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## Richardson, Battle Emerge Victorious In Primary

By Audrey C. Lodato  
Post Staff Writer

That Terry Sanford and Jim Broyhill won their U.S. Senate primaries came as no big surprise. Both have the name-recognition and reputation necessary to garner the vote.

Ted Kinney, the only black candidate in the race, came in fifth in a field of 10.

Although Mecklenburg County Commissioner Fountain Odom didn't come close to a hoped-for

runoff with Sanford, the first-time statewide candidate campaigned well and finished respectably.

In fact, all 10 Democratic candidates ran good, clean campaigns, which should help the cause of party unity for the long campaign ahead against Republican candidate Broyhill, who won a landslide victory over his mud-slinging ultra-conservative opponent, David Funderburk. Funderburk had the backing of the Congressional Club.

In the State Senate race for District 33, Rep. Jim Richardson

won easily over Charlotte attorney Lawrence Davidson III. Contacted after the race, Richardson stated, "I'm very pleased that the citizens of Mecklenburg County had the confidence in me to go out and vote for me. My opponent and myself engaged in no mudslinging; we both ran a clean campaign.

"I plan to serve as well or better in the Senate as in my term in the House, and I'll return to my constituency to make them aware of what's happening in Raleigh."

Richardson will be replaced by

businessman Pete Cunningham in the District 59 House seat. Cunningham faces no opposition. Nor, for that matter, does incumbent Barnhill for his seat.

Although George Battle and Ashley Hogewood won clear victories in the school board race, the two remaining seats will be decided in a runoff on June 3.

School board incumbent Arthur Griffin will be in that runoff, as will incumbent Karen Gaddy. Richardson said that he regrets Griffin didn't win outright.

The lead vote-getter in that race was George Battle.

In the at-large County Commission race, winners were Peggy Culbertson, Mike Ghesling, and John Kelly Wall. Cedric Jones, although placing fourth out of five, wasn't far behind the third place winner in number of votes.

In Commission District 1, Sue Friday (D) and Barbara Lockwood (R) led. In District 4, it was Tony Anthony.

Craig Lawing won in State Senate District 34; John McLaughlin in NC

House District 54; and Louise Brennan in House District 55.

The only two Republican primaries were for the U.S. Senate and County Commission District 1.

Just under 20 percent of Mecklenburg voters turned out to cast their ballots, an abysmally small showing.

Commented Richardson, "I'd like to have seen a bigger turnout, which shows interest in the political process." He added that the small turnout was indicative of voter apathy.



Inga Heath  
....Has lofty ambition

## Money, Medicine Attract 16-Year-Old Inga Heath

By Jalyne Strong  
Post Staff Writer

This week's beauty is 16-year-old Inga Heath, a junior at Olympie Senior High School. Inga's enjoying doing the type of things teenagers do, such as: playing clarinet for the high school band, or hanging out with friends, going to the movies and eating pizza. However, an aspiring young lady, she's also mindful of her lofty ambition to become a doctor.

Inga says she's chosen to become a doctor because the combination of "working in medicine" and "making a lot of money" is very attractive to her. Plus her own physician, Dr. Culpepper, serves as a role model. It's his personal-professional manner that she likes best. "He talks to me about school and life. He doesn't just concentrate on whether I'm sick or not," Inga describes of

her doctor. "That makes me feel good and let's me know that he's concerned about me." As a result, Dr. Culpepper sets an example of the type of doctor Inga hopes to be.

Even though Inga claims that the best thing about high school is "getting out at 2 p.m.," she looking forward to attending medical school. "I know it's going to be hard but I'll be able to handle it," she predicts.

That's because, Inga points out, she likes a challenge. She indicates that English is her favorite subject in high school for that reason. "I enjoy writing essays," she relates, since each assignment presents a challenge to this high schooler.

When she puts serious endeavors aside, this week's beauty spends her time talking on the phone or watching her favorite television show, "The Cosby Show." She also loves music, both pop and gospel. Prince is one of the pop musicians Inga prefers. In gospel, the group she likes best is the Charlotte District Youth Choir which consists of young people from 19 different churches in the Charlotte area. When Inga reveals that she sings on the Charlotte District Youth Choir, it's no wonder why it's one of her favorite gospel groups.

Inga loves to singing. Her voice can also be heard in harmony with the Youth Choir of Steele Creek A.M.E. Zion, where she attends church.

With one brother and one sister, Inga is the eldest child in her family. She really enjoys being number one daughter. She comments, "Every-one says I'm spoiled. I get almost

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## Post's "Mother Of The Year"

# Minnie Grier Adheres To Common Sense Advice

By Jalyne Strong  
Post Staff Writer

David L. Grier says his mother is a loving, compassionate, caring woman who guided her brood of 14 children by offering wise sayings, such as: "Take six months to tend to your own business and six months to leave other persons' business alone and a year will pass without any problem."

Such common sense advice was the mainstay of Minnie Grier when she was a young mother rearing 14 children. She is now 88 years old, the mother to many more children, and has earned the title of the "1986 Charlotte Post Mother of the Year."

Today Minnie Grier is described by her daughter-in-law, Marie Grier, as the "backbone" of the extended family which includes many, many grands and great grandchildren. Minnie Grier is said to be "a very strong, silent type of person. A peacemaker." Adds Marie Grier, "She gives, gives, gives, and gives.

