

A New Champion Of Women's Rights

By PAQUITA FINE

These days men discuss Judge L. Richardson Preyer, Judge Dan Moore, and Beverly Lake. But most women are more concerned with Dr. Anne Scott.

Dr. Scott isn't running for any office. She is the chairman of the recently created Governor's Commission on the Status of Women, and has been charged with reviewing the progress and potential of North Carolina women, and possible discrimination against them in employment, state labor laws, vocational training and re-training, education, and health and welfare programs.

What this boils down to, prejudice and cliché jokes to the contrary, is that women workers simply can't be "sent back to the kitchen." One of every ten bread-earners in the nation is a woman. An even greater proportion contribute to the support of their families. Despite this fact, a woman's salary for doing the same work as her male co-worker is often less than the man's. In addition, her salary is often further nipped by a "hidden" deduction: the cost of nursery care or a baby-sitter.

Taking these and other things into consideration, Gov. Sanford has requested that Dr. Scott and her committee report findings and recommendations by Jan. 1, 1965 on "necessary actions and services which will enable women to carry out their traditional roles within the home while making a maximum contribution to the progress of the state."

It is Dr. Scott's hope that the commission can have a broad mandate. "I think we are in the midst of what may turn out to be important changes in the lives, work and expectations of American women. Conscious efforts to shape these changes may lead to their being more socially useful. . . . We are living in a curious situation in which leisure—and unemployment—are increasing at the same time that much vital work is not being done because trained and motivated people are not available. Gov. Sanford's administration has attacked many of the needs of North Carolina. What this Commission might do is help tap one of the most important of our unused resources: trained and talented women who, because of outmoded social custom or lack of knowledge of ways and means, are now, in a socially productive sense, idle. . . . State's responsibilities seem to me a more useful idea than state's rights."

Dr. Scott is a resident of Chapel Hill and a Duke University history professor. She is married to Andrew Scott, a professor of Political Science at UNC.

A native of Montezuma, Ga., Anne Firor grew up in Athens, Ga. Although she has no trace of a limp today and is an excellent tennis player, most of



DR. ANNE SCOTT

her childhood was spent with a steel brace on her leg as the result of an accident. "When that brace came off," she said, "I MADE myself into a tennis player." She also played basketball in high school and edited the high school newspaper.

At the University of Georgia, she received the Alpha Lambda Delta prize for the highest average in the 1938 freshman class, the Chi Omega prize for highest average among women students in 1939, the Bert Michael prize for the highest average in the junior class, 1940. She was a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Phi Kappa Phi and Mortar Board. She was manager and member of the Women's Debate team, staff member of the college newspaper, and president of The Pioneer Club, a woman's public affairs organization. She graduated Summa Cum Laude in 1941.

She received her MA in political science from Northwestern University in 1944. "Then I went to Washington during the war as an 'intern' in the Rockefeller sponsored program for training college graduates for public service," she said. "I was placed with Congressman Voorhis from California—a great man, not just a 'talking' liberal—and I became quite excited about politics just working with him. In fact, I became so interested in politics that I stayed on in Washington for years doing all sorts of jobs for the national office of the League of Women Voters.

"Washington was a very educational experience during the war—really the capital of the world for awhile, the allied world, anyway. It gave me some idea of how much there was that I didn't know. In 1946 I began to think about going back to school, and when Andy (her husband) came along and said, 'Come marry me and go to Harvard' I thought that was a good package deal. He was already enrolled on the GI bill, and I asked Radcliffe for a scholarship—so, between the two, and my dowry of two bicycles, and a graduate students' cooperative house where six of us cooked dinner every night with one stove and two extra burners, we made ends meet until he had his Ph.D. and I was on the road to mine." She received her Ph.D. in 1958 from Radcliffe.

The Scotts went back to Washington in 1950. Mr. Scott worked briefly for the CIA and then joined the Marshall Plan staff. During this period, their daughter, Becky, was born and Mrs. Scott decided to be just a housewife and write her thesis. The lure of public affairs proved too strong. "I went back to the League of Women Voters part-time to be their Congressional Representative, which is a modest type of lobbyist," she said. "This was great fun, but I had to spend a lot of time thinking up explanations for my Harvard professor as to why the chapters on my thesis weren't being written. I'd probably be thinking up explanations yet if Andy hadn't been offered an appointment at Dartmouth. By the time the thesis was completed, Andy had moved us to Haverford College, where just at the strategic moment the American historian went on leave and willed me his job for a year.

