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On Tuesday, August 26

## Charlotte To Celebrate Women's Equality Day

Charlotte will celebrate Women's Equality Day, the anniversary of the 19th Amendment's ratification, with a noon luncheon at the Little Rock AME Zion Church Tuesday, August 26. The speaker will be Dr. Ruth Shaw, the new president of Central Piedmont Community College.

Dr. Shaw's topic will be "Gaining Equality: Maintaining Equilibrium." Dr. Shaw is the former president of El Centro College, a community college in Dallas, Texas. She completed her doctoral study in adult education at N.C. State University in Raleigh, and she received her Ph.D. degree in educational administration from the University of Texas at Austin, Texas. Her many publications include "Obstacles to General Education," published in *New Directions for Community Colleges: General Education in Two-Year Colleges*.

While a resident of Texas, Dr. Shaw was a frequent contributor of book reviews and opinion pieces to *The Dallas Morning News*.

Cost for the Women's Equality Day luncheon is \$7. Registration forms may be obtained from the Mecklenburg County Women's Commission, 336-3210. Reser-



Ruth Shaw  
.....Guest speaker

ervations must be received by Friday, August 22. The Little Rock AME Zion Church is located at the corner of McDowell Street and East Seventh St.

This marks the fifth year that Charlotte has observed the anniversary of the 19th Amendment, which gave women the right to vote. Some 200 men and women attended last year's celebration.

## Life Management Symposium

The Third Annual Life Management Symposium, co-sponsored by WomanReach Inc. and Creative Temporaries will be held Saturday, August 16, from 8:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. at Adam's Mark Hotel.

Offering a wealth of information presented by a number of outstanding women who exhibit extraordinary commitment to the network of women helping women and who approach their own life management, the Life Management Symposium costs \$18 in advance.

Lynn Bradley Love, of WBTB, will be the emcee. Giving the welcome address will be Carol Cosgrove of WomanReach Board of Directors and Kim Clark of Creative Temporaries.

Different sessions will cover "Warm Up: Focus On Me" - Adele Greenfield; "Felicity & Personal Power" - Carole Ricks; "Born Free & Equal" - Doris Cromartie; "Celebrating Our Common Differences: Rainbow & Kaleidoscope" - Elizabeth Munich; and "Stretching Our Limits With Guided Imaging" - Adele Greenfield.

After lunch session will commence with "Our Inalienable Rights: Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness" - Leslie Hill-Davidson and "The WomanReach Story Is Everyone's Story" - Betty Watson, Jane Grace and Gloria Torrence.

For more information, call 334-3614.

## Was Evidence Suppressed In Atlanta Child Murders?

While the largest task force in U.S. history searched for the Atlanta Child murderer, a second, secret investigation conducted by the Georgia Bureau of Investigation (GBI) compiled a strong case implicating members of the Ku Klux Klan of murdering black children to instigate a race war. Despite the depth of its investiga-

tion, including wiretaps of one Klan member discussing looking for "another little boy," the GBI mysteriously closed the investigation, destroyed key evidence, and did not turn over any of this astounding testimony to either the prosecution or defense at Wayne Williams' trial.

On this evidence, Wayne Williams was convicted of the murder of two black adults. He was never charged with any of the child murders in a trial that appears rife in constitutional violations. Days after his verdict, the vast majority of the open child murder cases were officially closed.

SPIN's incredible article concentrates on the GBI's secret investigation, which included:

- a) One of the Atlanta police's most reliable informants within the Klan reported that he heard a Klansman swear he would strangle 14 year old Lubie Geter. Weeks later, Geter was found strangled.
- b) Another Klan informant came forward and told the GBI that he "liked kids and he did not like what the Klan was doing in Atlanta."



Valerie Mason  
.....Desires to become model

## Valerie Mason Has Flair For Fashion

By Jalyne Strong  
Post Staff Writer

This week's beauty is Valerie Mason, a 15-year-old who desires to become a professional model.

"I have a flair for fashion," Valerie maintains. "I like clothes and like being different; wearing outfits not seen on other people—going all out with them."

The clothes savvy that Valerie speaks of is currently one criteria for becoming a model and this young lady also has other ideas for preparation. "I'm going to try to get on Ivey's Teen Board," she tells. "And, I may go to modeling school after I graduate from high school."

To deal with the immense competition in this field, Valerie simply predicts, that she'll "try hard."

Her modeling ambition is for now a future prospect. Today, this young lady is more interested in making the grade in academics. A rising sophomore at West Charlotte Senior High School, Valerie just completed the ninth grade at West Mecklenburg Middle School.

She's happy to be transferring to West Charlotte for her remaining three years of high school. "I wanted to go to West Charlotte," she says, "and my mother wanted me to go." The reasons for the change are both sentimental and practical, Valerie points out. "My mother graduated from West Charlotte plus the school is closer to my home."

This week's beauty is not nervous about going to high school. "I'm used to the environment," she notes. Valerie already has plans to try-out for W.C.'s Letter Girls this fall. Actually, she's very excited about getting back to school especially since she'll be seeing friends she hasn't seen in a while.

