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VALERIE RENEE CARTER

...Youngest of nine children

## Valerie Renee Carter

### Is Beauty Of The Week

By Teresa Burns  
Post Staff Writer

With textbooks in hands and our beauty, Valerie Renee Carter has probably started her classes at Livingstone College. Her mind is set on the computer science field.

"For one thing," she explained "it's a wide open field." And even if she has to transfer to UNC-C she intends to complete her degree.

As the youngest of nine children of Mrs. Minnie Carter, our beauty says she has always been known as

one of the Carter sisters. But by the time she reached the 12th grade at West Mecklenburg she established her own identity. She spread her wings, so to speak, making the world recognize that she was a leader.

In her last year in high school alone she was vice president of the student body, a cheerleader, a member of Project Aries, the Civinettes, vice president of the Red Cross, a member of the Fellowship of Christian Girls, and a member of the DECA Club. She obtained the

Aries Award for mutual understanding and respect among races.

Involvement is not the only virtue of Ms. Carter's. She is also perceptive making sure to avoid unnecessary mistakes. "I'm not spoiled and I'm active. I also learn from my family's mistakes. In that way I don't make the same mistakes they made."

She has also seen the prejudice that exists, and it is one aspect of the world she would like to change.

Standing 5'7", 121 pounds, our Capricorn beauty loves to dance, and cook. She adores all types of sports, especially football. "I play basketball but like to watch football games," she admitted.

Her favorite person is her mother, Mrs. Minnie Carter. "She raised all of us by herself after my father died -- and she raised us in a decent place."

To get a good education is one of Ms. Carter's major goals. "I'm not satisfied with the education I have now. I want to get a degree. I enjoy working and I don't want to be a slave," she noted.

She would like to forever break out of the mold of being someone's else's sister--she wants to be known for her own merits, not her family's. And if she keeps on her present path, nothing can stop her.

## New Project Aims To

### Enrich Homemakers' Lives

By Susan Ellsworth  
Post Staff Writer

"Full-time homemakers are a neglected part of our society," according to Betty Watson who will co-direct a new project designed to raise their morale.

Funded by a Title I Grant and using resources of Central Piedmont Community College and WomanReach, Inc., the project aims at enriching the homemaker's life.

The program will run September 15 - December 19 and all activities take place in the home. Offered free of charge, the project is open to any full-time homemaker who has a telephone and lives within the toll-free area.

Heightening the homemaker's awareness and helping her to appreciate her role in the family is the project's goal.

Participants will receive a packet containing an overview of information and materials following registration.

Before the first two-week segment begins participants will receive a packet of materials on the theme "Getting Acquainted With How I Think And Feel," and a telephone amplifier.

During the first two-week segment, activities will

include keeping a project diary, television lessons on developing familiarity with computers, telephone tapes on that theme and using newspapers and magazines.

Teaching computer literacy deals with providing insight into how computers are used, problem solving skills, how they mechanically function (not a course in operating computers). Tapes are conversational in style and help clarify values, Ms. Watson explained.

This pattern continues in the third segment, "Getting Acquainted With The Changing World Around Me."

By Anthony Hayes  
Post Staff Writer

After a 39-year career that has spanned nearly every department job from street cop to Chief, J. C. "Jake" Goodman has announced his retirement from the Charlotte Police Department. That announcement has caused the city to set up procedures for a nationwide search to find a new police chief. Who will the next police chief be? What characteristics should he possess?

A Huntington Beach, California recruitment firm that helped cities like Dallas, Phoenix and Des Moines pick new police chiefs will lead the nationwide search. Mayor Eddie Knox and some council members thought it best for the new chief to come from outside the department. They think an outsider is needed to solve what they

department morale, it may be best to go to an outside source. That does not mean we don't have qualified officers within the department - it's simply an easier route to alleviate the internal problems." Rev. Robert L. Walton, also a candidate for county commission, in expressing a different view says, "I don't believe in spending a lot of money to hire people for certain jobs. I understand that the police chief holds a very important position; however, I would have conducted an extensive search within the department to see if there were qualified officers, and if I could not agree upon someone within the department, I would then employ a firm to conduct a search outside the department.



Ron Leeper  
...District 3 Councilman

see as low-morale and ineffective management within the department.

In response to this "outside selection," Dr. Raleigh Bynum, a candidate for county commission, said, "based on the comments I've heard and the

## Political

### Forum

#### Sets Meeting

The North Carolina Black Political Forum will meet in Raleigh September 19-20 to set a statewide black agenda for the 1980s. The 1st conference of the Forum will be held at the Downtown Holiday Inn in Raleigh. Workshops, discussions and strategy sessions are planned.

Rev. Leon White, co-chairperson of the Black Political Forum, will be in Charlotte Tuesday, August 19 to announce the new black organization and to discuss conference plans. He will speak at an 11 a.m. press conference at the Main Library, 322 N. Tryon St. The public is welcome.

"The N.C. Black Political Forum grew out of the combined efforts of people who were committed to strengthening Black people's political power in North Carolina and to seeking solutions to those issues which directly affect our people," said White, director of the United Church of Christ Commission on Racial Justice for N.C. and Virginia.

"We aim to provide a forum for people to articulate their concerns and press their demands for resolutions of injustices. We are also committed to empowering community groups in their local and statewide efforts," said White.

A pardon for the Wilmington 10, a just resolution of the UNC desegregation suit, utility reform, an end to high unemployment and fair administration of the Food Stamp Program will be issues on the agenda. Workshops will also include organizing skills and discussion of black politics in the 1980s.

