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LOVELY BERNADETTE BARRINGER
...Harding High junior

Miss Barringer Is Beauty Of Week

By Melvetta Jenkins
Post Staff Writer

Bernadette Christine Barringer, of 405 Honeywood Avenue, is featured as the CHARLOTTE POST's Beauty for this week.

A daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willie R. Barringer, our Beauty is more comfortable being called Christine. She has two sisters (ages 18 and 5) and one brother (aged 12).

Christine is presently enrolled at Harding High School where she is classified as a Junior and a B-average student. She participates in the Industrial Cooperative Training Club (ICT) and the Spirit of '77 Club (Pep Squad).

She is also a student at Instructional Arts School in Minneapolis, Minnesota, through a self-home study program. She said this came about when she took a Commercial Art Talent Test and scored a 96. Now she receives lessons by mail every two weeks which she works out and returns to the school. Having been enrolled for about a year at the school, Christine believes that the knowledge that she is acquiring now will help her when she seeks an undergraduate degree in Art. As of now, our petite Beauty is undecided about exactly which school she will choose to develop her talents.

Through the ICT Club at Harding, Christine is employed at the Shiloh Institute Day Care Center where she finds the job enjoyable and important because she is working with and teaching young children. The ICT Program allows students to arrange their class schedule so that they may

secure a job and leave school early in order to go to work. Christine says she is glad that she has the opportunity to participate in the program because she is able to go to school and learn about the business world at the same time.

Christine attends Mt. Olive Baptist Church, pastored by Rev. M.B. McIlwain. She is a member of the Youth Club there.

Our 5'2", 115 pound Beauty says that she is serious about school and tries to buckle down to her studies. She was born on September 27 and is a 16 year old Libra. She describes Libras as being nice and quite intelligent people. "I've heard people go as far as to say that Libras are sneaky," she says. "But I don't believe that."

She enjoys reading, playing softball, tennis, and cards. She says that she doesn't have a favorite television show because she prefers to read and draw in her spare time, but enjoys the actor who plays 'Re-run' on "What's Happening" because he, through his funny antics, "makes the show a success."

Christine says that Timothy Graham, her 16-year-old cousin, is the person she most admires because "he's really more like a brother to me. I feel close to him and we do a lot for each other."

Our Beauty enjoys making her own clothes because it allows her to expose her creative and self-expressive abilities.

While talking about her family, Christine exposed the facts that: her father is self-employed at the Barringer Oil Service; her mother is a sewing teacher at the Greenville Center and a student at CPCC, where she is taking English courses; her brother, Michael, plays baseball with the Twins (a little-league team in Charlotte) and was the 74-75 Star Player. He plays center field, 3rd baseman, and sometimes pitcher; her older sister, Theora, is a recent high school graduate who is considering furthering her education; and her baby sister, Tori, takes ballet and tap lessons at Young Dancers School.

The POST presents Bernadette Christine Barringer as its Beauty of the Week and wishes the budding young artist much success in the attainment of her goals.

Protest Petition Denial Angry Northwest Residents To Take Grievances To City Council

North Carolina Council Approves Death Penalty

Jim Hunt Needs Blacks In Top Management Jobs

CCNS--The N.C. Judicial Council approved in two sessions changes in North Carolina's Death Penalty to conform with guidelines set by the U.S. Supreme Court when the high court struck down North Carolina's law last July as unconstitutional. The Supreme Court's objection was the lack of discretion of judges and juries in administering Capital punishment.

Franklin Freeman, Executive Director of the Judicial Council said on November 24th that major changes include: (1) formation of sentencing juries to determine whether the death penalty should be administered in capital cases and (2) an automatic review by the N.C. Supreme Court to determine whether the death penalty when administered by sentencing juries meets the standards of the law.

The Judicial Council, a little known State Commission, function to review legislation which may be considered by the N.C. General Assembly. Except for access through the Judicial Council, the new death penalty statute was drafted by the N.C. Attorney General's office for a legislator which the office has not identified. Mike Carmichael, Press Secretary for the Attorney General, has said the new statute could not be released to the press and was confidential.

The new law would allow judges to recommend the death penalty in specific cases. These cases, outlined by the new law, are: First and second degree murder by poison; lying wait; imprisonment; torture; or by any other kind of willful, deliberate, premeditated killing; or any killing which was committed while rape, robbery, burglary, arson or another felony was attempted. Also included is first degree rape.

