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Elaine Mitchell
...Busy newlywed

Elaine Mitchell Handles Responsibilities Galore

By Jalyne Strong
Post Staff Writer

This week's beauty Elaine Mitchell definitely has her hands full. She is the assistant manager of Charlotte's Little Rock Apartments II where she is responsible for handling reports, work orders, and complaints. Plus she is the mother of six children.

And this mother of six is a newlywed, married this past November to Raymond Mitchell. Actually Elaine is stepmother to four of her children but the children, Ronnie, Tiffaney, Tiffany, Tania, Eric and Raymond and their parents are now one big happy family Elaine assures. The two daughters with the similar names, Tiffaney and Tiffany, both prefer to be called Tiffaney and are "the best of friends," says their mother.

All this family rearrangement does take some getting used to Elaine mentions. How's she enjoying it all? "Well one day it's chicken, the next day feathers," Elaine laughs.

Surprisingly, six children and a new husband aren't quite enough to keep this young woman busy. This week's 29-year-old beauty is also a Girl Scout Volunteer. Elaine works with the Girl Scouts of Little Rock apartments and she manages their double dutch team. She says she doesn't take part in practicing the popular jump rope game. "I let them handle that," she says. Elaine will be taking the girls to New York soon, as they were invited to see the Double Dutch tournament there, sponsored by the Girl Scout Council.

Elaine describes her personality as being "O.K." She explains that she's talkative since she has to talk quite a bit on her job to get along

with all the people she has to deal with. But she also confesses that her's is a high pressure job that she often must take home with her and she "can't please everyone." So sometimes she doesn't quite feel like being talkative. "My personality has changed somewhat in the last year," she reveals.

When she can, Elaine likes to relax by dancing or playing tennis. She's also starting to enjoy going fishing with her husband. He had to talk her into taking part in the activity at first but now she feels pretty comfortable with it. She baits her own hooks. "They're (bait) are some ugly things. But I can do it," she assures.

Elaine comes from a family of four sisters. One of her sisters passed last year, she reveals. That has brought the other three closer together Elaine says. One of her sisters is stationed in Germany and the other lives in Charlotte.

As for her goals, this week's beauty is anticipating returning to college one day soon. "As soon as my husbands oldest children graduate from high school and college I'd like to go back to Rutgers College," she relates. She had previously attended Rutgers for a course in data entry. Next time around she's planning to get a degree in computer programming.

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Sex In The Media: Does It Affect Our Children?

By Jalyne Strong
Post Staff Writer

A five-year-old little girl is provocatively walking with her hands on her hips, sashaying from side to side.

Two 12-year-old girls enter a recreation center wearing mascara, blush and lipstick, outfitted in mini-skirts and tight fitting short tops exposing their midriffs.

College-age young men answer "yes," to the statement: "Pickups should expect to put out," and "A woman doesn't men 'no' unless she slaps you."

Why are these children and young adults acting this way? According to Dr. Jane Brown, Journalism Professor at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, a primary reason is they are learning these sexual behaviors from television. She further surmises, "Television fare (advertising, music videos, soap operas and prime-time shows) is increasingly getting closer to pornographic material and it's time that the community begins to set standards on what's going to be readily accessible to children."

Dr. Brown will present a slide show and discussion in Charlotte on "What the Media is Teaching Our Kids About Sex and What We Can Do About it," on Wednesday, May 21, 7:30 p.m., at Covenant Presbyterian Church, located on the corner of Morehead and Dilworth Rd. This very important community event is being sponsored by Planned Parenthood of Greater Charlotte.

In the winter 1986 edition of "Planned Parenthood Review," Dr. Brown wrote, "The media available to our children today are filled with information--or misinformation--



Carole Ricks
...Family therapist

about sex and sexuality. Academic studies of the content of the media found, for example, that on: Music videos, one-quarter to one-third of the characters are dressed provocatively, and the music videos that portray sexually-related activity contain an average of five portrayals each. On Soap Operas, there is an average of 1.5 verbal mentions of intercourse in an hour, one act of erotic touching every two hours, one visual implication of intercourse ever 2.5 hours and one reference to rape every 11 hours." And Dr. Brown also found that media advertisement contains "sexual elements" like, "These are the people who control them. Racine uses her bed to build an empire."

