



Mrs. J. B. Walker, club president (shown far right), presided over the dinner meeting of the Macon Woman's Club held Monday night at The Rafter's Steak and Seafood House. Shown standing with her, left to right, are club members who received awards: Mrs. Bernard Thompson, winner of the Dianne T. Rodwell Fine Arts Award; Mrs. Henry Fuller, winner of the congeniality award; Mrs. John H. Stegall, winner of the club-woman of the year award; and Mrs. Gid King, winner of the leadership award. (Staff Photos by Howard Jones)



Mrs. Grace Young, Macon Woman's Club scholarship chairman, (left) presents the Ellie Nicholson Scholarship Award to Chris Stallings (center) and April Adcock (right). The presentations were made Monday night at the club's dinner meeting held at The Rafter's Steak and Seafood House.



The Country Grass Band provided entertainment for the Macon Woman's Club meeting held Monday night at The Rafter's Steak and Seafood House. The musicians are, left to right, Butch Meek, Alan Reid, Robin St. Sing, Deborah Brantley and James Matthews.

## Have Had Many Addresses

# Former Warren Couple Now Call Tarboro Home

By GEORGE DUDLEY  
Tarboro, headquarters for Carolina Telephone, is about the only place where Graham and Barbara Overby, Warren County natives and high school sweethearts, have "stayed put" for any length of time since getting married in July 1955.

Barbara, who grew up in Arcola, had graduated from John Graham High School the year before, and Graham, from Macon, had picked up his diploma that spring and was working at Leggett's Department Store in Warrenton. The day they got married, July 31, was Barbara's birthday—"makes it easy with presents," Graham says—and "the hottest day in the world," she says.

The weather was probably a clue to the job trail Graham began blazing shortly after their marriage, a trek that led them to their current positions with Carolina Telephone.

Graham is building maintenance engineer, a title that means he's in charge of the upkeep of all the buildings in the company—which operated in 50 counties. Barbara is an administrative clerk in Carolina Telephone's Corporate Communications Department.

By traditional standards, the Overbys are relative newcomers to Tarboro. They moved here from Ohio in 1979 when Graham was named Carolina Telephone's repair center manager.

That was Graham's seventh move since he began running the men's department at Leggett's. Barbara, meanwhile, kept pace with part-time jobs, housekeeping and mothering.

"All the moving has been fascinating," Graham says. "We've learned a great deal about a lot of places, and we have a lot of friends all over. We've gotten to travel . . . and see places we probably wouldn't have seen otherwise."

The moving started a year after Graham and Barbara were married. After talking to a retired district plant manager in Rocky Mount, Graham ended up landing a job as a central office repairman in Wilson.

Subsequently, he accepted positions that took the family to several Eastern North Carolina towns and to Ohio. Each transfer meant a steady promotional climb for Graham, but the moving had its drawbacks, too.

"I guess pulling our son out of schools frequently wasn't too good," Graham said.

In fact, Graham once turned down a transfer so that Charles G. Overby II, now 31, could graduate from the high school he was attending. At the time, they were living in Mansfield, Ohio, where Graham was general plant supervisor for United Telephone of Ohio, a sister company of Carolina Telephone.

Both Graham and Barbara "have family all over" unlike many people whose parents and siblings live nearby, making it difficult for them to move far away from their roots.

"Besides, I guess staying in one place too long may have been boring," Graham said.

One of Graham's "tours" was in Havelock, beginning in 1966. It was there that the family grew quickly from three to five, with the addition of two daughters, Andrea in 1967 and Laura in 1968.

Son Charles is an electronics technician with ITT at Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif. Andrea, now 21, is a physical education major at East Carolina University in Greenville. Laura, 20, works at a Greenville law firm.

Barbara says she got into "full-time mothering" in

Havelock, yet still worked some part-time.

Most of her jobs have involved accounting. While in Whiteville in the early 1970s, though, she had her own ceramics shop, one of her many craft skills which Graham praises.

"She can do anything," he says. He then adds with a chuckle, "She can make excellent biscuits. I taught her."

It seems that Barbara "couldn't cook a lick" when they were first married. "My mama wouldn't let me in the kitchen," Barbara says in defense.

"To this day, I won't eat chicken pot pies," Graham says. "That's all we would eat until she learned how to cook."

Supper might still be a quick meal these days: Barbara goes to a night class in business computer programming four nights a week at Edgecombe Community College in Tarboro.

And while she's in class, Graham is likely to be in his woodworking shop, making a table, a book case, a blanket chest or something similar.

Come vacation time, they usually go camping, either to the

mountains or to the beach. They like to travel, too.

Graham says one of his "greatest experiences" was visiting his son in Hawaii, where Charles was on an aircraft carrier in port. Fathers, brothers and some of the sailors were allowed to ride on the ship to San Diego, Calif. Guess who was aboard.

