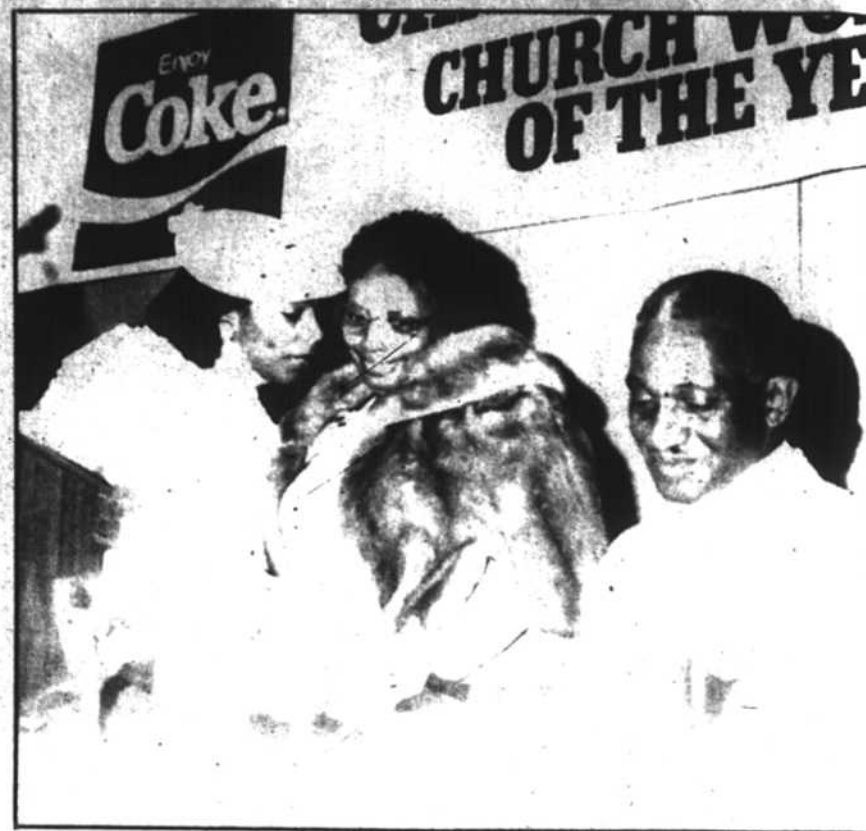


For Brenda Prince, last Friday night was a high moment in her life. Being the youngest contestant in the Post's Churchworker of the Year contest, Miss Prince finished as a finalist and was the recipient of a \$500 food certificate from Winn-Dixie. (Photo by Bryon Cooper)



Eastern Airlines' representative Joe Keeney keenly observed the expression of Mary Hollins after she had been named as the "Churchworker of the Year." This honor not only carries a trip to the Bahamas for herself and a companion, but also a trip to any of Eastern's destinations in the United States for her pastor, Rev. H. S. Diggs, and his companion.



Another fur? Make that total two. Mattie Caldwell, a four-time contestant in the CWOY contest won a fur complements of The Vintage Girl, two years ago. Cheryl Walker, a representative of The Vintage Girl, presented Mrs. Caldwell, a member of Ebenezer Baptist Church, with her prize. By the expression on her face, Mrs. Caldwell looks pleased.

Mary Hollins Wins "Churchworker Of The Year" Grand Prize

As Mary Hollins, the Church Worker contestant from Mayfield Memorial Baptist Church, very emotionally accepted her new title, "Church Worker of the Year, 1985-86," the suspense and excitement of the six-week campaign finally came to a close. Having been proclaimed the new winner, Ms. Hollins accepted her prize of a trip for two to the Bahamas from Eastern Airlines representative, Joe Keeney. Also with that trip was another trip for two for Ms. Hollins' pastor, Rev. H.S. Diggs.