In all of these cases the Superior Court would have to select a jury to determine guilt or innocence. If the defendant is found guilty the trial judge would summon a special jury to determine the issue of the punishment. The new law proposes to allow any information, during the sentencing hearing, regardless of its admissibility in a court of law, as long as "the defendant is accorded a fair opportunity to rebut any hearsay statements."

The proposed law provides that following the presenta-

tion of information at the sentencing hearing, the jury must determine if mitigating gravating circumstances found to exist at the time of the capital crime. Those circumstances, at least one of which has to be established before a jury can recommend the death sentence, are: The capital crime was committed by a person serving a sentence of imprisonment; the defendant had a previous conviction of a felony involving the use of or threat of violence to the person; the capital crime was committed to avoid or to prevent arrest or effecting escape from custody or imprisonment; the capital crime

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Blacks In Top Management Jobs

CCNS-A Black member of Governor-elect James Hunt's transition team said last week that Hunt needs qualified Blacks to fill top management posts in the new administration. Hunt's administration begins January 8 following his inauguration.

John Edwards, a member of the transition team which is seeking minority applicants, said Blacks have applied for jobs, boards and commissions, "but the problem in getting Blacks who are qualified for top secretarial posts and high level positions is that they are already in good jobs and are afraid to leave them for a political appointment." Edwards said that many may not believe Hunt's promises that his administration is open in its hiring of minorities.

Edwards said that the overall response of Blacks to the request from the transition team for applications has been good. The transition team, composed primarily of Hunt's top campaign staffers, has received over 5,000 applications with a large percentage of them for Blacks, Edwards stated.

Prospective applicants who desire applications should contact Hunt "Keys" in their communities. "Keys" refers to Hunt's top campaign staff in each county. Edwards said if prospective applicants cannot get applications from Hunt "Keys" they should contact Governor-elect Hunt's transition office for application.

North Carolina Central To Host Conference Against Repression

CCNS-A state-wide organizing conference with six workshops on areas of repression, including repression in education institutions, police crimes in the community, the freedom of the Wilmington Ten and Charlotte Three, prison conditions, the defeat of the death penalty, and repression of labor, has been announced for Saturday, December 4, at the North Carolina Central University Student Union Building in Durham, North Carolina.

Anne Mitchell, co-ordinator for the North Carolina Alliance Against Racist and Poli-

tical Repression said today the six workshops will develop the policy of the North Carolina Alliance. The two-year old organization previously sponsored a Labor Day March for Human and Labor Rights in Raleigh on September 6 that drew a gathering of 5,000 persons.

Workshop leader Dr. James Grant of the Charlotte Three said that "Efforts will be made to get Governor James Holshouser to do a last deed for the sake of justice." Grant and the Alliance have launched a petition campaign of North Carolinians requesting



CATAWBA PRESBYTERY HUNGER COMMITTEE

....With guest speaker Dr. Thelma Adair

Raises \$4 Thousand Catawba Hunger Committee Climaxes Fund-Raising Drive

By James Peeler
Post Staff Writer

The Hunger Committee of Catawba Presbytery climaxed a fund-raising drive, to raise money to help "alleviate hunger in Catawba Presbytery and its bounds," last Sunday evening with a program at Memorial United Presbyterian Church at 2600 Beatties Ford Road beginning at 3 p.m.

Dr. Thelma D. Adair, the first black woman Moderator of the 188th General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., was the featured speaker for the occasion which was attended by approximately 300 persons.

Speaker Adair is only the second woman to hold the post of Moderator, the highest office in the United Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. The Columbia University professor is a native Charlottean and the sister of Oaklawn Avenue Elementary School principal Gwendolyn Cunningham.

The effort grossed \$4,723.97 for the Hunger Committee of Catawba Presbytery and was headed by Mrs. Anna M. Hood, Chairperson, and Rev. Eugene Randall, Co-Chairperson. Other Hunger Committee members included:

Willette Barrett of Bethpage United Presbyterian Church, Kannapolis, N.C.; Rev. Tommy Davis, Minister of Third Street United Presbyterian Church, Gastonia, N.C.; Rev. Daniel O. Hennigan, pastor of Matthews-Murkland United Presbyterian Church, Charlotte; Miss Wilma E. Powell of Woodland United Presbyterian Church, Charlotte; Tony Russell of Bethpage United Presbyterian Church, Kannapolis; and Rev. Raymond Worsley, pastor of Grier Heights United Presbyterian Church, Charlotte.