Barbara is anticipating one of her greatest experiences in September, when she and her mother, Elnora Barlow of Arcola, take off for Luxembourg for their first trip overseas. Barbara's brother, Kenneth, works in an accounting firm in Luxembourg.

Despite the fun of travel and the excitement of moving, the adage about the revered status the place called home has come to have special meaning to the Overbys. Over the years, the moving kept them from being able to really get settled into a home, which they are now.

And besides, considering the name of Graham's hometown, their current residence, Macon Place, in Tarboro is close enough.



Graham And Barbara Overby At Home

## Man Charged In Shooting Gets 5 Years

Ronald Edward Price—the Roanoke Rapids man who was arrested last November 18 after holding his estranged wife at gunpoint for several hours at Camp Willow Run near Littleton and placed under a \$30,000 bond—plead guilty this week in Warren County Superior Criminal Court to a charge of discharging a weapon in an occupied area. The charge of second-degree kidnapping was dismissed.

Price was sentenced by Judge Henry W. Hight, Jr. of Henderson to five years in the N.C. Department of Correction. Work release was recommended under the condition that the defendant repay the state of North Carolina for his court-appointed attorney and pay restitution in the amount of \$275.37 to Camp Willow Run.

Thomas Austin Woodard, Sr. plead guilty to charges of taking indecent liberties with minor children and incest. The charge of first-degree rape was dismissed. The defendant was sentenced to 10 years in the N.C. Department of Correction.

Robert Lee Richardson plead guilty to the charge of assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury. The charge of assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury with intent to kill was dismissed. The defendant was sentenced to 10 years in the N.C. Department of Correction. His sentence was suspended for five years under terms of probation requiring that he pay \$10,000 for the use and benefit of Joe Edward Silver: \$5,000 to be paid immediately, and the remaining \$5,000 to be

paid at the rate of \$200 each month.

Roger Daniel Evans plead guilty to the consolidated charges of assault on a female and assault on a female with a deadly weapon. The defendant was sentenced to two years in the N.C. Department of Correction as a committed youthful offender. Treatment for substance abuse during incarceration was also recommended.

Lawrence Jiggetts plead guilty to a charge of breaking and entering and larceny. The defendant was sentenced to six years in the N.C. Department of Correction and placed on probation for three years under the condition that he serve six months immediately in the Warren County Jail, pay restitution of \$500 to Calvin Burton, and pay all court costs and attorneys fees.

James Henry Yancey plead guilty to a misdemeanor charge of receiving stolen property and was sentenced to two years in the N.C. Department of Correction. The sentence was suspended and the defendant placed on probation for two years under the condition that he pay \$300 in restitution to Linwood Bullock and court costs.

Milton D. Clark plead guilty to a charge of breaking and entering and larceny. The defendant was sentenced to six years and six months in the N.C. Department of Correction. The sentence was suspended and the defendant placed on probation for three years under the condition that he serve immediately a six-month active sentence in the Warren

County Jail, and pay restitutions of \$500 to Calvin Burton and \$189 to Brenda Alston.

Martin Antonio Yarborough plead guilty to driving while intoxicated and was sentenced to 10 days in the Warren County Jail. The defendant was placed on probation under the condition that he surrender his operator's license, not be found guilty of driving while intoxicated and keep a copy of the judgment in his pocket at all times.

Robert Vincent Crossin plead no contest to a charge of breaking and entering, and was sentenced to three years in the N.C. Department of Correction. The defendant was placed on probation for two years under the condition that he pay restitution of \$300 to Willie Frank Johnson and perform 50 hours of community service within 100 days.

Plummer Earl Fields plead guilty to driving while intoxicated and was directed to pay a \$200 fine and court costs, perform 72 hours of community service, complete Alcohol Driver Education Training School and pay the fee, submit to the department of mental health for an alcohol assessment and pay the fee, and surrender his operator's license.

At press time, a suppression hearing for Matthew Edward Purdy of Marathon, Fla. was expected to be held this morning (Wednesday). Purdy was one of four defendants arrested in Halifax County last Sept. 29 during a \$3 million marijuana bust there. He has been charged with trafficking marijuana and conspiracy to traffic marijuana.

SATURDAY, MAY 7th  
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THE OAK

At The Norlina Library  
From 3 Till 5 P.M.

By Chain Reaction Band  
Top 40 Beach Music & Country Music

Bring Your Lawn Chair And Sit  
In The Shade Or The Sun

A GOOD TIME TO  
VISIT WITH  
FRIENDS

Cool Drinks  
Furnished By  
Peoples Bank

Chicken Barbecue  
Sold & Served  
At The Fire House