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# **EEOC Files Lawsuit**

The Equal Employment Op-portunity Commission has re-cently filed a lawsuit alleging race discrimination against Circus World Toy Stores, Inc., a local firm dealing in children's toys. Joined in the suit is Greenman Brothers, Inc., Circus World's parent corporation operating out of Farmingdale, N.Y. A complaint filed in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of North Carolina, Shelby Division, alleges that Circus World and Greenman Brothers, in their facility located in the Cleveland Mall off U.S. Highway 74 East near Shelby,

violated Title VII when they dis-charged Doris Grier, a black female, as manager on account of her race.

According to R. Edison Elkins, director of the EEOC's Charlotte District Office, the complaint alleges that the charging party was dismissed from her position as store manager because she is black. Evidence suggests that the defendants decided to acquiesce to the racial prejudice of a few customers and satisfy customer expectations of dealing with a white store manager. In doing so the defendants participated in racial discrimination.

which is a violation of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 US Code Section 2000e et seq.

The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission is the Federal Agency which enforces Title VII, which prohibits discrimination against employees because of their race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. The EEOC also enforces the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, which prohibits discrimination against employees or job applicants who are 40 years of age or older, and the Equal Pay Act, which prohibits discrimination in pay because of sex.



#### MILLICENT LINK **Alliance Staff Writer**

Hats off to the 2,064 Gaston County graduates of 1989. In order to offer a drug-free graduation party to the class of 89, Gaston County will be participating in Project Graduation.

John Singleton, finance chairman for Project Graduation, said that Gaston County is required to raise 18 percent of the funds for the project. The coun-ty has raised funds by selling tshirts, sponsoring carwashes, and small business donations.

"Project Graduation is one of the most worthwhile investments we can sponsor," said Singleton.



Nearly 850 graduates are expected to participate in the pro-

Singleton

ject. This figure is a 25 percent increase from last year.

Local graduates from the class of 89 will celebrate by attending an all night party at Carowinds on Friday, June 2 from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. Buses will be available to the graduates. Rides, food, and entertainment will also be provided for the graduates. 38 Spe-cial will be the featured entertainment.

Singleton says, "The intent is to make Project Graduation an event which students, parents, and community volunteers play a major role in planning and implementation.

Bogey Wingfield and Steve Clark are the co-chairpersons for the project.



## **Trinity Missionary Society Sponsors One Hundred Women In White**

#### SPRINGFIELD **ALLIANCE CHURCH NEWS**

Gaston County churches wish Rev. Theodore Armstrong, who is Baptist Association Moderator and pastor of Springfield Baptist Church, a speedy recovery from injuries sustained in a recent accident. Let us keep him in our prayers.

#### CONCERT

Tickets are available for the benefit concert held by gospel group, Company for the New Ca-naan Baptist Church building fund drive. The concert will be held at Highland Junior High on Sunday, June 4 at 6 p.m. Rev. Jerry Friday is the pastor of New Canaan. The donation is \$5 for adults. Tickets will be available at the door, or call Rev. Friday for ticket information at 867 1209.

#### THIRD STREET

The pastor and members of Third Street Presbyterian Church are planning an exciting summer of education and involvement for young people. Rev. Robert Meachem, pastor will travel to Blowing Rock,

where he will direct camp activities for the Anita Stroud Summer Camp. The program will be for children ages 12 to 15 years and will include nature study, arts, crafts, tours, swimming, and Bible study. This program will run from June 18 through June 24.

Mrs. Mamie Armstrong, local school teacher, will serve as director of the Third Street Presbyterian Church Vacation Bible School. The program planning is underway and will include Bible study, music, art, and recreation.

The Charlotte Post apologizes for the typesetting error in last week's Church News item on Company where the word 'drums" was erroneously typeset as "drugs."

If you would like for your church related news to be included in the Alliance Church News Column, send information and announcements to Sonya A. White 609 East Avenue in Belmont, N.C. 28012.



### **JCSU-UNCF** Chairs Kick Off Campaign

Mecklenburg and Gaston County chairpersons for the 1989-90 Johnson C. Smith University United Negro College Fund Committee, met this week to kick off a year-long campaign in which they hope to raise \$105,000. The group met at the Tower Club.

General co-chairpersons for Mecklenburg County are Kath-ryn Norman of First Union and Harvey Gantt of Gantt Huber-man Architects. Heading the Gaston County efforts are Clar-ence Fisher, First Union and David Moore of the Gaston County School System. Chairperson for the JCSU Family is Linette Fox. Other Mecklen-

burg-UNCF chairs include: Churches: Dr. J.B. Humphrey (1st Baptist Church-West) and Rev. Preston Humphrey (Antioch Baptist Church).

Minority Business: Ron Gib-

son (Duke Power) and Hester Johnson (Sam Johnson Lincoln-Mercury).

Clubs and organizations: Paul Holmes (Radiator Specialty) Special Events: Mary Maxwell (retired Charlotte Mecklenburg School System).