rewarded for their efforts. The Vintage Girl made a lovely presentation of a mink stole to Mrs. Caldwell, the second runner-up. The four-time contestant was also awarded a \$200 scholarship for her church from Wachovia Bank. Representing the small category of churches, Brenda Prince was the recipient of a \$500 food certificate from Winn-Dixie. She was presented this prize by Martin Ginn of Winn-Dixie. More honors were given at the Post Banquet which was held at the Marriott Executive Center, Tyvola Rd. It was a night that shined the spotlight on many. As the Post's banquet had progressed during the evening, still another Church Worker contestant

was to be recognized for her outstanding contribution to the contest. That contestant was Ophelia Gray. She was the recipient of the Decorum award that was presented by State Alexander, public affairs director at WPEG-FM. Being the individual who sold the highest amount of subscriptions in the contest, Mrs. Gray received an exquisite diamond cross pendant. Other honors that were bestowed on various individuals were the Bill Johnson Award and the Man of the Year award. Presenting the Bill Johnson award was Post general manager, Bernard Reeves. The awards went to two high school students who excelled in both academics and athletics, Cedric

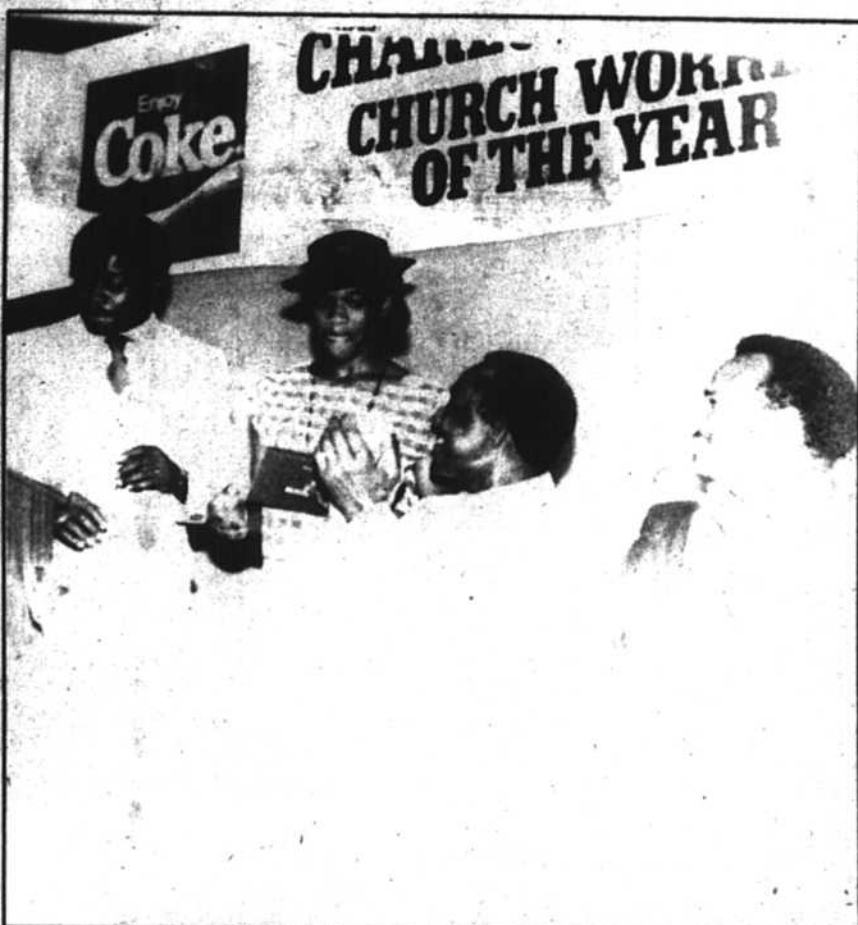
Anthony, a recent graduate of Garinger and Veronica Harris, a recent graduate of Olympic High School. Attorney D.G. Martin had the honor of presenting the Man of the Year award. In describing this year's recipient, Martin described him as "a man who is a leader, not because he is black, but because he has special qualities to offer the community, a new tradition in black leaders." That honor went to the newest school board member and business owner, Arthur Griffin. In accepting the honor, Griffin replied that he was all at once, "nervous, excited, surprised and grateful" and that he didn't know whether to "jump, shout or holler." He did, however, manage

to challenge the audience to get involved in the educational process of their children. From education to business when guest speaker, Lawrence Toliver, came to the podium. As vice president of the Small Business division of the Chamber of Commerce, he proceeded to give a "progress report on the Chamber." Toliver related how unique Charlotte's commitment to women and minority businesses is. He briefly discussed the various programs of the Chamber of Commerce and stressed that as vice president, he was mainly interested in helping people's businesses grow and doing the best job that he could do. In the six short months that

