



Arnetta Denise and Barnetta Teresa are the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Barrett. The twins turned four in January.

Having Twins Is Like Being On An Interview

By Teresa Simmons
Post Managing Editor
Having twins is like being on an interview at all times. But it is exciting times for Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Barrett, parents of Arnetta Denise and Barnetta Teresa Barrett, now four years old.

"We meet a lot of people and make a lot of friends because the twins draw people to them. People are always talking about the twins and asking questions - it is like being on an interview all the time," stated Mrs. Barrett.

"I feel that my own identity has changed," Mrs. Barrett continued. "Sometimes I am no longer known as Mrs. Barrett or Shirley. People ask me, 'Aren't you the twins' mother?'"

Participating in Twins on Parade, sponsored recently by the Chi Eta Phi Sorority, Iota Chapter (nursing sorority), allowed the family to fellowship with other families with multiple births. "The programs gave me an opportunity to meet other parents with twins. Otherwise, I probably would have never run into them all at once." Six other families participated in the informative sessions. Because of them, friendships were developed.

The difficulty in raising her twins came mainly during the first year. "I tried to do everything myself but I found that I could not. Then my family and friends helped to take some

of the load off me...I was constantly trying to take care of two babies where as most people have one. That will run you until you are sick if you are not careful. But, luckily, my family and friends were there to give me rest and a break."

Both Mr. and Mrs. Barrett might have suspected that twins would appear in their immediate family. On his side of the family, there are 12 or 13 sets of twins. On Mrs. Barrett's side there are five sets. "They are a joy. I couldn't imagine what life would be like without them."

Arnetta, the oldest, is more dominant and outspoken, whereas Barnetta thinks first before she acts. Both are interested in reading and take dance lessons. They like to sing and they are infatuated by Michael Jackson. Arnetta, more of an extrovert than Barnetta, jumped up to accept the award during the recent Twins on Parade. The family won third place.

Rev. Bridgeman

Davidson - The Rev. Stewart Bridgeman, director of the Coalition for the Appalachian Ministry, will visit Davidson April 25-27 under the auspices of Davidson's Pastor-In-Residence Program.

At 7 p.m. April 27 in the Morrison Room of the College Union, Bridgeman will speak about Christians as servants.

Stewart Promise To Make

State Government More Responsive To Small Business

By Karen Parker
Post Staff Writer
After serving 14 years in the North Carolina General Assembly, Carl Stewart has decided to bid for lieutenant governor.

The Gastonia, N.C., native was a two-term speaker in the House of Representatives. Now, Stewart feels the State Senate "Needs new leadership." According to the chairman of the Women's Economic Task Force, "the Senate

has for some time been dominated by a clique." Stewart stated the representatives outside the exclusive circle have been passive for various reasons, including being intimidated and being shy to admit not understanding all of the policies.

Using the appropriations process as an example, Stewart stated about 80 specific issues were introduced in the economic bill in a small group rather than collectively.

New Government Center

To Cost \$32.7 Million

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Lowery stated, "That in itself is enough reason. Presently, the city is leasing at a cost of \$1 million per year and at the current rate of lease increase (up 55 percent within the last five years), the city could pay in 30 years as much as \$17 million per year to lease.

Another point Lowery emphasizes concerns the size of the present City-County chambers. The present City Hall has outgrown the citizens' needs, he stated. If you want to address the City Council or attend a meeting, you must fight television cameras, newspaper reporters, city staff people and other citizens for space in the tiny chamber (built in 1924). The chamber was meant to accommodate 40 people, according to pro bond flyer.

Q: How do you know that the proposed building will be able to accommodate the city's needs in upcoming years?

A: "The City of Charlotte researched all growth with a projection to 1992," Lowery explained. "Their findings reveal that there will not be over a three percent growth in the employees of the City of Charlotte. There will be cutbacks in programming - there will be no need for supportive staffs because of the use of computer and electronic systems. The planning of the building includes a three percent growth rate."

Q: Will the proposed building raise taxes for Charlotte citizens?

A: "This City-County Government Center will not raise taxes for Charlotteans," Lowery stated. "The City of Charlotte has a triple 'A' credit rating and a capacity of over \$90 million in bonds. If this particular bond issue passes, the city will still have \$60 million it could issue in



Carl Stewart
.....Stresses change

"I'm the only person to change that practice because I'm the only one who's talking about it," Stewart pointed out.

He expressed a determination to make other changes as well. "North Carolina has the lowest manufacturing wage scale of any state in the country," Stewart stressed.

Also the lifetime member of the NAACP mentioned making the state government more responsive to small businesses.

"I've been involved with small business legislature over the years, and want to help them (small businesses) prosper," Stewart emphasized. He appeared impressed by Charlotte's Minority and Women's Business Enterprise program and implied he'd instill a state program "much along the lines of Charlotte's."

During his tenure, 1967-80, Stewart "sponsored and supported every piece of legislation to improve public education." He added, "The pay scale for public school teachers has dropped from 24th to 44th in the country." In Stewart's estimation, one of the most important education issues which presently needs to be addressed is adult illiteracy

(Based on statistics provided by the Charlotte Area Literacy League, 88,000 adults in Mecklenburg County can't read or write well enough to complete a job application.)

Stewart has received the following endorsements:

General Baptist Convention, North Carolina Association of Educators, ALF-CIO, N.C. National Organization of Women, League of Conservation, and Craig Phillips, the superintendent of public instruction.

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bonds. At the same time, the City will be saving \$1 million per year in rent (Cameron Brown building and the Independence Plaza and retiring other debts at the same time."

Q: How can this bond passage help the average citizen?

A: "Whenever there is a community concern," Lowery continued, "the more people who show up, the more weight their concerns will have with the Council. Citizens will be able to adequately sit before Council leaders instead of standing in the halls and looking into the monitors."

Also, if you are looking for a certain office, water and sewer service or zoning, for example, you will no longer have the fear of going to the wrong building.

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