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Oakhurst School Plans "Dental Health Blitz Week"

By Sidney Moore
Post Staff Writer

Tooth decay and gum disease will not ruin the mouths of students at Oakhurst Elementary School if James Robert White has his way.

White, appointed this school year as an elementary school guidance counselor, has established April 3-6, as "Dental Health Blitz Week". His theme for the week in "Happiness Is A Healthy Mouth".

The idea was conceived after White held meetings

with health department officials, area dentists, education and civic leaders, local, state and national dental associations, and parents.

His goal is "to encourage Oakhurst pupils to take better care of their teeth."

Other objectives named in an interview of the week-long effort are to; 1) gain support of the teachers and parents for blitz week; 2) have teachers emphasize dental health by carrying out suggested activities; 3) increase parent aware-

ness by sending them messages, inviting them to school and encouraging students to discuss the week's activities with parents; 4) increase the number of actions taken on dental referrals; 5) reduce the fear of going to the dentist and 6) provide toothbrushes for all Oakhurst students.

The manufacturer of Crest toothpaste annually sponsors the giving of dental health kits to third graders. With the help of the PTA, White has expanded this practice to include all

of the approximately 470 students at Oakhurst, kindergarten through sixth grade. He wants to have the kits as a reward for taking part in "Dental Health Blitz Week."

Kits contain a toothbrush, discoloring tablets, information pamphlets and mirror stickers.

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Manpower

To Help

Local Youths

The Mecklenburg County Office of Manpower Services has established a program aimed at helping economically disadvantaged 16 to 21-year olds get a better shake in the job market.

The County's Youth Employment and Training Program is basically a referral program, funded through Comprehensive Employment Training Act (CETA) Title III.

To be eligible for the program, you must be 16 to 21; not in school (you may be either a drop-out or a graduate); a resident of Mecklenburg County, outside the City of Charlotte; unemployed and/or underemployed; and your personal and/or family income must be at 80 percent of the lower living standards as designated by the office of Management and Budget.

If you meet these eligibility requirements, the next step is to visit the Specialized Opportunity Services (SOS) Center, which is in the County Office of Manpower Services, 623 East Trade Street. The Center functions as a job referral unit and job bank center for eligible youth.

Through this center you have a link with other agencies, both public and private; institutions; and companies in the private sector.

Youth enrolled in the Youth Employment and Training Program receive, in addition to referral services, other forms of assistance, such as counseling, assessment, educational and follow-up services.

For more information about the program, contact James R. Paton, Youth Program Coordinator, 374-3248, or visit the SOS Center.

Voter Registration

Drive Set For

Precinct 22

A Voter Registration drive will be held for Precinct 22 on Sunday, April 2 from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m., at the YWCA Third Ward Citizen's Center, 1445 South Church Street. Registration commissioners from the Mecklenburg County Board of Elections will be present to register people.

The boundaries of Precinct 22 are: I-77, Clanton Road, South Blvd., and Independence Blvd. If you live within these areas, please register to vote.



PRETTY BARBARA BROWN
...Biology instructor

Miss Barbara Brown

Is Beauty Of Week

By Jerri Harvey
Post Staff Writer

Barbara Brown, a Barber Scotia College Biology instructor, is the Post Beauty of the Week. Ms. Brown comes to us from Tarboro in eastern North Carolina by way of Nairobi, Kenya in East Africa. And, according to her, Charlotte will be "home" from now on.

"I joined the Peace Corps as part of my master's work," she explained, "but terminated my enlistment after six months and came back home.

I decided if I wanted to do volunteer work there was plenty to be done here in the states. I went to Africa pretty naive about the people and the culture and I found that while, on the surface, people were friendly, many of them were on the lookout for people they could "use." They have the misguided notion that all Americans, even blacks, are rich and they look for someone to subsidize their education."

Barbara went on to say that there was often overt hostility and resentment toward Americans. The natives seemed to be saying, "You're not doing us any favors coming over here; we're doing you a favor by letting you come over here."

Upon returning to the United States, Barbara decided to come to Charlotte to be near her only sister, Mrs. Evangeline Hillard, a counselor with the Youth Services Bureau. She applied for, and received, the position at Barber-Scotia two years ago and says it is really a pleasure to be a member of the faculty.

A graduate of North Carolina Wesleyan in Rocky Mount, Barbara taught high school in Pamlico County before going to graduate school at the University of Southern Florida where she earned a masters degree in Science Education.

After growing up in a small town, Barbara enjoys the big-city flavor of Charlotte and the availability of recreation and plenty of shopping centers. "I spend much of my time reading, biking, and learning to play tennis", she said, "but it's nice to have a large

selection of entertainment to choose from when I do want to go out."

Barbara is currently doing her apartment over to "express" herself and said she wants to create a mini-botanical garden atmosphere with many, many plants, highlighted with her astrological sign, Aries.

