



**TANJEE STITT**  
North Mecklenburg senior

## Tanjee Stitt Wins \$20,000 Scholarship To Bennett

By Karen Parker  
Post Staff Writer  
Tanjee Stitt gets a little nervous when she thinks about going to college this fall.

Probably the least of her worries, however, is how she and her family will manage to pay for a four-year education. Stitt was

### McGill Family

### Plans Reunion

Beginning May 25 members of the McGill family will reunite in celebration of love and kinship.

Friday, May 25, through Sunday, May 27, members will unite. Friday night marks a gathering for a special cookout feast at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom McGill. Saturday, the family will be at the Oak Tree Inn and for Memorial Day Services there will be a roasting of the three surviving children of the McGill clan.

There will also be a Talent Show and disco. On Sunday, the family will worship at McClintock Presbyterian Church, then head for dinner at the Oak Tree Inn.

The Mayor of Charlotte, Harvey Gantt, Chairman of the County Commissioners, the President of the US and the Governor of N.C. have all proclaimed the McGills, Ervins, Griens, Crothers are one of the oldest black families in Mecklenburg County.

Family members will be coming from Japan, Washington, D.C., New York, Maryland, Florida, Atlanta, Ga., and surrounding areas.

### Hearing Set

### For Revenue

### Sharing Funds

The Charlotte Council will hold public hearings on Tuesday, May 29, at 7 p.m. in the Council Chamber at City Hall to receive comments and suggestions on the proposed 1984-85 City Budget and expenditure of General Revenue Sharing funds.

Persons wishing to speak should contact the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 600 East Trade Street, 374-2347. Comments may be made orally or submitted in writing.

City Council is seeking input on the operating budget for City Government for 1984-85, pay plan recommendations for City employees, and the use of federal revenue sharing funds for local projects.

Copies of the budget materials and revenue sharing plans will be available for public inspection after May 21 at the Public Service and Information Department at City Hall.

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Rev. R. B. Phifer of the Hidden Valley Elementary School PTA Bowling League presents check to Dr. Bruce Irons (left), Bernice Ferguson and Yvonne Stancil.

## Hidden Valley PTA

## Donates \$2,000 To School

By Teresa Simmons  
Post Managing Editor  
For the past eight years, over \$2,000 has been donated to Hidden Valley Elementary School by members of the Hidden Valley PTA Bowling League.

This league, formed by Rev. R. B. Phifer, is again this year making a donation to the school. This year Atlases will be purchased, making one of Rev. Phifer's dreams materialize.

"I haven't bowled in the league in about a year and a half because of illness. But the 48 members of the league are seeing to it that the dream is kept alive," Rev. Phifer announced.

In the beginning the fund was established for Hidden Valley Elementary School because, Rev. Phifer states, "...the school is a vital part of the community."

Rev. Phifer wants to instill in others the importance of community involvement, helping others and upgrading surroundings and humanity.

The Hidden Valley Bowling League is comprised of 12 teams and 48 members

during school term (34 weeks). The summer league has 10 teams and bowls for a 10-week period.

The present officers of the league include Mary Jones, president; Mabel Redic, vice president; Phyllis Bynum, secretary; and Debra Stowe, treasurer.

### Senior Girl Scout

Senior Girl Scout Ashlynn Greene has received a \$500 scholarship from Avon Products, Inc. in conjunction with Leadership Today and Tomorrow, a national leadership conference for Girl Scouts in which she participated last October. The event was funded by Avon Products and sponsored by Girl Scouts of the USA. The award was made by Barbara Bernhardt, Hornets' Nest Girl Scout Council President at South Mecklenburg High School's awards ceremony on May 15.

A junior at South Mecklenburg High School, Ms. Greene says, "I feel very honored to represent the state of North Carolina, and I will share what I have learned with my school and my Council."

Ms. Greene was selected from among hundreds of applicants nationwide to attend Leadership Today and Tomorrow. Chosen for her individual achievement and leadership ability, she traveled to Washington, D.C., for the conference and was able to experience first-hand the inner workings of government and business. Selected to

accompany her was Dana Mitchell, a teacher with the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools. They attended a congressional session, toured the nation's capital, and had the opportunity to meet female leaders and exchange ideas on careers for women.

Dr. Bruce Irons, the school's assistant principal of instruction, Bernice Ferguson and Yvonne Stancil, the school's media specialist.

## Mrs. Lotharp Represents Last Of A Dying Breed!

Rewritten By  
Loretta Manago

At a moment's notice Georgia Lotharp would be out of her bed and ready to deliver another child into the world. Her battered bag contained everything she needed to ensure the anticipating mother that her child was in the best of hands.

As soon as she arrived at the expecting mother's home all worry and anxiety went away.

Mrs. Lotharp represents the last of a dying breed - midwives. She was the sole individual responsible for the safe delivery of over 200 children born in Union County during the mid '30s through the mid '50s.

"When somebody would call for me, I could be out of bed and ready in 15 minutes. I knew where everything was and I could get up in the middle of the night and gather my things without even turning on the light," she recalled.

These were the moments, hours and sometimes days when all of Mrs. Lotharp's skills and knowledge were needed. At any home, where she was delivering a child she made sure that the conditions were sanitary; she often timed the mother's contractions and at times she would massage the mother's stomach until the baby was turned to the birthing position.

Because Mrs. Lotharp offered this service to many of the economically deprived families in her area,

her reward was often limited to the satisfaction of safely delivering a healthy baby into the world. Seldom did she collect the \$25 she charged for her services.

"People didn't have the money. Sometimes I'd go deliver a baby and there wouldn't be a piece of bread in the house," she reflected.

Even if she received payment for her work she would still walk to the nearest store and buy groceries for the family.

Today at age 86, Mrs. Lotharp resides in Monroe, N.C. She was recently crowned mother of the church at Crossroad AME Zion Church, Marshallville, N.C.

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