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Charlotte Transit Mall And Brownlee Jewelers



BARBARA STRONG
...Myers Park senior

Lovely Barbara Strong

Is Beauty Of The Week

By Teresa Simmons
Post Managing Editor
This cool weather has no affect on the warm heart of our beauty, Barbara Strong. There is not much in this world that can corrupt pure honesty and sweetness.

Add a coating of understanding and you can picture our beauty's positive ardent side. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby K. Strong, our beauty is one of four children. Her brother is Kenneth and her two sisters are Gwen and Crystal.

"I most admire my mother and father. They are understanding and in times of trouble or need

they are always there to help," Ms. Strong submitted.

From these wonderful examples, Ms. Strong has been able to portray the very qualities she most admires in her parents. She has also learned much about the importance of the Supreme Being.

"If you put God first... before anything... it will be successful," commented our beauty. In addition she loathes many of the negative conditions of the world such as crime and hatred. "If I could make any changes crime and hatred would be at the top of my list."

Ms. Strong attends

Salem Baptist Church where Rev. Anthony Jirwright Jr. is pastor.

At Myers Park Senior High School, where she is a senior, Ms. Strong is a member of the NAACP, The Ambassador Club and a member of the Varsity Cheerleading Squad.

She will also be a participant in the Debutante Ball, sponsored each year by the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Charlotte Chapter.

Ms. Strong enjoys typing and plans to enter Bennett or Fayetteville State University to complete a Secretary of Science degree. "I would like to become an Executive Secretary. I enjoy communicating with people and working with them," she stated.

Born under the sign of Taurus, Ms. Strong enjoys a variety of activities including dancing, going to discos and cheering. Her favorite instructor is Ms. Floyd. "The Jeffersons" ranks first in television entertainment and Prince, first in the musical realm of Ms. Strong's taste.

Combining the essential talents and characteristics of our beauty serves only to produce a young lady of class. So it still remains that no power can disturb the true gentleness of our beauty, Barbara Strong.

October Food Prices Decline

Special To The Post
Washington - The consumer price index released today indicates retail food prices fell 0.2 percent in October (before seasonal adjustment), according to Assistant Secretary of Agriculture William Leshner.

"Declining food prices reflect large supplies of many food commodities, weak consumer demand and small changes in food marketing costs," he said.

Prices for food brought in grocery stores fell 0.4 percent in October, the third consecutive monthly decline. Prices for food purchased away from home were up 0.3 percent, the smallest rise this year, Leshner said.

October food prices were 3.4 percent higher than a year earlier. This reflects 2.7 percent higher prices for grocery store food prices and 4.9 percent higher prices for food away from home. In contrast, prices for nonfood items have risen 5.4 percent over the past year, Leshner said.



THE GREENFIELD FAMILY

Dr. and Mrs. Wilbert Greenfield seated in front, are pictured with their children, left to right: Rifka, Wilbert, George and Tanya.

Going-Away Reception Marked With Both "Joy And Sorrow"

By Linda Florence
Special To The Post
A going-away reception for Dr. and Mrs. Wilbert Greenfield, the out-going First Family of Johnson C. Smith University, was marked with both joy and sorrow.

Both the faculty and staff, who sponsored the reception, were happy that the Greenfield's had had a successful ten years of service at the University; were happy that the First Family would continue with their own life goals and challenges; and were happy for the good memories held in the hearts of those whose lives were touched by theirs.

But then there was the sorrow; sorrow that Dr. Greenfield's decade-long tenure as president was coming to a close; and sorrow that comes at a time when close friends are parting.

Dr. Greenfield, the tenth

president of Johnson C. Smith University, will become president of Virginia State University, Petersburg, VA, January 1, 1983. The Johnson C. Smith University Board of Trustees appointed Mack L. Davidson, former vice-president for Financial Affairs as Acting and Interim president until a national search for a successor could be named.

"Johnson C. Smith University has been good to us. The Charlotte community has been good to us," Dr. Greenfield told the JCSU family.

"There will forever be a special place in our hearts for both the city and Johnson C. Smith University," he said.

During the reception, several members of the faculty and staff gave expressions regarding the Greenfields and the Greenfield years at JCSU.

