

To Select Grand Prize Winners

Maggie Braun Named Chairperson Of Judges

By Teresa Simmons
Post Managing Editor

As the Churchworker of the Year contest comes to its climax on Friday, July 26, the fate of the three leading workers will be placed in the reliable hands of judges Maggie Braun, chairperson, Annie McCollum and Berle Stocks.

By now everyone probably knows that the top subscription sellers in each church category will compete for the coveted title of "Churchworker of the Year." The final decision will be made by the judges from a letter written, respectively, by each contestant's pastor.

"The person's name will not be on the letters so we will not know whom we are judging," stated Mrs. Braun. Therefore, there will be no preconceived notions or the possibility of even the slightest subliminal bias.

"Our basis of judging will come strictly from what those letters say. The three of us will scrutinize each letter carefully," Mrs. Braun stated, adding, "I am definitely looking forward to being a judge. I



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have a great deal of respect and concern for what the Post does in the community.

"I am a subscriber and I

read it carefully. I am a person who is concerned for the total community," Mrs. Braun added.

As a member of the Little

Rock AME Zion Church, where Rev. William M. White pastors, Mrs. Braun is a person who prefers action. "In the New Testament, Jesus exhorts us to love one another and to care for one another. All of His words were geared towards us putting that love into action. That's what He did. We should be out in the field doing our Father's business."

Mrs. Braun is extremely involved in neighborhood development and maintenance, both physically and mentally. "I take the words of Jesus, 'If you do it to the least of my brethren, You do it to me,' to heart. Right now I am very involved civically and socially with several neighborhood organizations such as the Beatties Ford Road Merchants Association and the Biddleville-Five Points. I believe in social action. I don't want to see the repeat of Third and Fourth Wards' disintegration of neighborhoods. Neighborhoods should stay where they are unless the residents want to move out...neighborhoods should not be disrupted or sim-

ply dislocated for fancy white condos."

Mrs. Braun has been honored for her continued efforts of supporting residential rights. The Chi Eta Phi Sorority, Iota Chapter presented her with a Humanitarian Service Award in 1984. In 1985 she also received the Outstanding Service Award from the NAACP.

As a former teacher in the university and high school levels, Mrs. Braun judged several competitions. She received her B.A. in English from Queens College in Charlotte and her masters in English from the University of Columbia, Missouri. She also completed her qualifying work and all course work for a doctorate in English also at the University of Missouri.

She has two daughters, Jennifer Braun-Enos and Jessica Haden and one grandson, Cooper, who is one year old.

Mrs. Braun is also owner of the Maggie Braun and Associates, Consultants Firm located on Woodlark Lane in Charlotte. The firm deal in public relations, sales and marketing, human relations, workshops and seminars.

The two other judges are Annie McCollum, an employee of Pepsi Cola Company, and Berle Stocks, a Charlotte businessman.

Judges Will Determine Top Three Winners

By Loretta Manago
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All of the subscription pads have been turned in. The weekly prizes have all been distributed to top winners and there is no more reporting to do. The six weeks of the WPEG-Eastern-Coca-Cola sponsored Churchworker of the Year contest have finally come to a close. But the suspense is not over. As a matter of fact, it has only just begun.

Throughout the contest, the object for the contestants was to become the top contestant in her category. According to the congregational size of the church, the contestant was placed in either small, medium, or large categories.

There was only one way to place first in the category - that was to sell more subscriptions than the competition. For each subscription sold \$3 went back

to the church to help financially support some of its projects.

Between the contestants and her committee, the number of subscriptions accumulated over the weeks and by the end of the contest three women had been named as the three finalists of the contest.

Having reached this stage of the contest, another phase goes into operation. The pastor of each class winning church now has to submit a letter of recommendation to the panel of judges who have been selected. The contents of that letter will explain why the contestant should be chosen Churchworker of the Year.

Based on the judges' decision alone, will the winner of the Eastern trip to the Bahamas, the fur coat from The Vintage Girl, and the \$500 shopping spree from Winn-Dixie be de-

termined.

Once the contestant has reached the finalist stage, the number of subscriptions she has sold does not play a part in the prizes the contestant wins. Only the letter written by the finalist's pastor will receive

the judges' consideration.

It may be a consolation to the finalists to know that no matter if she places first, second or third, each prize

she is entitled to win is one that she will both enjoy and long remember.



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