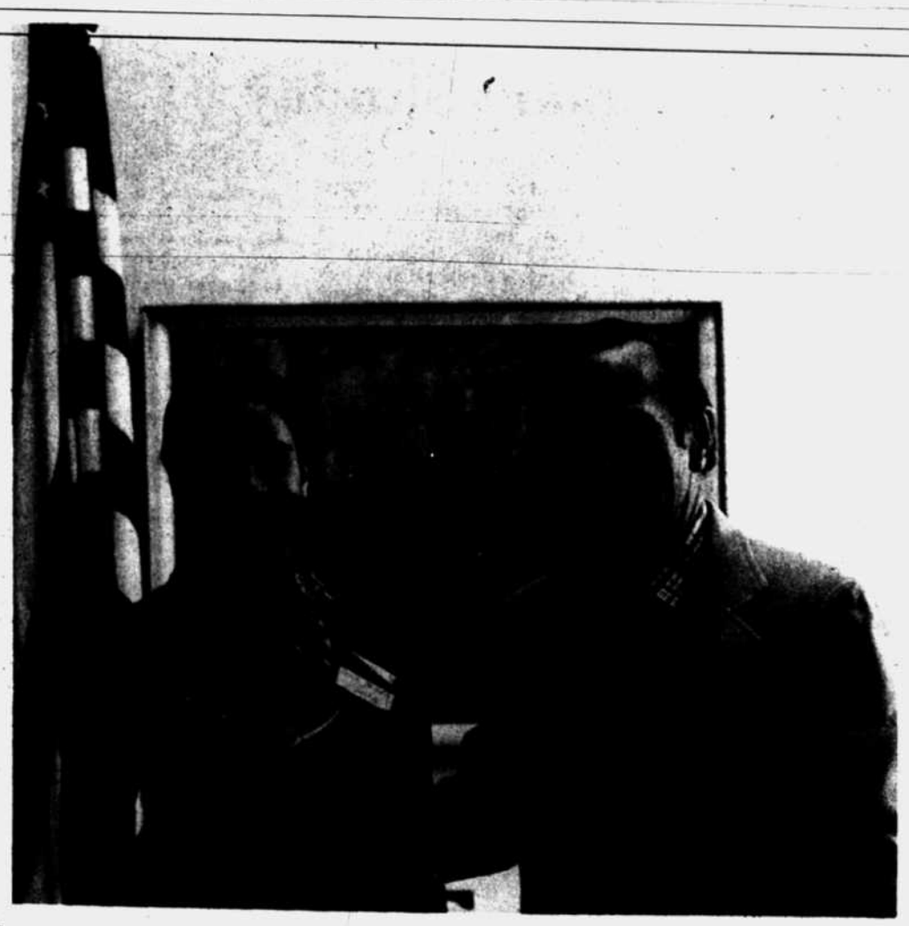

MISS DANETTE MC LAURIN
... With Lt. Governor James Green

Danette McLaurin Serves As Page For General Assembly

By Deborah Gates
Post Staff Writer

Danette McLaurin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel McLaurin of 2501 Dalebrook Drive served as a page for the North Carolina State Senate and General Assembly during the week of March 14 through 18. Danette was recommended by Senator Fred D. Alexander and appointed by Lieutenant Governor James C. Green.

During her week of serving as page, she had the opportunity to visit several historical buildings in our state capitol, meet a lot of honorable people, and was taken out to lunch by various Senators.

According to Danette, she had a very educational and enjoyable experience and would like to return again someday. Her mother revealed that her daughter also hopes to one day have the opportunity to serve as a page in our nation's capitol.

"I liked serving the legislators but at times, after I had done so much running and a lot of errands I would get a little tired," Danette said. "Other than that," she added, "everything was fine."

Danette who is a nineth grader at the Piedmont Middle School, is also a member Friendship Baptist Church where she serves as an usher, a member of the choir, church council, and acteens.

At Piedmont Middle School Danette is a member of the Student Council, Dramatics Club, and Project Aries. She is also President of Elements, of Jack and Jill of America, Inc.

Food Stamp Recipients May Be Eligible For Special Tax Credit

WASHINGTON, The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food and Nutrition Service and state welfare agencies are cooperating with the Internal Revenue Service in notifying food stamp recipients and other low-income workers that they may be eligible for a special payment from the federal government.

In order to receive this payment of up to $400, called the earned income credit, workers must file a 1976 federal income tax return. Many people eligible for the payment may not ordinarily have to file a tax return because their earnings are low. The deadline for filing is April 15.

