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Lottery For Alternative Schools Set

The annual lottery to determine enrollment in the four CMS schools operated as part of the system's "alternative education" program will be held April 22, 1981 in the Board Room of the Education Center. The lottery will begin at 9:30 a.m.

Students wishing to apply to attend Elizabeth or Myers Park Traditional Elementary School, Irwin Avenue Open Elementary or Piedmont Open Middle School may do so by completing a special "Request for Reassignment" form available at all CMS elementary and junior high schools or from the Education Center. Final selection will be based on a lottery drawing, by grades, of all black students and all white students separately using the racial ratio for each school.

After a school is filled to capacity, the remaining names drawn in the lottery will be placed on an "alternate list" in the order they are drawn. This list will be kept ONLY for the 1981-82 school year. Alternate students will be granted places in the alternative schools as vacancies occur during the school year.

The alternative schools are: Irwin Avenue Open Elementary, Elizabeth Traditional Elementary, Myers Park Traditional Elementary and Piedmont Open Middle School. Irwin Avenue is a k-5 school, Elizabeth and Myers Park are k-6 and Piedmont is 6-9.

In order to be eligible for the lottery, all students wishing to attend an alternative CMS school must apply during the application period February 1 - March 31. For more information, contact your local school or the CMS Office of Pupil Assignment at 379-7044.

Johnson To Be Sworn In As Parole Chairman

Greensboro lawyer Walter Johnson will be sworn in as the first black chairman of the state Parole Commission on Friday, February 6, at 10:30 a.m. The ceremony will be held in the House Chambers of the Capitol.

Johnson, 40, will succeed James Woodard, who has been appointed Secretary of Correction. Johnson is chairman of the N.C. Inmate Grievance Commission, but will give up that post for this chairmanship.

"I am delighted to appoint a man of Walter Johnson's caliber to this position," Gov. Hunt said. "His superb service as chairman of the Inmate Grievance Commission, his outstanding tenure as one of North Carolina's finest trial lawyers uniquely qualify him for this post."

Johnson will serve the remainder of Woodard's term, which ends June 30, 1981.

TURTLE-TALK



The Lord gave us two ends to use, ONE to think with, and ONE to sit on... It all depends on which you choose: HEADS you win, TAILS you lose.



ATTRACTIVE KATHLEEN JONES
...Irwin Avenue third grader

Kathleen Jones Is Beauty Of Week

By Teresa Burns
Post Staff Writer
Like sun rays bursting from behind dark clouds, our beauty, Kathleen Jones, is a shining example of brightness and radiant energy.

The nine-year-old daughter of Mary Jones and Herman Jones, this Aquarian is fond of activities that keep her on the go.

"I love to play basketball, dance, draw and spend money," Miss Jones revealed. She also attends Friendship Baptist Church where she is in the Brownie Troop.

Singing is a favorite of our beauty. "I would like to become a singing star because music means a lot to me." Her number one entertainer is the young star Stacy Lattisaw.

As a third grader at Irwin Ave. Elementary School, Miss Jones enjoys art, gym, language arts, and mathematics. Mathematics is the most exciting subject for her, mainly because "You don't have to do all the writing," she

explained.

Other aspects of school that fascinate Miss Jones are the field trips. "We have already been to see plays and we are going to Camp Thunderbird soon."

Much time at school is spent with her best friend, Rachel Clark, also a third grader. Both of them enjoy going to the movies, swimming and attending pajama parties together.

Our beauty's favorite person is her mother, Mrs. Mary Jones. "For my birthday she took me to the skating rink and I like to go skating," our beauty commented. "My mother spends a lot of money on me."

Miss Jones didn't want to omit the rest of her family. Her grandmother Ella Mae Bates of Laurens, S.C., her brother, James Coleman, and her sister, Teresa Coleman, are all "very sweet to me," Miss Jones stated.

Beauty appears in all age categories and Miss Jones is one who exemplifies this. She is a princess who will certainly grow to become a queen.

Here March 1 New Noise Ordinance Will Go Into Effect

To make Charlotte less noisy, a new noise ordinance will go into effect on March 1.

When three or more people of the same household complain about a noise as an unnecessary sound, the charge will be presumed true and in violation of the ordinance.

A noise control officer can issue a \$10. citation for violating the ordinance and impose penalties of 30 days in jail or a \$50. fine, or violations can bring civil penalties up to \$500. Plus, the City Attorney can seek injunctions against ordinance violators.

Under the new law pets are prohibited from constantly barking and howling.

Noise levels have been established for radios, tape recorders, phonographs and musical instruments, and cannot be exceeded on adjacent properties.