A nationally known speaker (to be announced) will address the banquet Saturday evening. State and national black leaders will be invited to attend.



Members of Rehabco are pitching in to renovate the home of Sarah Hoover, Randy Rose, Hezekiah Massey (Supervisor), Joe Stinson, Warren Bryant, Mrs. Hoover, Larry Henderson (supervisor), Nelson Harris, Spencer Jones Fred Wright and Randy Rose. (Photo by Eileen Hanson)

## Gets Home Repaired

### Cooperative Effort Erases

#### Hoover's Greatest Worry

By Eileen Hanson  
Special To The Post

Johnson Hoover's greatest worry was how to get his home repaired. He and his wife Sarah had lived in their home on Keswick Ave. for 15 years. Two of their three children were born there.

Hoover was blind and suffered from a stroke. His wife was also ill with a heart condition. What little money they had was barely enough to cover monthly mortgage payments and living expenses. There was nothing left for home repairs.

As the years went on, the leaks in the roof and the floor couldn't be repaired.

Just before his last stroke July 1, Hoover learned that help was on the way. He died July 25, knowing that his family would not have to abandon their home.

Thanks to the efforts of the Metrolina Association for the Blind, the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Youth Council, the Home Builders Association and the Lion's

Club, the Hoover home is undergoing a complete repair.

On August 11 Rehabco, the housing reconstruction project of the Youth Council, arrived to start repairing the house. They brought with them lumber, paint, shingles and other materials furnished by local construction companies.

"We've waited a long time. I'm just so happy to get it done," said Mrs. Hoover. She and her three children and three grandchildren remain in their home as the construction crew moves around them, putting up ceiling board, building a new porch, fixing the holes in the floor and plumbing. New roof is already near completion.

The cooperative effort to help the Hoover family started when Joyce DeViney of the Metrolina Association for the Blind learned about their problem last April. She contacted the Youth Council which agreed to supply manpower for the renovation

through Rehabco.

Ten young men in the Rehabco project are learning to be painters, carpenters, plumbers, maintenance and landscape specialists.

The Lion's Club aided money and Abernathy Lumber Co. supplied at cost.

The Home Builders Association coordinated efforts to get local construction companies to donate supplies as a service to the community.

Among the companies contributing materials are John Crosland Roofing Co., R.T. White Plumbing, G. Milton Allen Home Repair Service, Muir and Laney Guttering, and Mitchem Building Supply.

According to Ms. DeViney, money is still needed for house paint, and to help the Hoover family meet expenses. Any donations should be directed through Greg Reid at the Youth Council, 501 E. Morehead St., 333-5241.

Rehabco has rehabilitated many homes since it started in April, 1979, including homes in the Cherry Community and Third Ward. One of 6 projects of the Youth Council's Mini-Cities program, Rehabco is a federally funded job training program for economically disadvantaged youth.

The Youth Community Conservation Improvement Project, another of the Youth Council, is also part of Rehabco, which trains high school dropouts with needed skills. Participants attend classes on the Square on Monday a week to complete their high school diplomas.

Rehabco also contracts for maintenance and landscaping services, weatherization, and general home repairs and reconstruction. Its office is at 7th and McDowell, but requests are handled through Reid at the Youth Council.

Those working on the Hoover home are painters Spencer Jones, Nelson Harris, and Fred Wright; carpenters James Fallie, Randy and Timothy Rose; maintenance men Joe Stinson, Arnold Whitley and Warren Bryant; and plumber Clyde Sloan.

## Blacks Suffer Most From Crime

Special To The Post

"We must break the grip of fear that is strangling many of our inner-city neighborhoods. Our people must be able to live and work and play in peace and safety in our cities," Mayor Ernest N. Morial, of New Orleans, told the Judicial Council of the National Bar Association in Dallas last week.

Addressing the Founder's Day Awards Luncheon where he received the Raymond Pace Alexander Award and Council founder Judge George W. Crockett, the William H. Hastie Award, Morial said crime was on the rise in many large cities, notably Los Angeles, Birmingham and Las Vegas.

Blacks suffer most from crime, he added, noting that in New Orleans last year three out of four murder victims were black.

"Nationally, homicide is the leading cause of death for black men and women in the 25-34 age category. And blacks are six times as likely to be shot to death as whites," the mayor stated.

Responsible officials must withstand hysteria and deal rationally with the problem, he warned.

"In New Orleans recently, we have effectively placed a moratorium on public bickering among public officials on the issue of crime. Instead of engaging in the bitter language of divisiveness, representatives of the criminal justice agencies, including judges, the district attorney, the sheriff, the police chief, city council members and the mayor, now meet regularly to work out differences and to improve cooperations," Morial said.

Citing the racial violence in Miami and Wichita, Kansas, Morial said it was due to failures in the criminal justice system, and he called for more minorities in all phases of the system, citing recent state court affirmative action programs as salutary.

## JCSU Freshmen

### Orientation Week

#### Begins Sunday

Freshmen orientation at Johnson C. Smith University will be held Sunday, August 24 through Sunday, August 31. Between 450 and 500 freshmen are expected to enroll that week.

The week of orientation will be used for testing, advisement, and pre-registration clearance for students enrolling during this 113th academic year at the university. JCSU residence halls will open at 9 a.m. on the 24th.

Orientation activities for transfer students will begin on Friday, August 29. Students holding assignments for campus housing may check into their rooms beginning at noon on Thursday, August 28.

Class registration will be held on September 4 and 5.



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