To qualify, workers must have earned less than $8,000 in total income, including wages, salaries, tips, other employee compensation, or self-employment income. Married persons must have maintained a home (owned or rented) in the United States all year for themselves and at least one of their children (under 19 years old or a full-time student).

The earned income credit, however, is not limited to married couples. Single persons also are eligible if they meet the income limit and the requirement for making a home for themselves and their child.

For food stamp recipients who qualify, USDA officials noted, the credit will not affect food stamp eligibility, or raise the cost of the stamps. However, officials said, the recipient who receives a regular tax refund, as well as an earned income credit, should remember to report the refund to his or her food stamp eligibility worker.

Workers who qualify and have earnings of $4,000 or less receive a credit of 10 percent of their earned income, up to a maximum $400. For instance, a family whose total income in 1976 was $3,450 in wages would receive a check for $345, or 10 percent of the total income.

Workers whose total income was between $4,000 and $8,000 also are entitled to the earned income credit. However, the $400 maximum credit is reduced by subtracting 10 percent of any earned income over $4,000.

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CMS Registration Forms Ready

Registration forms for alternative-optional schools are now available in all Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools.

The registration period runs from Friday, March 18-Monday, April 18. Completed forms should be sent to the Pupil Assignment Office, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools, P.O. 149, Charlotte, N.C. 28230, before the April 18 deadline. These forms are for actual registration for the 1977-78 school year. Previous surveys were to determine interest in the optional schools program prior to registration.

With recent changes by the Board of Education, alternative-optional schools which may be requested are Irwin Avenue Open (K-5), Piedmont Open Middle (5-9), Myers Park Traditional (K-6) and Elizabeth Traditional (K-6).

Elizabeth has been an open school but will be converted to a traditional school next year if at least 250 students enroll and a 30 percent racial ratio is maintained. The open program at Elizabeth will be merged with Irwin Avenue Open for grades K-5 and Piedmont Open Middle for 5-9.

The Board also agreed that the West Charlotte High School Open Component will serve only those students from Piedmont Middle School and those in the West Charlotte attendance area. Previously, the West Charlotte Open Component was available to students from all parts of the county.

The changes in the alternative-optional schools program are the result of recommendations to the Board by the Interim Management Team and a committee of parents, teachers, principals and resource personnel who reviewed the open and traditional programs.

Garden Club Plans To Tour Local Gardens

The Washington Heights Garden Club made plans to tour many gardens this month during their last week's meeting at the home of Mrs. Jannie Pride on Booker Avenue.

Mrs. Lula Gillispie, President of the club, presided over the meeting and opened with the club's song, "I Come To The Garden Alone." Following the song was the Lords Prayer by Mrs. Essie Stouoll. Also, names were drawn for Secret Pals for 1977.

Other members present at the meeting were Mrs. Cora Gaither, reporter, Mrs. Ethel Choate, Secretary, Mrs. Jessie Hamlin, Mrs. Carrie Pitts, Mrs. Viola Allison, Mrs. Arlena Gabriel, Mrs. Wellette Patterson, Mrs. Lula Hough, Mrs. Jannie Pride, Mrs. Pearl Phillips, and Mrs. Lillie Carter.

Barber Scotia Sets Career Conference

Barber-Scotia College will hold its Annual Career Opportunities Conference on Wednesday March 30, in the College Convocation Center (Health and Physical Education Center).

The program will begin at 8:30 a.m. with registration in the Convocation Center, followed by General Assembly from 10 to 11 a.m. with Mr. Clark Edwards from the Department of Human Resources, Raleigh, N.C. directing,

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Assets		
Cash		$ 3,988,647
Bonds		
U.S., Canadian and Other Government	$ 6,326,229	
State and Municipal	10,079,375	
Railroad	3,522,611	
Public Utility, U.S. and Canada	22,754,203	
Industrial and Miscellaneous	35,025,392	77,707,810
Stocks		
Preferred	$ 3,635,106	
Common	6,824,777	10,459,883
Mortgage Loans		
Conventional	$30,415,648	
Insured or Guaranteed	6,135,652	36,551,300
Real Estate		
Properties for Company Use	$ 6,421,852	
Other Properties	317,464	6,739,316
Policy Loans		3,416,990
Investment Income Due and Accrued		1,972,433
Premiums in Course of Collection		10,899,383
Cash Value - Policies on Officers		421,953
Other Assets		107,000
TOTAL ASSETS		$152,264,715

