Superintendent Craig Phillips, the major purpose of the project is to recognize the contributions of the classroom teachers. Among the many qualifications a Teacher of the Year must have, Phillips cited "the ability to inspire love of learning in students of all backgrounds and abilities as the most important."

Any teacher in a state-approved public and non-public school, pre-kindergarten through grade 12, who is planning to continue in an active teaching status is eligible. The deadline for local units to select their Teacher of the Year nominees is August 27, 1976.

North Carolina's 1976 Teacher of the Year is Ms. Ruby Murchison of Washington Drive Junior High, Fayetteville City. Ms. Murchison also went on to win the National Teacher of the Year Award.

WBT Radio To

Conduct Stop

Smoking Clinic

Beginning Monday, June 7, WBT Radio will conduct a three week Stop Smoking Clinic. The Clinic has been prepared in association with the Mecklenburg Unit of the American Cancer Society. Clinic sessions will be heard weekdays at 7:15 and 10:30 a.m., and at 1:30, 3:15 and 5:15 p.m.

In conjunction with the on-air sessions, WBT and the American Cancer Society have prepared a Stop Smoking Kit. Many of the materials in the Kit will be used during the Clinic. Free Stop Smoking Kits can be obtained by writing Stop Smoking, WBT, Charlotte, 28208.

WBT's Stop Smoking Clinic is designed to help those people who want to kick the cigarette habit. The Clinic will deal with all aspects of quitting including self awareness of one's habit, methods of stopping, and helpful tips.

The information used in WBT's Stop Smoking Clinic is based on American Cancer Society research and extensive interviews with local physicians, psychologists, counselors, and ex-smokers.

WBT Special Events Editor, Mary MacMillan, will be conducting and participating in the Stop Smoking Clinic. WBT personalities Bob Lacey and Bob Morgan will also be making an effort to stop smoking.



CHUMS, INC MEMBERS pose for picture during their first Card Party last Saturday at Excelsior Club. 150 invited guests played pinocle and dinned buffet. Club members are: Zenobia Hagans, Jane Latimer, Virginia

Williamson, Dorothy Morgan, Marian Jenkins, Sarah Caldwell, Johnnie Covington, Helena Cunningham, Emma Duren, Ruth Grant, Sarah Houston, and Mamie Thorne.

Photo by Peeler

Chums Hold First Card Party

The 12-member, 15-year-old Charlotte Chapter of Chums, Inc. held its first Card Party last Saturday at Excelsior Club beginning at 2 p.m.

Club members and some 150 invited guests played Pinocle for prizes, enjoyed a lavish buffet of ham biscuits, sausage biscuits, deviled eggs, shrimp, chips and dips and assorted cheeses in a pleasant atmosphere that was enhanced by beautiful decorations which featured pale-yellow Tea Roses--the club's flower.

The beautiful decorations were done by Johnnie Covington, Chairman of the Special Events Committee, and the artificial Tea Roses were done by club member Jane Latimer.

The club awarded 10 prizes - fifth bottle of Chianti wine - to the lucky winners in the Pinocle competition.

"The guests were thrilled and we hope the card party will become an annual thing", a delighted Mrs. Covington said about the party which concluded at 4:30.

The Charlotte Chapter of Chums - with approximately 300 members nationally - is composed of Zenobia Hagans, President; Jane Latimer, Vice President; Virginia Williamson, Recording Secretary; Dorothy Morgan, Corresponding Secretary; Marian Jenkins, Treasurer; Sarah Caldwell, Johnnie Covington, Helena Cunningham, Emma Duren, Ruth Grant, Sarah Houston, and Mamie Thorne, their newest member.

As their National Project,

Howlie Davis To

Head Morehouse

Alumni Group

Howlie R. Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Davis of 2004 St. John Street, has been elected President of Morehouse College's Pre-Alumni Council for the coming school year.

The freshman pre-law major will help co-ordinate fund-raising activities for the United Negro College Fund (UNCF). Davis attended a National convention designed to orient UNCF workers on various fund-raising methods.

Flexton Gardner

Outstanding Upward Bound Student

By Abigail L. Flanders
Post Staff Writer

Whoever said that the youth of today are the leaders of tomorrow had not met Flexton Gardner...an ambitious young senior at West Mecklenburg High School whose tomorrow is today.

Flexton is not only considered as being one of the greatest leaders at his high school, but this story has proven to be one of success for the Upward Bound program. He was awarded a twenty five dollar savings bond for being the most outstanding student in the Upward Bound program.