The Hunger Committee reported contributions of \$150 from Bellefonte Church; \$120 from Ben Salem Church; \$464.85 from Bethpage Church; \$350 from Black's Memorial Church; \$257 from Catawba Presbyterian Church; \$825.41 from Catawba Presbyterian; \$100 from Cedar Grove Church; \$152.05 from Covenant Church; \$100 from David-son Church; \$158.45 from First United Church (Charlotte); \$100 from First United Church (Waxhaw); \$205 from Grier Heights Church; \$115 from Love's Chapel Church; \$230 from Matthews-Murkland Church; \$718.91 from Memorial United Church; \$336 from

Mt. Olive Church; \$50 from New Hampton Church; \$43 from Ryburn Memorial Church; \$62.30 from St. Paul Church; and \$186 from Woodland United Church.

Music for the two-hour-long program, presided over by Co-Chairman Rev. Eugene Randall, was provided by the Presbytery Choir, under the direction of organist Charles MaRae.

Program participants included: Chairperson Anna M. Hood, who issued the Call To Worship; Dr. Thomas Jenkins, Moderator Catawba Presbytery, who delivered the Invocation; Mrs. Willette Barrette, who read the Old Testament Scripture; Rev. Edward C. Wilson and Isaac T. Graham, who brought Greetings; Rev. Daniel O. Hennigan, Stated Clerk, Catawba Presbytery, who spoke of the Committee's Concern For Hunger; Rev. Raymond Worsley, who gave a Response to Dr. Adair's speech; Mr. Tony Russell, who lifted the Offertory; Rev. Tommy Davis, who made Acknowledgements; and Dr. Howard W. Givens, pastor of the host church, who delivered the Benediction.

A Reception, catered by Mr. Earl Russell, followed in the church's Fellowship Hall.

Dr. Miller Is New County Health Director

Dr. Charles H. Miller has been named Mecklenburg County Director of Public Health, according to an announcement made today by County Manager Glenn C. Blaisdell.

Dr. Miller succeeds Dr. Maurice Kamp, who is retiring after serving as County Director of Public Health for 15 years.

The new director has served as assistant to Dr. Kamp since October, 1975. He assumes his duties as the director this week.

Re-submit Zoning Requests

By Hoyle H. Martin Sr.
Post Executive Editor

The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Commission will recommend to the Mecklenburg County Commission and the Charlotte City Council on Monday that they deny a zoning petition (76-66) request calling for the re-zoning of three tracts of land on the west side of Beatties Ford Road in the vicinity of the Northwood Estates community.

David Howard of the Planning Commission staff told the Post on Wednesday that the petition denial is based on the Commission's view that an individual or a group should not be allowed to rezone property belonging to someone else.

The Northwood Estates Community Organization (NECO) the group submitting the rezoning petition, has taken strong exception to the decision of the Planning Commission. In a "Statement of Rebuttal" NECO said, "the Planning Commissioners refused to consider the merits of 'the rezoning petition as is required by law."

Furthermore, the rebuttal statement notes that in a related zoning request, the Planning Commission recommended approval of rezoning of a piece of property owned by the Coca-Cola Company because the company had reached an agreement with NECO; however, the Commission rejected a request of 500 signers for a rezoning of their own property. This action, the rebuttal statement says further, "is inconsistent with the action taken on the Coca-Cola property and inconsistent with the policies of the Planning Commission on neighborhood preservation."

In conclusion, the rebuttal statement says, THE NORTHWOOD ESTATES COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION requests that the Mecklenburg County Commission refer this matter back to the Planning Commission for complete and thorough study based on the merits of the petition. The number of inconsistencies cited above shows that the Planning Commission acted hastily and without adequate information. Specifically, we request that the Planning Commission staff make its presentation of professional recommendations before any further decisions by the Planning Commission and the County Commission and the City Council.

Speaking at one of the public hearings on the rezoning request, Mrs. Johnnie S. Evans, chairperson of the Northwood Estates Community, told the City Council and the Planning Commission that our group desires to "continue to upgrade the zoning in our community. We have presented such a large area to be rezoned because we wanted you to develop an overall zoning plan for the area, instead of changing zoning piecemeal."

Particularly up-setting to NECO is the fact that one of the tracts of land owned by another party that they desire to have rezoned is composed of rental property of duplex apartments, yet all this property is rated below average in quality

TURTLE-TALK



The only PERSON who listens to both sides of a FAMILY argument is the LADY next door.