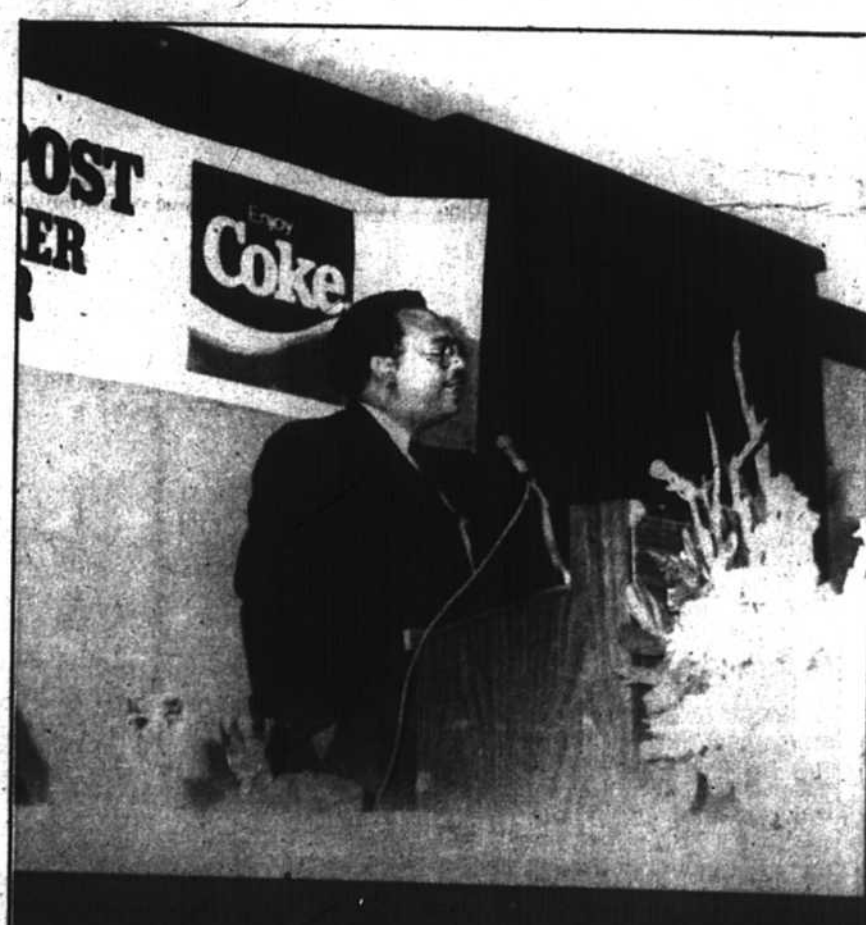
Toliver has been at the Chamber he has begun 25 programs, headed up 21 committees and received help from 150 volunteers. A last point that Toliver made was that there were not enough black businesses and that of the black businesses there were, they were not large enough. Closing his message with a song, "Somebody Bigger Than You Or I," Toliver thrilled the audience to its feet with his resounding voice. Many special guests were at the Post banquet, adding to the evening. Lt. Gov. Bob Jordan, post columnist, Sherman Miller, Mayor Gantt, Charlie Dannelly, Fountain Odom, Sarah Stevenson and Bob Walton were just a few who helped to make the Post's banquet one of the most successful ones yet.