The Upward Bound program is designed to help high school students to reach their grade level in subjects that are particularly difficult for them. It offers a chance to take courses at Johnson C. Smith University and to receive college credit for these courses. In Flexton's case, he is what they call a "bridge" student; that is, a senior who will have the opportunity to stay on J.C. Smith's campus during this summer and take courses. "All of the students involved will receive a stipend of ten dollars a week. We have to earn this stipend by attending classes regularly and being on time," Gardner said. Flexton's interests, ambi-

tions and skills have proven him to be a very successful young man for his 17 years. He has been involved in sports as a track star who has won a letter, a certificate, and four ribbons because of his remarkable performance. He is now in the process of shaping up for competition in the Junior Olympics. He has also been involved in the ROTC program in which he was

made third in command.

Flexton attributes his success to his own personal philosophy of life. "I've learned one thing in life, and that's that I don't want to be ordinary. I want to be somebody," he said earnestly. "Although I'm involved in a lot of things including photography, which I've been taking at Johnson C. Smith, my primary goal is to be a doctor."

Next year, Flexton Gardner will finish his high school

training and make plans to attend Virginia State College. Fortunately, the college credits that he is now earning are transferrable, making him an advanced freshman upon entry to college. And even now, the young ambitious Flexton Gardner is already advanced in many ways.

You Can Have

Special To The Post

About 50,000 men, women and children are treated in hospital emergency rooms every year in power mower-related mishaps, according to Vincent Tofany, president of the National Safety Council. Accidents with home workshop type power tools bring that roll up even higher. Understanding and putting to use a few basic principles about how these cutting devices work can prevent tragic summer misfortune from striking your family, advises Citizens Safety Association a United Way Agency.

Read the instruction manual provided with the tool. Don't operate it until you feel you thoroughly understand how to safely manage the device.

Keep the area clean where

A Powerfully Good Summer

you will be working. This is especially important when operating power mowers. Stones, wires, twigs can be sucked up into the blades and propelled with the speed and damage potential of a low velocity bullet.

Keep children, pets and other bystanders away from the area while power tools are in use.

Never operate an electrically-powered tool in a damp environment--on wet grass, a cross puddles, while standing on a moist floor. Whether the tool is grounded or double insulated--this rule still holds.

Wear proper clothing when working with power tools. Proper lawn mower garb includes slacks and leather or vinyl shoes which cover the entire foot. Hand-held tools such as saws, power hedge-

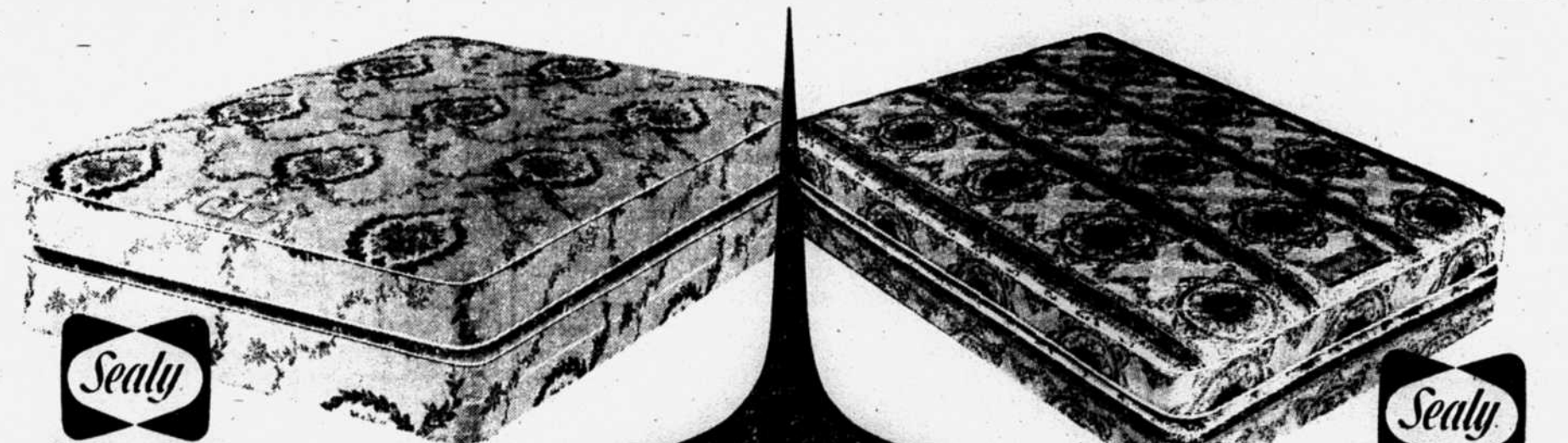
trimmers, drills, etc. call for short or rolled up sleeves, clothing that won't catch in moving parts, and no dangling jewelry.

Keep guards in place. NEVER, NEVER stick your hands or fingers near blades unless the power has been completely disconnected and the blades have come to a complete halt.

Don't abuse the tool. Never disconnect the tool by yanking on the cord. Always grasp the plug instead. Don't haul or hang a small power tool by its cord. Do not attempt to force a tool to do more or operate faster than the manufacturer intended. Never leave a running power tool unattended. Always completely disconnect power tools when they are not in use. Store them away from children.

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