

"Big Mama" Remembers There Was More Discipline

By Teresa Burns
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They call her "Big-mama." And she remembers when life seemed to be a little more congenial... when the neighbors had some say so about how any child should behave.



Mary Lou Bost
An energetic 70

As a result there was more discipline, but then this was at the turn of the century, when 70-year-old Mary Lou Bost was just a child.

Born June 16, 1911, Mrs. Bost was the seventh of 18 children of Mr. and Mrs. William and Julia Innes McClure. She remembers walking several miles to school.

"And when it rained," Mrs. Bost reminisced, "we had to take another route and walk two more miles to avoid a creek we had to cross."

Her neighborhood, near Shamrock Drive, had a one classroom school miles away with all ages being taught by one black teacher.

"When you reached the 8th grade that was it. Then you had to walk to town to Second Ward and most blacks didn't have a way to travel those several miles."

Mrs. Bost does remember one young lady who wrapped her feet and legs up in rags and tromped in the snow to Second Ward. Mrs. Bost's path in life was just as strenuous.

She went down to the Glove Factory and began sewing gloves at the age of 14. When she was 21 she married a painter, John Bost, now deceased.

Years passed and the Bost family produced five children: Gretchen Bost of New York; Mattie Lineberger of Charlotte; Beatrice Ervin of Charlotte; the late Johnnie Mae Bost and the late John Bost Jr.

Mrs. Bost reared her family, worked in a glove factory, did domestic work, bottled at the Dr. Pepper Plant on North Graham Street, bought a home and worked for the Wesley Nursing Center until her retirement.

And even with this hard work behind her, her 70 years of age only appears

Mrs. Bost's advice to anyone looking for peace and serenity is to "get it in yourself to live the life God wants you to."

"You have to have Christ within you and ask the Lord for advice and faith. Without Him you can't do anything," she continued.

Mrs. Bost is a member and attends regularly The House of Prayer for All People. She is a member of the String Band in which she sings and plays the tambourine.

Singing, tambourine playing, going to attic sales, cooking and especially reading the Bible are Mrs. Bost's favorite pastimes.

She has been graced to see thirteen grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. And they have been blessed for they can listen and learn from a great "Bigmama."

June Plates, Stickers Expire Soon

RALEIGH - Is your car registration due to expire June 30?

If you bought a new car or registered your car from July 1 - December 31, 1980, then you are among those who need to renew their license plates within the next two weeks.

Only about 70,500 of the nearly 388,700 renewal applications mailed by the North Carolina Department of Transportation's Motor Vehicles Division have been processed to date.

Motor Vehicles Commissioner Elbert L. Peters Jr. noted that both mail-in and over the counter sales for June license plate renewals have been slow.

"We are encouraging our citizens who need to renew their license plates in June to go to the nearest license plate sales office as soon as possible to get their tags and stickers," he said.

Tags and stickers for the June 1982 renewals have been on sale since mid-May, when renewal notices were mailed to those owners who stickers expire in June 1981.

Driving a vehicle without a current valid registration is a misdemeanor in North

Carolinam punishable by a fine up to \$100 or imprisonment up to 60 days, or both.

A brochure that is included with the license renewal card shows the correct placement of the validation sticker on the license plate.

A license plate that has "1981 year" sticker on it should either be cleaned off so that the new sticker can be placed directly on top of it, or peeled off and replaced by the new sticker. The sticker on the left side showing the month is permanent.

Peters said the renewal fee for cars is \$16. He added that motorists who are renewing registration on their vehicles should make sure that their correct address is shown on the front of the renewal card and that they fill out the insurance information and sign the back of the card.

Cord Webbing

The canvas, plastic and cord webbing on outdoor furniture can be kept clean with warm detergent or soap suds and brisk scrubbing. Always rinse well, and wipe off excess water.



25th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Bomer and Rena (Fox) Sadler will celebrate their silver wedding anniversary Saturday, June 27, with a reception at 6 p.m. in Woodland United Presbyterian Church on Rhyne Road. The couple were married June 30, 1956 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hanson Fox. They have two sons - Bomer Sadler III and Christopher Lee Sadler; and two grand-

children Christina and Kesha Sadler. Among the reception guests will be Mrs. Sophie Sadler (mother) and Wilson and William Sadler (brothers). Mrs. Rena Sadler's family includes Hubert Fox, Carnel Fox, Alice Clairburn and Betty Knight, all of Philadelphia, and Martha Rankins and Johnny Fox of Charlotte.

Jehovah's Witnesses Set Convention

More than 100 district conventions of Jehovah's Witnesses will be held throughout the United States during the months of June, July and August of this year according to a spokesman for the group.

John Kamphuis, a minister representing the Charlotte congregations, said that more than one million delegates are anticipated at these "Kingdom Loyalty" District Conventions that will be held in 67 cities across the country. More than 2,000 from Charlotte will be attending conventions planned for June 25-28, in Greensboro, N.C., and July 9-12 in Greenville, S.C.

"Revolution, coups and insurrections have become common in our time," Kamphuis stated, "showing that there is a lack of

loyalty in the world. The greatest need of the human family right now is God's kingdom that Jesus Christ taught his followers to pray for. That is a government deserving the loyalty of all mankind."

"The 'Kingdom Loyalty' Conventions will strengthen the faith of anyone who attends and will provide much practical instruction for everyday living," Kamphuis concluded.

Kamphuis said all conventions of Jehovah's Wit-

Dr. Jones Moves

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nesses are open to the public without fee or collection.

Synod Of The Piedmont Meeting

The ninth annual meeting of the Synod of the Piedmont will be held at Johnson C. Smith University June 26-28.

The Synod of the Piedmont, consisting of delegates from 354 churches, has a combined church membership of more than 81,000 persons in a four state area and the District of Columbia.

In addition to Washington, D.C., delegates will be represented from North

Carolina, Virginia, Delaware and Maryland. The assembly is held annually to discuss the business of the United Presbyterian Church, provide interpretation of the mission of the church and to provide booths displaying services available within the Synod.

Among the many agencies being asked to provide displays of services are the seven Presbyteries within the Synod of the Piedmont, Chesapeake Center, Major Mission Fund, Urban Ministries, United Presbyterian Foundation and Cokesbury Book Stores.

Display booths will be set up in the Rufus Perry Science Hall. Delegates will be housed on campus.

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BY THE WAY...
By Joe Black

As many of you know, I have been doing "By The Way" for more than a decade, and during that time, I have discussed many topics. Some of them did more than provoke; they aroused anger. And when I look back, I think that some of my topics were before their time. For example, in the early 1970's, I urged the youthful Black athletes not to "prostitute" their bodies by going to college and concentrating on sports rather than gaining a quality education.

And now, here we are in the 1980's when it should be the best of times for our young Black athletes. But it's not. The smaller institutions have always offered scholarships, but now the major colleges and universities are seeking the talent of these athletes. And that's when it becomes the worst of times because the lure of television exposure and their names in headlines causes them to lose their capacity to think. They must remember that college represents two opportunities—a quality education that will make them competitive in today's labor market and a possible contract with a professional team. It's sad to say, too many of them concentrate on seeking the sports contract. And when the fickle finger of fate points to someone else to receive the "pro" contract, too often the young Black athlete is left disappointed, frustrated, and uneducated. So encourage our youths to dream about stars, but at the same time, remind them that school is for learning, also.

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