

Gelenia Aaron Chosen "Outstanding Young Woman"

Gelenia Victoria Aaron, co-owner of Aaron and Wall Sewing Center, was recently named as one of the "Outstanding Young Women of America."

Vickie was nominated for this honor by Jackie Smith of Charleston, S.C. The "Outstanding Young Women of America" program is sponsored by leaders of women's organizations. The annual affairs honors young women between the ages of 21-36 for civic and professional achievement.

A 1970 graduate of Bennett College, Vickie was a Dean's List student and a recipient of the Omicron Eta Chi Award. She is also a member of the American Home Economic Association (AHEA) and the North Carolina Home Economics Association. She served as president of AHEA during the 1978-1979 term. Another accomplishment includes her working with the Lou Rawls Telethon for the Negro College Fund.

Vickie is a member of First Mt. Zion Baptist Church and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. After receiving her BS degree in home economics, she returned to Charlotte to work as a seamstress with Belk Department Store. The experience she gained there and the plea-



Gelenia V. Aaron
...Young business woman

sure she always received working with the public made her realize the opportunity to open her own business. For one year, Vickie was owner of Vickie's Sewing Center. Then she expanded to a partnership with Rosa Wall

and created Aaron and Wall Sewing Center.

According to Vickie, sewing is not only a career but a hobby. "I often sew when I'm upset and it relaxes me," Vickie stated. "It gives me a peace of mind," she continued.

Vickie prides herself for talent to design and recycle clothing. Her fashion expertise was demonstrated

in the 1981 Delta Debutante Ball when she served as coordinator of the fashion show. Vickie noted another seamstress, LaVerne Ellerbe also sponsored

Police Award Nominations Open

Nominations are being sought for the Fourth Annual Police Community Relations Awards sponsored by the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Community Relations Committee and five local businesses. The award recognizes patrol officers from the Charlotte and Mecklenburg County Police Departments who have made outstanding contributions toward improving police community relations in their assigned patrol areas.

Officers will be judged in their involvement in helping the community understand the function of police and the citizen's role in that function, demonstration of extraordinary effort in the area of crime prevention, and involvement in aiding neighborhoods in handling their own problems.

Nominations may be made by fellow officers, superior officers, citizens in the patrol area, by groups or individuals. To nominate an officer persons should write to the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Community Relations Committee, 623 East Trade Street, Suite 410, Charlotte,

clothes in the show. Vickie is the daughter of Mrs. Mae Frances McCullough and A. R. Aaron. She is the granddaughter of Elizabeth Aaron.



Pictured above are officers for the Syria Shrine Temple No. 1-B in Kannapolis. They are back row L-R: B. F. Littlejohn, high priest and prophet; Haves Wilkes, illustrious potentate; William Farris, grand potentate; (front row, L-R) Jessie Norris, assistant rabban; George Reid, chief rabban. (Photo: Bernard Davis)

10,000 Eligible For Additional Benefits

Almost 10,000 jobless workers who have exhausted unemployment insurance claims may be eligible for additional benefits according to Glenn R. Jernigan, chairman of the N.C. Employment Security Commission (ESC).

The Federal Supplemental Compensation (FSC) Act has been amended as part of the Highway Revenue Act of 1982. The amendments became effective January 9, 1983. Eligible individuals may now receive benefits up to 14 weeks as opposed to a maximum of 10 weeks under prior FSC legislation.

Claimants who exhausted FSC prior to January 9, 1983, can reopen existing FSC claims provided they have no rights to compensation under any State or Federal law. Eligible claimants currently receiving FSC benefits should continue filing. Additional monetary benefits will be added automatically to the maximum benefits.

"We urge eligible claimants to contact their local Job Service offices across the state to determine the extent of their benefits under the recently signed legislation," Jernigan said. Through December, 1982, ESC paid out \$25.7 million in FSC benefits.

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In The Post last week it should have been reported the initial step to becoming a licensed electrical contractor is to serve four years in a registered apprenticeship program. Once that phase is completed an individual may take an examination to receive a journeyman's license. Then a more detailed test, administered by the state, is given for persons interested in the pursuit of a business.

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