Mr. Davidson cited some of the many accomplishments made by Dr. Greenfield during his tenure. Accomplishments made during his tenure were listed as follows: payed off the church loan of \$500,000 and installed air conditioning in the University Church; installation of the new telephone system for the University at a cost of about \$25,000; construction of the new education building; increased the endowments by \$500,000.

Renovated several floors of the administration building; purchased the old steel mill property at a cost of \$200,000; increased alumni giving from approximately \$16,000 to more than \$100,000 per year; conducted a major capital campaign and raised more than \$2 million; renovated the student health center at a cost of \$20,000; started plans for construction of a new dormitory at a cost of \$20 million and increase campus visibility by bringing the university and the community closer together.

Rouso's Livelihood Threatened?

By Terri Byrum
Special To The Post
Brownlee Jewelers has been a fixture in the uptown area for 47 years. Other stores came and went, but Brownlee's, with various branch locations in Charlotte, is owned by Al Rouso and has been at 108 S. Tryon Street, employing up to 20 people at any given time.

Enter 1981 and the Park and Recreation bond issue, calling for an uptown "park." It wasn't until after the issue passed by 22 votes that Mr. Rouso even realized that passage of the referendum would threaten his livelihood.

This is commonly known as progress. In modern America, funds for a super-highway are allocated for the thoroughfare to cut through your front yard, and suddenly you are in a position of taking whatever money is offered you as compensation, and you find another home.

A family is grossly inconvenienced, but the project is deemed to be in the best interest of the public. It happens all of the time. And, indeed, elected officials generally work very hard to be certain that the procedure is carried through as fairly as possible.

The case with Brownlee's and the transit mall appears to be different. Al Rouso says, "All of this is being done in the name of progress and revitalization. I fail to see how involuntary forcing me from my store is revitalizing." Mr. Rouso feels that the primary issue here is one of misunderstanding, referring to the fact that the terms "transit mall" and "retail plaza" were not on the ballot in April of 1981, when the issue passed.

Aside from questioning the city's need for his uptown property, Mr. Rouso produces documents that show that the tax value of his property was assessed at \$98,290. This is the figure on which he has been paying taxes for 10 years. To date, the city has offered him \$80,000. Additional relocation funds were included. Refusing to accept the offer, Mr. Rouso has been told by officials that condemnation procedures will be taken at any time.

But Al Rouso, an intelligent, outspoken man, is going all out to challenge the procedure. "I won't sit still on this," Mr. Rouso says, "I won't just be quiet and watch it happen."

Mr. Rouso has rallied support from members of the business community and has purchased advertisements in the daily newspapers to fully explain his situation. "I've received countless calls from people who think I am right," says Mr. Rouso.

But what about the city's response to this uproar?

City Manager Wendell White, who originally re-

State Highway Traffic

Fatalities Show Decrease

Raleigh - Traffic fatalities on North Carolina highways show a substantial decrease when compared to the similar period in 1981, according to figures released today by North Carolina Department of Crime Control and Public Safety Secretary Heman R. Clark.

"As of November 5," Clark said, "1,059 fatalities have been reported on our highways this year. At this time last year, there were 1,256 fatalities. That means there are 197 fewer traffic fatalities this year when compared to the same period last year."

"I want to commend the State Highway Patrol and all other law enforcement agencies in the state for the work they have done to help reduce traffic fatalities this year. I also feel the citizens of this state deserve a lot of credit for the reduction," he said.

Clark cited Governor Jim Hunt's emphasis on attacking drunk driving in the state, Hunt's appointment of the Governor's Task Force on Drunken Driving, and the public hearings this task force

held throughout the state as being particularly instrumental in the reduction of traffic fatalities this year.

"There is no doubt," stated Clark, "that the people of North Carolina are aroused about drunk driving in this state and are taking steps to stop it. The publicity the Governor's campaign against drunk driving has brought to bear on this problem has helped sensitize everyone to how serious the problem is, and I believe our people are responding to these efforts by getting the drunks off our roads."

