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Venable Finds New Life With Nine-Year-Old Kenneth Gaddy

WINSTON - SALEM — Not often does a person become both a grandfather and a big brother in one month.

But for Quentin Venable, it was double pleasure when his daughter gave birth to his first grandchild only a few weeks after he became a "big brother" to nine-year-old Kenneth Gaddy through the Big Brothers - Big Sisters program here.

Venable, 58, has three grown children. About six months ago he decided to get involved with young children again after hearing a radio request for Big Brothers to work with area youngsters.

"I have some time now, and I think it's only right to give some of it to others," says Venable, who coordinates executive dining room operations at the World Headquarters of R.J. Reynolds Industries, Inc. "Hopefully," he adds, "I'll

be able to reach a child who needs this companionship."

Venable says he views his participation in Big Brothers as a responsibility and an opportunity to help a child choose the right course in life.

The amount of time spent with a child is not always as important as the experiences shared in that time. Venable says that Big Brothers are asked to spend a minimum three hours a week with a child. Among the activities shared by Venable and Kenneth are attending movies,

Fall Brings Fresh Apple Cider

The arrival of fall means the arrival of the fresh cider season.

Fresh, sweet, country cider is the fresh-pressed, unfermented and un-pasteurized juice of apples. A preservative is sometimes added to retard fermentation and provide longer shelf life, say specialists with the

going to a ball game, working in the garden ... or just playing.

In these experiences, Venable sees "a chance to expose a child to new experiences."

Yet, Venable has also learned a few things from the youngsters. "They've taught me that children are very observant. A child expects loyalty and expects you to live up to your promises.

"They don't expect you to give them a lot of things, but they do expect you to keep your word."

North Carolina Agricultural Extension Service.

Fresh sweet cider is perishable and should be kept refrigerated. Unrefrigerated, it has a shelf life of only a few days. When refrigerated it will remain sweet for one to two weeks.

Cider can also be frozen.

For Anti-Crime Program

Charlotte Housing Authority Receives \$500,000 Grant

by Susan Ellsworth
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The Charlotte Housing Authority recently received \$500,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to implement an anti-crime program in the Fairview Homes.

City Council will donate an additional \$30,000 and the Charlotte Housing Authority will provide \$20,000 for improvements, according to a current news release.

Expenditures will include \$275,000 for modernization of the 468 apartments in the Fairview Homes Project. New doors and mailboxes, street lights and safer locks will be installed, says William Caulfield, a spokesman for the Housing Authority.

Another \$75,000 will be allocated for drug and youth rehabilitation programs, women in crisis, youth activities, and victim assistance programs. Apartments will be converted into units to house these services.

The Department of Labor has \$150,000 earmarked for youth employment opportunities.

Local funding of \$50,000 will be allotted for weekend police patrols and a project safety coordinator.

Dr. John Hayes, the program coordinator and grant administrator said January is the target date for starting the program.

The Housing Authority has three months, Hayes said, to familiarize tenants with the program.

During this time the Housing Authority will examine Fairview crime statistics determining how to deter crime, and will conduct studies to determine where the greatest number of victimizations occur.

According to Jennings Brewer, manager of the Fairview Homes, the biggest problems are attempted

break-ins, vandalism, drugs, and domestic disturbances.

"Most people here feel crime is caused by outsiders," Brewer remark-

ed. "We want to prevent outsiders from coming in and making the project look bad." Who are these outsiders? Brewer claims they may be friends who visit the residents.

Many tenants have expressed enthusiasm for the program.

"They feel it will be beneficial to the whole Fairview project," Brewer commented.

Larger than most housing projects, Caulfield called the Fairview Homes one of the oldest developments.

"It has a reputation as being a tough place to live," he said.

Human Relations Division Broadens Its Purpose

The Division of Human Relations was established in 1969 at a time when North Carolina schools were being integrated and during a time of considerable tension between the races. Since 1969, the Division has been active in promoting racial harmony in the student population and in establishing procedures designed to improve the educational opportunities for all students.

But things have been gradually changing over the past ten years. The goals and purposes of the agency are still the same, to help

the public schools of North Carolina become fully integrated in order that racial concerns "will not interfere with the education of students." But North Carolina and the South have paved the way in establishing good human relations and today the myriad of problems which existed in 1969 have become less complicated in nature.

That prospect has led to two side effects, one of them positive, the other one, somewhat negative. On the positive side, the agency now can spend more time teaching human relations to

students, teachers, administrators and parents rather than enforcing human relations. There is a difference. At one time, it was necessary to maintain good race relations in schools by using the law. Racial problems haven't totally disappeared but the solutions to today's racial problems are much different.

It leaves those engaged in establishing human relations with the prospects of aiming their efforts in different directions. The emphasis now, according to State Superintendent Craig Phillips, goes beyond race

relations. The effort involves three specific areas, people to people, communications and Group building. The first two areas are self explanatory, involving individual one-on-one and how

they can best communicate with each other, with their supervisors and with all outside entities. The third area, group building, is where the Division of Human Relations now spends much of its time and effort. These efforts include such subjects as discipline, staff development and parental concerns.

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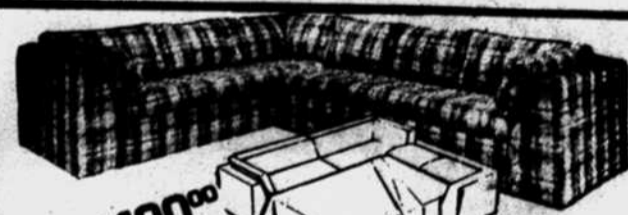
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