A teenager who likes being a teenager, Valerie claims this is the time in her life when she's begun to have "a sense of freedom." She adds, "When I was younger I had to stay around the house. But now I can go out on my own." Yet with her new found freedom, this adolescent admits, "It means I have to be responsible, too."

So where does Valerie like to go? "To the places all teenagers hang out." See BEAUTY On Page 3A

This Weekend

## NAACP Members To Gather In Fayetteville

In continuing the memory of Alexander, who died in 1985, NAACP members and others will gather in Fayetteville, N.C., on Saturday, August 16, for the third annual Kelly M. Alexander Sr. Humanitarian Award Dinner. The dinner will be held at the Howard Johnson Hotel and begin at 6 p.m.

For nearly a half century Kelly M. Alexander Sr. served the NAACP and black Americans in North Carolina and throughout the nation. From the time he joined the oldest civil rights organization in existence in 1938 until he retired as President of the N.C. State Conference of Branches in 1984, Alexander was the state's leading standard bearer in the organization's struggle against racism and social injustice. "It is more important than ever for the citizenry to support this dinner, especially when the Reagan administration is bent on turning back the clock with respect to the progress made by us," said B.J. Battle, executive coordinator of the dinner.

Battle said support of the dinner was important for two reasons. "This year the state's highest NAACP award, the Kelly M. Alexander Sr. Humanitarian Award would go to the 16 members who currently make up the N.C. Legislative Black Caucus." Secondly, proceeds generated from the dinner will be used to maintain the state field office which carries out a number of key functions. These include training of local branch members, providing information and handling or coordinating significant litigation for the NAACP throughout the state, especially the current program of filing suit against at-large electoral systems in N.C.

Further information about the dinner can be obtained by calling the state field office at 919-275-0851 or any local NAACP Branch.

Alexander joined the Charlotte Branch of the NAACP in 1938 and was elected branch president the following year. In 1948, after a decade of helping to rebuild the Charlotte branch into a powerful local organ, Alexander was elected president of the N.C. State



Kelly Alexander Sr.  
.....Honored leader

Conference of Branches, a position he held for 36 years before stepping down in the fall of 1984.

He gave many years of leadership to civil rights issues on the local, state and national levels. In 1957, Alexander took a leading role in desegregating the Charlotte Public School System by personally enrolling his then four-year old son, Kelly Jr. at an all-white school. As a state leader, he threw the NAACP's full support behind the historic Greensboro sit-ins in 1960. More recently, he left his personal mark on the organization's Fair Share Program by joining a picket line against Food Lion, Inc.

But his rise to the position of vice chairman of the NAACP national board in 1976 and subsequent elevation to the Chairmanship of that body, did not come without personal risk to both him and his family. During the height of the civil rights movement in 1965, Alexander's home was bombed. The blast might have killed him or other family members, but it did not prevent Alexander from forging many more years of significant and dedicated service to both the NAACP and civil rights.

"He was in the forefront of the movement in the nation and the state and in a leadership position when it was dangerous for anyone to do that," said Greensboro City Councilman Earl Jones, one of the many younger black elected officials who is carrying on with the struggle initiated by the Alexanders and other leaders of his generation.

Jones said he only got to know Alexander toward the end of the latter's career but was fully impressed by the man's presence.

"He was a strong, forceful and aggressive type person who would make you feel good upon meeting him," Jones said.

same witnesses testified it was Williams they saw.

g) The more evidence the GBI investigation accumulated, the more uneasy they apparently became. Shortly before Wayne Williams' arrest, the secret investigation was destroyed and a lot of crucial incriminating evidence was destroyed.

## Coca-Cola Sponsors NBA Summer Games

Coca-Cola USA recently announced it is the official sponsor of the Coca-Cola NBA Pro-Am Summer League, a program which provides competitive play for both professional and amateur basketball players as well as training for aspiring NBA referees.

"Coca-Cola USA, in association with Coca-Cola Bottling Companies in participating cities is proud to be a part of this year's NBA Pro-Am Summer League," said Charles E. Morrison, vice president and director of the Black and

A motion filed nine months ago to re-open the case still awaits an answer. SPIN's article "A Question of Justice," by Bob Keating and Barry Cooper, raises the shocking question: Was justice served, or was it discreetly sacrificed to preserve racial peace?

Read the full story in September's SPIN.

Hispanic Consumer Marketing, Coca-Cola USA. "We are especially pleased that fans around the country are able to see NBA players in action completely free of charge."

The Coca-Cola-NBA Pro-Am Summer League runs through August 17 in 18 of the 22 NBA franchise cities, including Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Dallas, Denver, Detroit, Cleveland, Houston, Sacramento, Los Angeles, San Antonio, Milwaukee, New York, Indianapolis, Portland, San Francisco, Seattle, and Utah. Bal-

timore and Charlotte also will participate in this year's tournament.

About one-third of the summer league players come from the NBA; the rest are former college players and local area talent.

Coordinated by local parks and recreation departments as well as other community organizations, each league consists of eight to 10 teams with 12-15 players per team. Regular season games will be played in parks, high schools and college gyms.



In the use of words, quality is more important than quantity.