The major problem created by highly sexualized media, relates Dr. Brown, is that children and young



Dr. Jane Brown
...Journalism professor

adults who are watching television for role models and to see how adults behave can be affected by the distorted standards of sexual behavior shown. There is a trend, especially in music videos, toward violent sexual images. Then again, in commercials and other television shows the message is usually: "Sex gives positive rewards vs. negative rewards."

Carole Ricks, a Charlotte marriage and family therapist, concurs with Dr. Brown's assessment of the pervasiveness of sexual matter on television and the effect on its audience, especially children and teenagers. Ricks, too, believes, "There's a complete bombardment of sexual messages on television today." She contends, "It is important to view ourselves as sexual beings. However, television is misusing the concept of sexuality."

Ricks states that on many television shows and commercials, "There are subliminal messages which emphasize certain adverse stereotypical male and female roles. For example: Males' aggression toward women is O.K. Sex is something women use in order to manipulate men. And women find rough, aggressive behavior in men attractive.

"Children are influenced by what they see," explains Ricks. "And they'll begin to emulate the seductive behavior shown on television. They'll just be mimicking what they've seen and, worse, they'll not understand what is implied by their behavior."

"Parents should be very concerned about what their children are learning even in an informal setting," Ricks continues. "Parents should exercise limited censorship, making the decision of what their children should or should not watch," she brings up as one way parents can combat the sexual influences of television.

Dr. Brown agrees that parents should try to set limits and she adds, "The best thing a parent can do is watch TV with their children. In that way they can help kids understand what they are watching and put it in the context of their values."

Most importantly, parents and the community must begin to take a stand, both Dr. Brown and Ricks assert. "Sex on television is getting worse," Dr. Brown reveals. "It is getting much, much more explicit."

Dr. Brown will go in depth on what parents and concerned community members can do about what the media is teaching children about sex at the May 21st meeting at Covenant Presbyterian Church.

"Super Mom" Addresses Mayfield Memorial

By Jalyne Strong
Post Staff Writer

Mrs. Helen A. Fagan, featured in the April issue of Ebony Magazine as "Super Mom," will be guest speaker at Mayfield Memorial Baptist Church as part of the church's annual Women's Day program on Sunday, May 18, at 11 a.m.

On Saturday, May 17, at 7:30 p.m., there will be a reception held in the Fellowship Hall of the Educational Building of Mayfield. At this time, an informal meeting with Mrs. Fagan and others will take place.

She is the widow of the late Dan Fagan and they are the parents of 16 children. Thirteen of the Fagan children are college graduates. The remaining three children are pre-

sently enrolled at Tuskegee University, Tuskegee, Ala. Four sons and two daughters are Commissioned Officers and one son is an enlisted man in the service of our country.

Revered by her friends and associates for her dedication and devotion to her husband and children for rearing such an outstanding and unique family, Mrs. Fagan is the recipient of many honors. She received the Parent of the Year Award from Tuskegee University in 1978 for having the most children in school at one time. In 1985 she received the Les Vingt Amies Sorority Family Award. She's also been honored with the "Faithful Servant" award from the Southern Christian Leadership Conference in Atlanta, Ga. and the

McDonald's Black Operator's Award.

A native of Bessemer, Ala., Mrs. Fagan attends Canaan Baptist Church, where she teaches kindergarten, sings on the choir, and is an active member of the weekly Bible Study.

The women of Mayfield Memorial will take charge of all activities on Women's Day at the church. They will serve as Sunday Church School general and department superintendents, ushers, choirs, and deliverers of Sunday corporate worship messages.