She has very nearly completed a modeling course at the Barbizon School and its done wonders for her.

Public Meeting To

Discuss Old

Monroe Road

North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) officials will hold a public meeting Tuesday, April 11, to discuss the proposed widening of Old Monroe Road (Secondary Road 1009), from just east of Lake Drive to Sardis Road

North in Charlotte. This highway improvement project includes the replacement of a bridge over McAlpine Creek and improvements to the Seaboard Coastline Railroad underpass.

Sunday Afternoon

JCSU To Observe Founder's Day

The One Hundred Eleventh anniversary of the founding of Johnson C. Smith University will be observed on Sunday, April 2.

At 2 p.m., the Mary Irwin Belk Early Childhood Center will be dedicated. The facility, whose two-fold function is to provide day care for children and to offer on-campus student teaching for early childhood education majors, is a wing of the university's new education building. The bulk of the money came from the Belk Foundation, a philanthropic foundation established by the family of Charlotte's former mayor John M. Belk.

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his brothers and sisters. The center was named for their late mother.

At 3 p.m., in the University Church, former JCSU President Dr. Rufus Patterson Perry will be guest speaker for the annual observance of Founders Day. As part of this service, the new Science Hall will be dedicated and named in honor of Dr. Perry.

A native of Brunswick, Ga., Dr. Perry is a 1919 graduate of Johnson C. Smith where he served as President from 1957-69. He is also a graduate of the University of Iowa where he received the M.S. and Ph.D. Dr. Perry has served as

vice-president and professor of chemistry at Langston University, director of the division of arts and sciences at Prairie View A&M College, and professor of chemistry and chairman of the natural science departments at Prairie View.

From 1969-70, he served as professor of chemistry at Washington Technical Institute, and is presently a private consultant.

Johnson C. Smith is an independent, private college of liberal arts that was founded in 1867 under the auspices of the Committee on Freedmen of the Presbyterian Church USA.

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4-Day Meeting

Begins Here

Saturday

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"Unfair Treatment by the Federal Trade Commission" is one of the topics morticians and funeral directors will discuss at the Radisson Plaza Hotel, April 1-4.

"Civil Rights" is another. About 270 delegates are expected to take part in the 41st Annual Board of Directors of the National Funeral Directors and Morticians Association, according to Eugene Grier, vice-president of the North Carolina association.

The association represents about 4,000 members in each of the 50 states and abroad. "For every 25 members in a state association," said Grier, "there is a slot for a board member."

Proposed trade rules have the funeral industry upset, according to published reports. A requirement that funeral directors serve as bereavement counselors is not supported by NFD&MA, the report indicates.

Robert H. Miller, NFD&MA Executive Secretary, said the "FTC does not understand the practical side of our business."

He continued, "We are closer to the bereaved and know more about his or her problems than anyone else."

He also said, "Certainly the FTC Staff would not know how to counsel."

Of civil rights proposals to be discussed at the conference is one by Mrs. Clare Collins Harvey of Jackson, Miss., said the report. She wants to place historical markers at sites such as the Brown Chapel AME Church in Selma, Ala., where the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. began an historic march to Montgomery.

Financing of the association's affairs and promotion of a scholarship fund will also be important topics.

It is anticipated that 25 of these delegates will compete in a gold tournament scheduled for Saturday, April 1. Three trophies will be given to champions in as many flights. Pawtucket Golf Course, on I-85 south of Charlotte, will be the site of play.

Later that evening a social hour and get acquainted session will be enjoyed by delegates and their guests," said Grier.

Members will meet at Baptist Church for worship services; a board meeting will be held on Saturday afternoon; and a delegate scheme will be held on Sunday.

mechanical operations in the Rankin Health Center Building, 1200 Blythe Boulevard, will be relocated to the new facilities.

Full clinical services, including the Family Planning Clinics, Well-Child Clinics, VD Clinics, and immunization services, will be offered at both centers. In addition, limited services of the Department of Social Services and the Area Mental Health Office will be offered at the Beatties Ford Road Center.

The administrative headquarters for the Health Department and the Vital Statistics will be in the Randolph Center. The Health Department will continue to offer services at Belmont Center and in the Health Department

building at Huntersville.

The construction of the two new buildings in the result of many months of study and consideration by the County. In October, 1976, the Board of County Commissioners called for a space study covering Health Department facilities and several other County operations. In response to that request, in February, 1977, Brice-Morris Associates, Architects, presented a Space Planning Study to the Board

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The advantages of decentralization, said the report, will be:

Improved accessibility of services to the citizens of the County;

Reduced length of travel for users of health and social services;

Relief of over-crowding of present Health Department operations at Rankin Health Center;

More efficient layout to improve productivity;

Decentralized "full-service" facilities to meet public needs and allow flexibility in staff functions.

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