"Groups like Mothers against Drunk Driving (MADD) and programs like the Governor's Highway Safety Program, Operation Report All Drunk Drivers (RADDD), have been very effective. The message is getting out that North Carolina is not going to tolerate the carnage on our highways caused by drunk drivers," he said.

Colonel J.T. Jenkins, commander of the State Highway Patrol, said that he felt part of the reduction in traffic fatalities could be attributed to the Patrol's enforcement emphasis on DUI and patrolling of secondary roads in the state.

"The Patrol has always emphasized a campaign against drunk driving," he said. "For the past few years, the North Carolina State Highway Patrol has led all states with comparable enforcement agencies in arrests for DUI."

"Also, we have been concentrating much of our force on the secondary roads in the past few years. See HIGHWAY on Page 8

Friends Of Ebenezer Baptist Church To Honor Dr. Sutton

By Teresa Simmons
Post Managing Editor
"Some of my major objectives include getting people involved and teaching love and unity," Rev. Dr. A. B. Sutton Sr. asserted. On Sunday, December 12, at 5 p.m. members and friends of Ebenezer Baptist Church will honor Rev. Sutton's many accomplished objectives as well as those in the making.

Ebenezer, a church well over 100 years, has for the last six and one-half years been led by the dynamic Rev. Sutton. Today the church has embarked upon a building fund. There is a Senior Citizens Bus Ministry, a new van, new organs, pianos and even padded seats in the sanctuary.

A Music Department has been organized under the leadership of Rev. Sutton. A Wednesday morning Bible and Prayer Meeting study from 9 a.m. until 12 noon has also been implemented by Rev. Sutton.

In appreciation the congregation of Ebenezer has



Rev. Dr. Sutton ...Believes in love invited as guest speaker Rev. Dr. Lemar Foster, pastor of Second Calvary Baptist Church. Rev. Foster will be accompanied by his choir and congregation. Also featured in song will be Ebenezer choirs as well as other choirs of the city.

Rev. Dr. Paul Drummond, pastor of St. Paul Baptist Church, will be the presiding minister. This special service will be held at Ebenezer, 730 East Trade Street.

Rev. Sutton is married to

the beautiful Martha M. Sutton. They have three children: Pamela D. Sutton, Rev. A. B. Sutton Jr., an ordained minister, and Rita S. Sutton.

Beyond his pastoral duties, Rev. Sutton extends his talents and objectives to the community in various capacities. He is chaplain of the Civitan Club; a member of Mayor Eddie Knox's Crime Commission; member of the Executive Board of the General Baptist State Convention; and a member of the Presbytery Board of the General Mecklenburg Baptist Association.

He is also an instructor and assistant director of education of the General Mecklenburg Baptist Association and has assisted with voluntary counseling for the court system.

Rev. Sutton has tried to reach out to the community. As a result membership at Ebenezer has grown and participation in the church's Youth Department...actually the future

Post Announces Subscription Rate Increase

Beginning December 16, 1982, the subscription and single copy rates of **The Charlotte Post** will increase. Single copies will sell for 40 cents and yearly subscriptions will cost \$17.68, including tax.

The increase is necessary due to higher cost in newspaper production, according to publisher Bill Johnson.

"The Post regrets the increase; however, it is necessary to assure the continued publication. It is the policy of **The Charlotte Post** to raise its prices only as a last resort. The last increase was effective March, 1981," Johnson said.

Other persons on the program who brought expressions were Christopher Kemp, chairman of the Music Department; Dr. James Bass, department head, history and political science and acting chairperson, division of social sciences; Dr. William Lide, chairman, department of health and physical education; Boyd Gathright, chairman, division of mathematics and science; Mrs. Ocie Harrison, director of Affirmative Action and Joe Majors, building operations manager.

Music was provided by the Johnson C. Smith University Jazz Ensemble under the direction of Gary L. Callahan. Refreshments were handled by Food Service Director, Floyd Young.

Persons serving on the committee to organize the reception included: Mrs. Lessie Deavers; Dr. Flossie Ran; Mrs. Juanita Davidson; Joe Majors; the Rev. Devia Phinisee; Mrs. Bessie Gage; Mrs. Gladys Davis and Mrs. Dallis J. Reeder.

TURTLE-TALK