Additionally, the Outstanding Mayfield Woman of the Year for 1986 will be acknowledged and honored during the 11 a.m. Worship Hour.

The woman having received the highest number of votes by secret balloting of the Mayfield membership will be awarded a trophy and will hold the coveted honor.

The 1985 Mayfield Woman of the Year was Ms. Mary Hollins who also represented Mayfield Memorial in the Charlotte Post Church Worker of the Year Contest for 1985. Ms. Hollins will deliver the 6 p.m. corporate worship service message. She serves as chairperson for the 1986 Women's Day activities.

All are invited to share in the Women's Day activities at Mayfield Baptist Church this Sunday.

The church is located at 700 Sugar Creek Rd. West and is pastored by Rev. Harold S. Diggs Sr.

Record Number Of Churches Commit To Fundraiser

By Loretta Manago
Post Managing Editor

A total number of 42 churches, the largest number of churches ever to commit to working in the Charlotte Post's "Churchworker of the Year" contest in the history of the six year subscription drive, was recently announced by CWOY coordinators Evalyn Carrington and Dana Bost.

Several motivating factors are responsible for the boosting of the church community's involvement in the Post's annual campaign. The most visible, undoubtedly is the prizes that have been donated by the paper's advertisers. From trips to shopping sprees, from jewelry to clothing, contestants in the CWOY contest have the opportunity to rack up luxurious and valuable prizes.

Beyond the superficial reason, the CWOY contest allows participating contestants the chance to raise money for their respective churches. These funds, are instrumental in getting some of the churches' pro-



Bessie Marshall
...A second year contestant

jects and objectives carried out. In past contests, many contestants expressed how their only reason for taking an active part in the campaign was to help elevate their church's finances.

In addition to the churches and their pastors that were named last



Etha Shannon
...Two-time contestant

week the following have been added: Faith Memorial Baptist Church, Rev. Wilch Caldwell, pastor; Clement Memorial AME Zion Church, Rev. Ell Price, pastor; Cathy Memorial AME Zion Church, Rev. Monroe Culp, pastor; Cathy Memorial will participate in getting

subscriptions for the Post, without having a contestant in the contest. Grace Memorial AME Zion Church, Dr. Marion Jones, pastor; Henderson Grove United Presbyterian Church, Rev. J.E. Maxwell, pastor; Henderson Grove will also solicit for subscriptions. Another church to gather subscriptions is Simpson-Gillespie United Methodist Church, Rev. John Epps is pastor. St. Mark Methodist Church, Rev. Benjamin Stewart, pastor. Statesville Avenue United Presbyterian Church, Rev. Wilbur Sanders, pastor; Greenville Memorial AME Zion Church where Rev. A.C. Hunnicutt is pastor will be sponsoring a "Charlotte Post Subscription Day" while the contest is in progress. The same event will be sponsored by Greater Galilee Baptist Church where Rev. Warren McKissick is the pastor. New St. John's Baptist Church, Rev. Robert Leak, pastor; Moore's Sanctuary AME Zion Church, Rev. John

Jackson, pastor; Mallard Creek Baptist Church, Rev. L. P. Nelson; Saint Paul United Presbyterian Church, Rev. Bob Walton, pastor; Woodlawn United Presbyterian Church, Rev. E.E. Washington, pastor; Torrence Grove AME Church, Rev. S.B. Turner, pastor; New Galilee Baptist Church, Rev. Fred Griffin, pastor; and Green Oaks Baptist Church, Rev. M.N. Kely, pastor.

Key personnel from the above churches, Post representatives and coordinators will meet Thursday, May 15, at 7 p.m. at Adam's Mark, for a briefing session. On that date contestants will receive their packets, will be able to entertain questions and will be informed of the rules and regulations of the contest.

While most pastors haven't named their contestants, a few have emerged. All churches are expected to have their contestant present at the forthcoming



What you think of yourself is much more important than what others think of you.