Noises are also restricted between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m. On public property such as city parks, using sound equipment is prohibited except in designated areas such as amphitheaters.

Outdoor use of sound trucks is prohibited, except for emergency and utility vehicles, and sound amplifying equipment for commercial advertising.

Noise from garage operations and filling stations is restricted after 9 p.m.

Wuh Fraud

McKoy Charges Doctor, Attorney

By Susan Ellsworth
Post Staff Writer

It took Thelma McKoy a nearly two-year struggle to get what she said she should have received in the first place -- disability benefits.

The retired West Mecklenburg social studies teacher has charged a Charlotte doctor and attorney with conspiracy to defraud both her and an insurance company of funds resulting from an accident case.

Mrs. McKoy's problems started in November 1977 when she suffered spinal injuries in an auto accident.

Two months later, Dr. Edwin Mize, referred to her by another doctor, told her she was totally disabled by the injuries and complications.

According to Mrs. McKoy, Dr. Mize related to her and West Mecklenburg assistant principal, Joseph B. McGinn in January 1978 that he was recommending

Hunt Urged To Support

Minority Businesses

Know Plans Program For Disabled

Charlotte Mayor Eddie Knox has announced a nine-part program for observing the 1981 International Year of the Disabled (IYD) as proclaimed by the United Nations.

The Charlotte plan, which has become a model for the North Carolina state program, was developed in cooperation with the U.S. Conference of Mayors and the White House.

During the year, the City will attempt to increase public awareness of the unmet needs of the disabled through a calendar of major events.

In April, the City's Special Population's Recreation Center will open. It is fully accessible to the handicapped and will feature many special programs for the disabled.

May will bring the beginning of a special transit system for the handicapped. Features will include fully accessible door-to-door service which will enable the disabled to become more productive.

During late May the City Parks and Recreation Department will sponsor the statewide Special Olympics in coordination with the Civitans. Over 3,000 athletes are expected to compete.

The City, in conjunction with private business will make a strong effort in August to remove any remaining barriers to the handicapped.

Along with the Governor's Advocacy Council on Disabled Persons, the City will sponsor a symposium in September to bring all organizations serving the handicapped together to better define the needs of the disabled and how local government and the private sector can attempt to address those needs.

The City Handicap Advisory Group will be the coordinating committee for the City's efforts.



Harold Davis, Walter Twitty, E. J. Clemons and Connia Watson (l-r) are shown above prior to the Sales Salute Luncheon honoring Twitty's 41 years of service. (Photo by Teresa Burns)

Walter W. Twitty

NCMLIC's Most Impressive Sales Manager Retires

By Teresa Burns
Post Staff Writer

Even though Walter W. Twitty represented one of North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company's most impressive District Sales Managers, he also contributed vastly in other areas.

His success came from knowing how to work with others. He also realized that team work could produce exactly what his staff had become -- one of the highest collectors of premium incomes in the company's various districts.

Under Twitty last year 26 agents, five staff managers, and five clerical workers busted the seams of the premium income achieving 103.96 percent. More than \$1.5 million dollars was brought in as a result.

Twitty attributes this success to good customer service. "You must prospect sale, and render good service to your clients," Twitty advised. "Sales doesn't have to be an eight hour a day job -- you can spend all the time you want -- the key is serving people

well." Demands of Twitty's job included "...staying on top of the situation." His job involved motivating many -- keeping people working and earning a living and selling competitively.

E. J. Clemons, the Regional Agency Director and Twitty's immediate supervisor, has known him for 26 years. "I find that he is one of the most loyal and dedicated district sales managers that the company has had. He is policy oriented and will be a tremendous loss," Clemons commented.

According to Vice President of Field Operations, Harold S. Davis, Twitty possesses a strong will. "Twitty made tremendous contributions to the Metroline and the Piedmont areas. He also pioneered our entry into the Los Angeles area. He has a strong determination to excel to the top."

When Twitty began his career September 4, 1939 with North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company, he was a Combination Agent. He was draft-

ed into the Army August 1942 returning to North Carolina Mutual February 1946.

In 1949 Twitty was appointed to Assistant Manager of the Wilmington District; transferred back to the Charlotte District as Special Ordinary Agent and eventually was named Staff Manager on November 1, 1955.

In 1961 he was appointed Pioneer Staff Manager of the New Los Angeles District; named Field Training Supervisor January 1, 1963 and District Manager of the Charlotte District January 1, 1968.

From 1968 to 1980 Twitty performed spectacularly, achieving runner-up for Manager of the Year in 1972. He also won several NIA Convention and President's Club Convention trips. His duties as District Sales Manager involved managing, supervising and selling. He retired December 31 and was honored January 29 with a Sales Salute Luncheon at Johnson C. Smith Student Union. He received the official retirement plaque, \$100, and a silver dollar for each year of service.