Liabilities		
Statutory Policy Reserves		$111,281,836
Policy Claims Currently Outstanding		11,871,489
Dividends to Policyowners		4,780,588
Other Policy Liabilities		362
Interest, Rents, and Premiums Paid in Advance		575,670
Taxes and Accrued Expense		1,795,173
Employee Benefit Reserves		676,631
Mandatory Security Valuation Reserve		337,912
Group Contingency Reserve		2,258,283
Other Liabilities		99,173
TOTAL LIABILITIES		$133,677,117
CONTINGENCY RESERVE AND SURPLUS		
Reserve for Contingency	$6,587,598	
Asset Fluctuation Reserve	2,500,000	
Unassigned Surplus	9,500,000	$ 18,587,598
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS		$152,264,715

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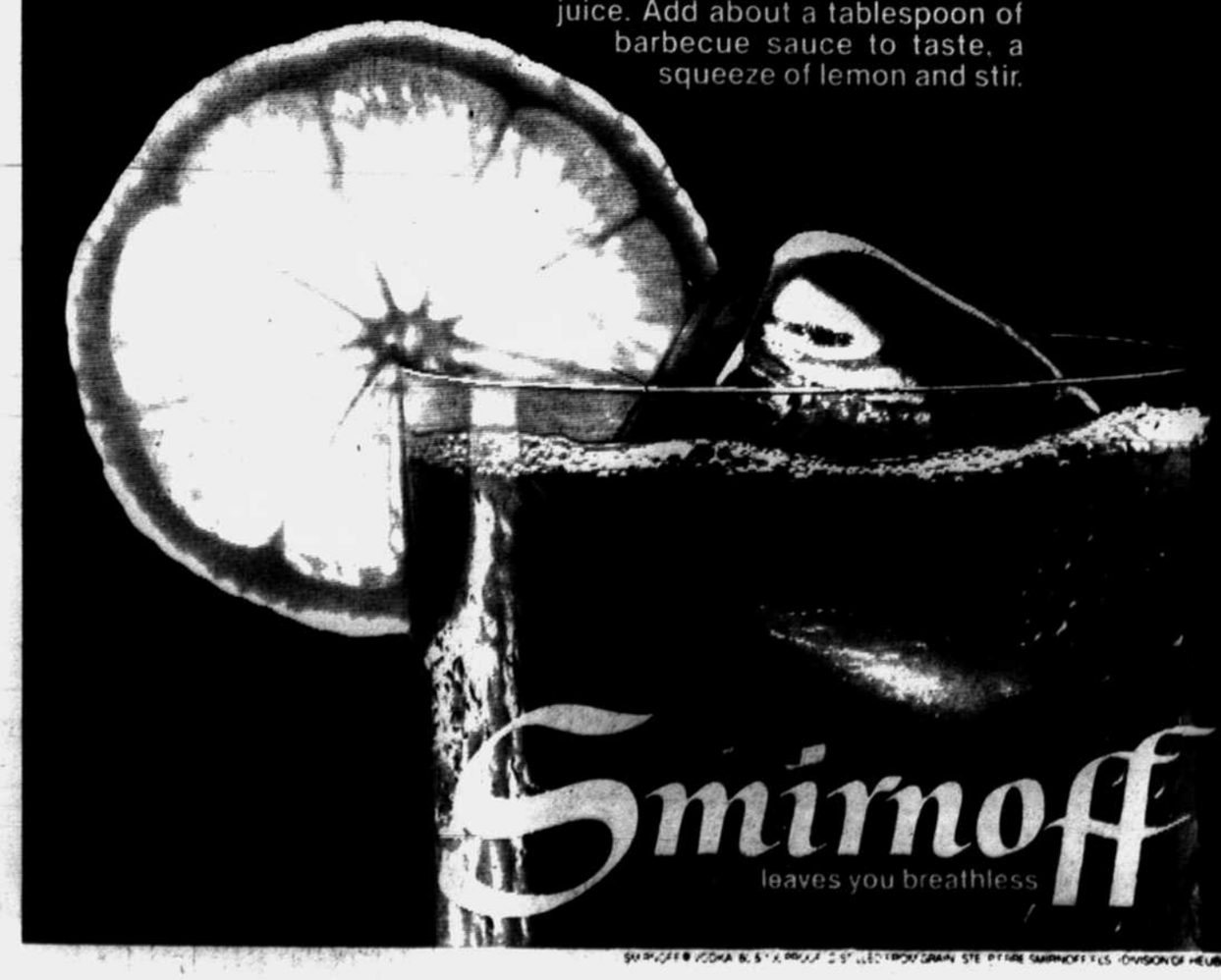

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