Professionals: Andrew Johnson (IBM)

JCSU Alumni Coordinator: Andrew Laird President, JCSU Alumni Association) and Joni Mills, assistant.

Last year, the JCSU-UNCF Committee held several fundraisers to coincide with the annual UNCF Telethon. Sen. Marshall Rauch of Gastonia hosted a Charlotte reception; and Opera Carolina sponsored baritone Ben Holt in concert at JCSU. This year, the Committee of 100 Women (an independent organization that is donating fund-raising proceeds to the UNCF campaign), has joined with AT&T to sponsor an opening night performance with planist Leon Bates and the Charlotte Symphony Orchestra, September 13 in Övens Auditorium.

Last year, Johnson C. Smith University received \$285,000 from UNCF. In addition, UNCF helps fund faculty fellowships and student scholarships. Since UNCF was founded in 1944, over \$350 million has been raised for its member institutions. Today, JCSU is one of 42 historically black colleges and universities associated with UNCF.

For more information, contact Shirley Farrar, JCSU assistant vice president for development at 378-1018.

is located at 561 Freedom Mill Road in Gastonia. Rev. Walter Pegues is pastor. MT. SINAI

ly.

Reverend Tommy McCray and members of Mt. Sinai Baptist Church cordially invites you to worship with them during their annual revival services. This revival will be held Monday, June 12 through Friday, June 16. The guest evangelist will be the Rev. David Miller, pastor of the Bethesda A.M.E. Zion Church of Mooresville. Service will begin each night at 7:30 p.m. Mt. Sinai is located at 222 S. Hawthorne Street in Mt. Hol-

By Sonya A. White

"...greater is He that is in you,

(John 4:4)

TRINITY

The General Missionary Socie-

ty Of Trinity A.M.E. Zion

Church is sponsoring "One Hun-

dred Women In White" on Sun-

day, June 4 at 3 p.m. Mrs. Annie

Dye is Missionary Society presi-

dent and Mrs. Floree Armstrong

is program chairperson. Special

guest speaker for the occasion will be the dynamic Reverend

P.B. Kilgore, pastor of Adams Chapel A.M.E. Zion in Kings

Mountain. The public is cordially invited to come and be a part

of this beautiful service. Trinity

than he that is in the world."

The Brotherhood of Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church will host the annual Brotherhood Breakfast on Sunday, June 4 at 6 a.m. Alva L. Grier is president of the Brotherhood. The breakfast is a popular tradition started by Rev. I.J. Boyd, a former pastor of Mt. Pleasant and draws interdenominational worshipers from both North and South Carolina. Come for an early morning blessing, good food, and fellowship. The church is located at the corner of East Avenue and South Street. Dr. Eric White is the pastor.

tends an invitation to the public to worship with them as they host their annual Usher's Day Program on Sunday, June 4. The program will begin at 2:30 p.m. Guest speaker for the afternoon will be Rev. James Hawthorne, pastor of First Mt. Calvary in Charlotte. Mrs. Martha





**Tiffany Sherrill** 



Shannon Stowe

**Tiffney Currence** 

### South Point Senior Crowned **Miss Reid School 1989**

The Miss Reid School 1989 pageant was recently held at Ashbrook High School in Gastonia. The pageant was established to raise funds for scholarships in memory of H.S. Blue, T.E. Grier, and Vergie Reid, former educators of Reid High School.

Ms. Shannon Stowe, 18, a South Point High School senior was crowned Miss Reid School-1989. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Stowe of Belmont. Shannon plans to attend Gaston College and Belmont Abbey College to pursue a career in the teaching profession. She is a member of Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church in Belmont. Shannon is active in the choir, Sunday School and youth activities.

The first-runner up was Tiffa-

ny Currence, 17, of East Gaston High School. Tiffany is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Steire Currence of Mt. Holly. She is a member of the Beta Club, Senior Encore Dancers, and the East Gaston Homecoming Court of 1988-89. Tiffany plans to enter into air force training after graduation, with a concentration in computer science.

The second runner-up was Tiffany N. Sherrill, 18, also of East Gaston High. She is the daughter of Ms. Florence Sherrill of Mt. Holly. She is interested in becoming an author, fashion designer, and talk-show hostess.

The pageant was coordinated by Ms. Dawn Hand, a producer At "Top of the Day" WBRV, Charlotte. The pageant consultant was Teila V. Hand and Mrs. Ella Hand served as advisor.

Sanders is president of the usher board. Rev. Joe E. Floyd is pastor of Gold Hill which is located at Route 2 Stanley, N.C.



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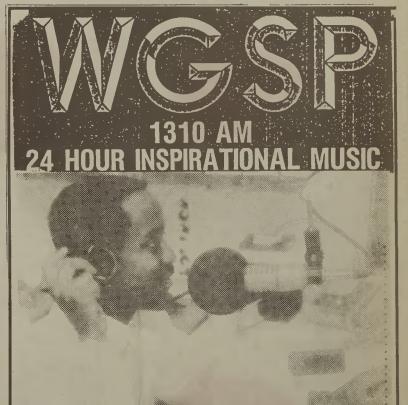


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