State Alexander of WPEG looks on as Mrs. Ophelia "Kitty" Gray accepts the Decorum Award for being the individual who sold the highest number of subscriptions in the contest. For her efforts, Mrs. Gray, a member of Memorial Presbyterian Church, was presented with a diamond cross pendant. (Photo by Bryon Cooper)



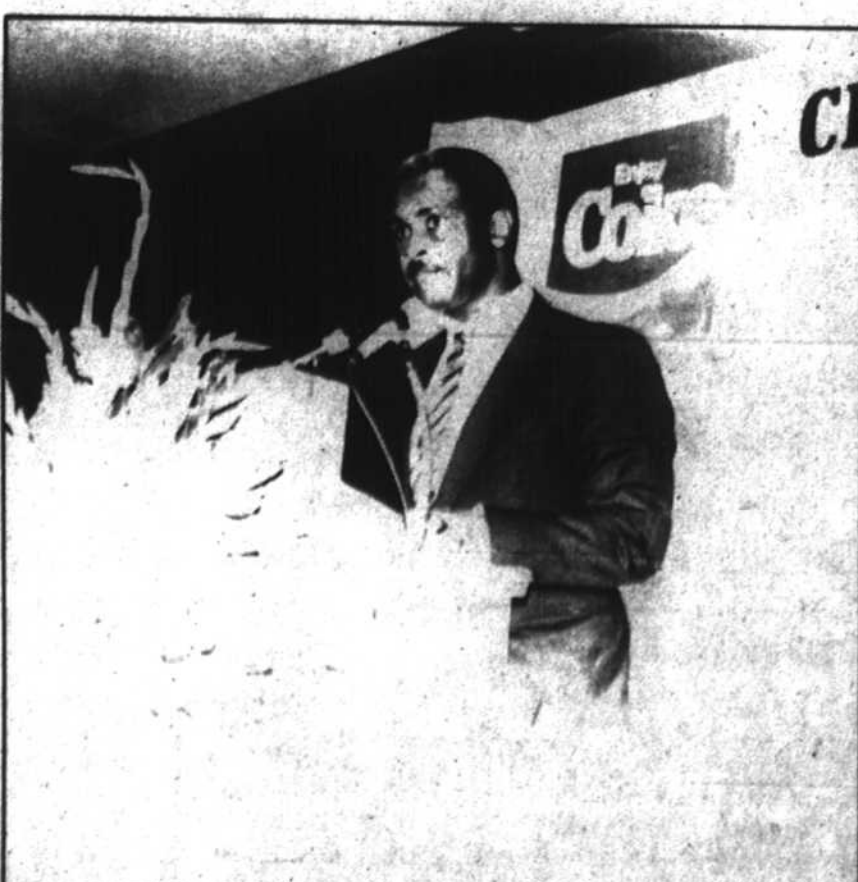
It was Post's general manager Bernard Reeves' privilege to announce the winners of the Bill Johnson Award. Standing beside him was one of the recipients, Veronica Harris, a former student of Olympic High School. The other recipient, Cedric Anthony, was unable to attend the banquet. (Photo by Bryon Cooper)



Taking a different approach, Lawrence Toliver, vice president of the Small Business Division of the Chamber of Commerce and guest speaker at the Post's banquet, gave a progress report on the Chamber. At the conclusion of his speech, Toliver thrilled the audience with the singing of a spiritual selection. (Photo by Bryon Cooper)



Nearing the close of the banquet the limelight shifted to Post publisher and editor, Bill Johnson, who took the time to thank all of those advertisers, churchworkers, pastors, and co-sponsors who made the Post's fifth CWOY banquet a success. (Photo by Bryon Cooper)



Mayor Harvey Gantt was on hand at the Post's banquet to give greetings and to introduce the guest speaker for the evening. A strong supporter of the Post, Mayor Gantt was named as the Post's "Man of the Year" last year. (Photo by Bryon Cooper)



Dignitaries were all about at the Post's banquet. Here are three of them standing (l-r) Wayne Loftin, of the Governor's office, Lieutenant Governor Bob Jordan, and Dr. Roy Moore, a professor at A&T State University. (Photo by Wade Nash)