Minnie Grier was born and raised in Charlotte in an area that was once called "Blackjack" located off of Shopton Rd. and Hwy. 49. There were only two children in her immediate family: she and a sister. They attended McClintock School and McClintock Presbyterian Church. Minnie married John Brown Grier, now deceased, in 1914, the 14th of January.

About raising the 14 children who are products of that union, Minnie Grier relates, "There were ups and downs but I'm proud of my children and happy that the Lord spared me to raise them all. It was by the grace of the good Lord, we made it through."

"My mother has alot of faith in God," comments David Grier about how his mother was able to handle so many children so well. "And she



MINNIE GRIER

....Has 14 children

believes in living by the Golden Rule: "Do unto others..."

In their upbringing, Minnie Grier helped her children develop values and morals by setting an example. Her son explains, "She didn't like to hear anything derogatory about anybody. She's say, 'Nobody's perfect.' She has always been capable of putting herself in other's shoes."

During the 1930s the Grier family lived on a farm in the area of Charlotte now known as Hidden Valley. Minnie Grier took care of her children and she also looked out for the children of the community, remembers her son. Plus she continued to dole out her motherly advice. "When we were small my mother wouldn't let us go over to other children's homes too often,"

David Grier says, "She'd say, 'Sel-dom visits make better friends.'"

Tell a young mother today to imagine 14 children and she'll probably keel over from the thought of it. But Minnie Grier remembers the experience as not being that difficult. "We didn't have such a hard time because everybody was in the same boat," she recalls. "We put our trust in the Lord.

"People are having a harder time raising children now," she continues. "There's so much going on in the world to entice."

"My mother taught us all to love one another and to keep out of trouble," relates David Grier. "And she loved each of us the same. Even though we are different from each other."

Moreover, over the years, though

she had 14 children to care for, Minnie Grier had love and concern to spare. She dedicated much of her time to her church, McClintock Presbyterian, where she is still a member. "In my younger days I did alot of work for the church: started alot of programs, raised money, held quartet singing and social entertaining," says Minnie Grier. "I still do what I can for the church when I'm able."

Today Minnie Grier is still taking care of even more children since she frequently keeps her great grands whom she describes as "a bunch." "She has an undying love for her children, grands and great grands," reveals her daughter-in-law. And that assures that Minnie Grier will continue to be "Mother of the Year" in this family for many years to come.

## Response To Post's "CWOY" Has Been Great!

By Loretta Manago  
Post Managing Editor

"Yes, we are interested." "Yes, we will participate." "Yes, we want to get involved." According to Churchworker of the Year contest coordinators Dana Bost and Evalyn Carrington those are the typical responses they have been receiving from the ministers of various churches. The Charlotte Post's "Churchworker of the Year" contest is one fundraiser the ministers here in Charlotte don't want to be left out of the six weeks of excitement.

"The response has been very positive," answered Mrs. Carrington. "And I personally feel that the subscription drive will give the churches the funds that they need as well as supplying them with a very informative paper. Needless to say, I'm looking forward to working with the contestants."

Ms. Bost is also excited about the response she has received from those churches she has contacted. "I feel good about it. I'm excited and there is a lot of excitement going on in the churches. Most of the churches seem to be familiar with the program. And I think that that will make my job easier. I even had one church to tell me that they would not



Mary Hollins  
....1985 CWOY winner

participate, only to have them call back later and say they would."

Presently 22 churches have said that they will in some form support the Post's "Churchworker of the Year" contest. A couple of those churches, while not taking an active role in the contest by having a contestant, will be soliciting subscriptions for the newspaper.

Gethsemane A.M.E. Zion Church will be participating for the third year. In their last two bids, they have had a very strong contestant to



Hattie Harris  
....1984 CWOY winner

run, Verona Vaughn. She came close last year to winning the medium church category. Gethsemane is pastored by Rev. George Battle.

Ebenezer Baptist Church is also throwing its hat in the ring. Although they have participated in the contest for four years, it has been the last three years that their candidate, Mattie Caldwell has won two fur coats and a \$500 food certificate. Rev. A.B. Sutton Sr. is the pastor of Ebenezer.

Another church familiar to the

CWOY contest is Chappell Memorial Baptist Church. Two years ago their contestant, Hattie Harris took a cruise to the Bahamas. They will be participating again.

At Rev. Mayfield Medcalf's church, Parkwood Institutional CME Church found it beneficial both to their church's finances and to its contestant, Brenda Prince to participate in the contest. Ms. Prince, the youngest contestant to run in the campaign won a \$500 food certificate from Winn-Dixie.

New Hampton, where Rev. Isaiah Phinisee ran a good contest a couple of years ago has tentatively decided to reenter the campaign. At that time, their contestant was Estelle Davis who by her zealous efforts worked hard for her church and won herself a trip to the Bahamas.

Last year's grand prize winner, Mayfield Memorial Baptist Church will see if they can make history repeat itself. In addition to their church increasing their budget, Rev. H.S. Diggs and their contestant, Mary Hollins both won trips.

These churches mentioned only represent a few of the churches who See Response On Page 12A

TURTLE-TALK



A man always has two reasons for doing anything - a good reason and the real reason.