"I still plan to write up insurance on a part-time basis to keep me active," Twitty commented. "It's sort of difficult after getting up for 41 years every morning to just stop."

Twitty also plans to execute an exercising program. He enjoys all types of sports and plans to play golf and bridge. He also enjoys traveling.

Active in both community and civic affairs, Twitty is presently serving on the Board of Directors McCrorey Branch YMCA (25 years); and the Board of Visitors at Johnson C. Smith University. He served on the Board of Parks and Recreation N.C. for four years. He is a member of the Swanks Social Club; Metroline Duplicate Bridge Club; the Bridgeteers Bridge Club; and a member of Simpson-Gillespie United Presbyterian Church where he is chairman of the Finance Committee. He is also a member of JCSU's 100 club.

Twitty is married to the former Samella Brown.

Council Cites Steps To Aid Minorities

The N.C. Human Relations Council has requested that Governor Jim Hunt endorse measures that would assist small, minority businesses.

During a recent weekend meeting in Wilson, the council went on record as supporting recommendations of the Governor's Small Business Advocacy Council, especially three steps which would help minority firms, and voted to send a letter to Gov. Hunt asking for his endorsement.

These steps are: --That the Office of Minority Business Enterprise in the N.C. Department of Commerce hold periodic meetings throughout the state in an effort to explain existing procedures designed to facilitate the development and expansion of small business and that the Office also implement a proposal to establish a State Loan Guarantee Program for Small Businesses. --That State Purchase and Contract Division applications be rewritten to include easily-understood definitions of terms as needed.

--That records of all state purchases and contracts include amounts awarded to minority vendors.

In other business during the two-day meeting, the council, headed by Dr. Jerry Drayton of Winston-Salem, urged the governor to include the proposed dangerous weapon bill in his crime package to the General Assembly. The bill would make it a felony to carry a dangerous weapon while on a street or sidewalk within 300 feet of a parade, funeral procession, picket, public exhibition or public demonstration.

The council also endorsed a bill to provide interpreters for deaf people in certain judicial, legislative and administrative proceedings in the state and also directed that an abstract of the study "Sentencing in Six North Carolina Cities" be prepared, printed and distributed to persons in the state criminal justice and court system and to key government officials. The recently completed study found that in six North Carolina cities in 1978 blacks were arrested for aggravated assault, burglary and rape offenses twice as often as were whites and blacks received maximum sentences for these charges more often than did whites.

Sickle Cell Disco

FOSCIA (Friends of Sickle Cell In Action) will sponsor a Pre-Valentine Disco Dance on Tuesday, February 10, at Freedom Village, beginning at 8 p.m.

Proceeds will benefit the Association for Sickle Cell Disease for Charlotte-Metroline, Inc.

Tickets will cost \$2 and are available from The Soul Shack, Queen City Sundries, Campbell's Superette, Statesville Groceries and the Association for Sickle Cell Disease.



Mrs. Thelma N. McKoy
...Retired teacher

her for disability retirement and promised to complete the necessary medical forms.

After teaching for 29 years, Mrs. McKoy then retired and awaited her benefits. None came, nor did her disability mortgage insurance, social security disability or accident insurance.

Mrs. McKoy, a widow, said Mize did not complete the forms, despite her plea that retirement income was her only source of

funds. Mize stalled until April 1978, she said, when the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education, at her request, pressured him into sending the forms.

This delay, however, caused her to lose several months of income during which time she had no other source of livelihood. Unaware that Mize was a convicted felon who previously had his license suspended for a five year period, Mrs. McKoy said if she had known of his record she would have chosen another doctor.

"Among his disturbing practices, Mize sent all my medical bills directly to my attorney, Thomas Downer, who was suing the North Carolina Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company on my behalf for \$200,000," Mrs. McKoy explained.

She said Downer refused to let her see the bills. (It is customary for the client to receive bills and then give

nem to the attorney according to a local lawyer).

Mrs. McKoy charged that Downer intercepted a \$1,000 check from the N.C. Farm Bureau by writing to the company saying he was authorized to receive the check. Mrs. McKoy said she did not grant him that authorization.

The money was returned to her in 1979 after she lodged several complaints with the State Bar.

When she released Downer as her attorney, he required her to pay \$100 for her file. After reviewing it, she learned the insurance company was charged for medical services she allegedly had not received.

"This experience has ruined my health and financial well-being," Mrs. McKoy said.

Although State Farm paid her claim retro-active until she was accepted for disability in 1978, Mrs. McKoy's ordeal had only begun.

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