



Mrs. Francine Gibson  
.....The former Miss Francine Gilliam

## Miss Francine Gilliam Weds Brian J. Gibson

Francine Gilliam and Brian Jeffrey Gibson exchanged wedding vows at St. Marks United Methodist Church recently. Rev. C. H. Ewing, of Rock Hill A.M.E. Zion Church, officiated.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. The maid of honor was the bride's sister, Doris Gilliam. Bridesmaids included Shirley Gilliam, Sharon Gilliam, Frankie Sturdivant, Lisa Hopkins, Lavern Atcherson, and Cathy Dyson.

The groom chose his brother, Jimmie Gibson, as best man. Everette Gilliam, Lamont Gaskins, Jerry Glover, Bobby Seabrook, Raynard Sturdivant and Tony Wright served as groomsmen.

### Sexual Trauma

The monthly seminar for survivors of "The Exploration of The Factors Involved In Surviving The Invisible Dilemma of Sexual Trauma" will be Monday, June 24, from 7-9 p.m. at the WomanReach Center. Pat Heard will facilitate this seminar.

For more information and to register, call a WomanReach peer counselor, Monday through Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at 334-3614. All women are welcome at WomanReach, where all services are free and facilities are accessible to the handicapped. A United Way agency.

### Miss North Carolina

North Hills Mall & Plaza will present the 45 contestants of the Miss North Carolina Beauty Pageant on Monday, June 24, to the public. Andy Parks from WTVD, Channel 11, will make the presentation of the 1985 contestants and Miss North Carolina 1984, Francesca Adler will perform in Center Court at 11:30 a.m. The 45 contestants will be in the mall from 11:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

### TGIF For Teens

The Charlotte YWCA will sponsor Thank Goodness It's Friday for teen girls ages 11-15 beginning June 21 at the Park Road Center. Each Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. there will be a different topic...but all will include physical fitness, personal growth and a lot of fun! Scholarships are available.

For more information, call Katrin Gomillion at 333-7553 or Donna Arrington at 525-5770.

### Project Excel

They are high school students who spend three weeks studying, playing and living on local college campuses. Their classes are taught by college professors, and they are faced with academic and physical challenges they've never before experienced. They are participants in Project Excel, a summer leadership conference for rising juniors and seniors from CMS high schools and area private schools. Project Excel, which was established six years ago by CMS, is held at UNCC and Queens College.

This year, 134 students (71 at UNCC and 63 at Queens) are taking part. At UNCC, students have a choice of concentrating on writing, science, math or jazz. At Queens, students choose from art, drama, computer programming and Spanish.

Project Excel got underway June 10 and will end June 28. Tuition is \$200, and CMS provides some scholarships for students with financial need. For more information, contact Dr. Stan Patten, campus coordinator at UNCC, or Dr. Joseph Lammers, the Queens coordinator.

### Phillip Morris Executive Warns

## "We Are Experiencing The Creed Of Intolerance In This Country"

"We are experiencing the corp of intolerance in this country," a Philip Morris U.S.A. executive warned the Carolinas' international trade community this week. "Tolerance is a powerful force for good. Replacing tolerance with restriction unleashes a destructive force on our fellow citizens, on our business endeavors and on our country."

Guy L. Smith, vice president for corporate affairs at Philip Morris, U.S.A., urged the Metrolina World Trade Club in Charlotte to be on guard for bad ideas that breed intolerance. "We have been witnessing in this country over the past couple of decades a decidedly bad trend that government must control and direct every phase of our lives," he said.

Excessive taxation, advertising restrictions and nuisance laws are jeopardizing private businesses and industry in the Carolinas and in the world, Smith told the group of importers and exporters. "Tobacco problems are our problem-but tomorrow your product or service could be faced with as serious a problem," Smith warned.

He said, "The threat to the free and affordable use of our products come from social engineers and neo-prohibitionists in and out of government who feel that it is un-American to make your own choice."

"The neo-prohibitionists exploit the legislative process to engineer yours and my social behavior. At Philip Morris, where we have been a target of opportunity for more than two decades, we see examples of this in excise tax laws promoted by zealots who openly state that they want to see the cigaret business shut down...and in unreasonable restrictions."

"Today's social engineers are not harmless cranks. They are organized and they have the attention and sympathy of the media and influential members of federal, state and local governments. They are absolutely reckless in their disregard for the truth. They cite scientific studies without attribution and or substantiation of any kind and fling numbers around with equal abandon. Yet because they have been getting so much press and public attention, their untruths take on a dangerous authority."

"Bad government in the U.S. becomes as much a barrier to world

trade as the highest tariffs or the most exclusionary quotas. The neo-prohibitionists who promote legislation that would engineer our social behavior with excessive taxation, advertising restrictions and nuisance laws, have exported their zealotry. Taking their cues from the success of anti-tobacco legislation in the U.S., an increasing number of foreign governments are pressing active anti-smoking campaigns, banning advertising and restricting smoking in public accommodations and in the workplace.

"The impact of those laws lands most heavily on the cigarette industry and tobacco-North Carolina's number one cash crop (valued at around \$1 billion) and leading agricultural export (worth \$750 million). With tobacco generating one out of every 30 North Carolina private sector jobs, how much longer can our economy continue to be viable if the people who choose to use North Carolina's products cannot buy them inexpensively or use them freely?"

Philip Morris is the nation's largest cigarette manufacturer. The company's newest cigarette plant, and the world's most technologically advanced, is located in Cabarrus County, N.C. It employs 1,235 workers.

"Clearly all government controls and involvements are not bad. Some are absolutely essential, like air-traffic controller," Smith said. "But

the point is that government is everywhere. It is pervasive."



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