"When we came to Carolina in 1958 we had three children, Rebecca, David, and Donald, and I had decided the time really had come

for me to be a housewife, at least until the youngest was in school. That lasted four months. Fletcher Green called one day and asked me if I would like to teach history at UNC and I said 'Yes, I'd love to.'

"In 1960, Andy had a Fulbright, so we all went kit and caboodle to Italy. Like Washington during the war, it taught me again how much I didn't know. It's especially good for an American historian to live for a while where nothing is very old that has been around less than six or eight hundred years. A year in Europe gives perspective on everything from American food and American schools to the whole structure of our society and government."

"While we were in Italy, a good friend on the history staff at Duke—we used to baby-sit for him in graduate school and Andy had taught his three boys to tumble, with disastrous results for the living room couch—put my name in for an opening over there. Since we were thousands of miles away, he could say anything he liked without fear that I'd appear in the flesh and undermine the build-up, so I got the job. Fortunately, I don't like football, so having the family divided between Duke and UNC is relatively peaceful.

Asked about her hobbies, she replied, "Tennis, gardening and politics in reverse order. I can remember when I learned tennis and took up gardening, but I can't remember when I first got interested in politics—it goes back too far. I know I was a strong partisan in the 1932 presidential race—I was for Hoover and I remember my father explaining very carefully that members of his family had been voting for Democrats at least since Thomas Jefferson and he wanted me to know how radical my stand was. I don't know whether it was his lecture or the unassailable facts of the situation, but I've been a pretty good Democrat since then."

Mrs. Scott is presently writing a book on the changing role of women in the South. A "bonus" of this undertaking has been her interviews with some of the veterans of the women's suffrage days. "None of them are less than 80. Their minds are clear as bells and they're very much aware of what is going on today."

As chairman of the Commission on the Status of Women, Mrs. Scott has outlined some of the lines that the commission might pursue:

1. To find out, as a beginning, where we are. How many N. C. women work away from home? How many are heads of families? How many are unemployed or on relief? How many married, single, widowed or divorced? What kinds of jobs do they hold and at what rates of pay? The Greensboro Daily News on July 24 reported that the median income of working women in the South is about half that of working men. Is this true in North Carolina, and if so does it reflect discriminatory pay scales? What about working conditions of women? The starting point for investigation should be as complete a picture of the present situation as possible.

2. A thoughtful analysis of the work women are now doing in voluntary associations might reveal something of the degree to which community functions are performed by volunteers and would provide the necessary basis for thinking about the ways in which some of our pressing community needs might be met by more effective voluntary organization. Part of this should be an effort to determine which of our community and state problems might be effectively dealt with if the talents of trained women, professional or volunteer, could be brought to bear.

3. To examine the State civil service to discover how well it uses trained and competent women. This might be extended to a representative sample of local governments as well.

4. A significant proportion of North Carolina women are Negroes, and it would be important to examine carefully the problems which face these women at home and at work.

5. To encourage educational in-

stitutions in the State to take a fresh look at the question of educational opportunities for women outside the range of normal college age. What opportunities are new available, and what should be available, for the woman between 30 and 45 who wants to improve her education and competence? Upon the availability of such opportunities and encourage to use them may depend on our capacity to meet sky-rocketing demands for teachers, social workers, and trained workers of all kinds.

6. To stimulate intelligent discussion and understanding, among all citizens, of what women need and what society needs from women.

Univ. Baptist Lunch Wednesday

Dr. Henry E. Turlington, Pastor of University Baptist Church, has announced as his sermon topic for the 11 a.m. worship service, "A Living and A Life."

The Chancel Choir under the direction of Mrs. William C. Burris will sing "Holy, Holy, Holy," by Gounod, with Don McCarron, tenor as soloist Mrs. Crawford L. Taylor, Jr., will be at the organ.

At 6:30 p.m., the Training Union and Discussion groups will meet. The Student Forum will hear Dr. Bernard Boyd of the Department of Religion, UNC discuss "Biblical Criticism." The Adult Group will continue its discussion on "Evangelism" led by Logan Wright.

The Evening Service will begin at 7:45 p.m. A nursery is maintained at each of these services for pre-school children.

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UNC Doctors Add To Kidney Book

Three professors in the University School of Medicine are among the contributors to a newly published book considered the most comprehensive and authoritative work on kidney diseases available today.

Dr. Louis G. Welt, professor of medicine at UNC is a contributor and co-editor of the book, "Diseases of the Kidney." Other UNC contributors are Dr. Walter Hollander Jr. and Dr. T.

Franklin Williams. The book has just been published by Little, Brown and Co. The publishing company also has just gone into a second edition printing of "Clinical Disorders of Hydration and Acid-Base Equilibrium," by Dr. Welt.

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