

THE BETTER WE KNOW US ...

by MILLER CARTER, JR.,

GREENSBORO—Attorney Ronald Barbee is presently giving up his title of attorney and taking on a new, more important title of Judge. Mr. Barbee was appointed Superior Court Judge on Monday, July 7, 1975, by Governor Jim Holshouser. The Oath of Office was administered to him on August 2.

Prior to his appointment, Mr. Barbee was an established partner in the Greensboro law firm of Frye-Johnson and Barbee. The firm consists of Mr. Barbee's personal friends, Henry Frye who is a State House Representative and the first black to belong to the N. C. General Assembly, and Walter T. Johnson, Jr., who is Chairman of the Greensboro Public Schools and the first black to finish Duke Law School.

Mr. Barbee became a partner of this law firm in 1970. He is a native of Durham where he attended public school and N.C. Central University Law School where he graduated first in his class. While at North Carolina Central he served as Editor-in-Chief of the N.C. Central Law Journal and received many awards for academic achievements.

Judge Barbee was initially a biology major and while pursuing this course

of study, he worked as a research assistant at Duke University Medical School. He became interested in law while talking to a friend -- gave it a try and liked it! Working as a waiter in a night club and working in the library are some of his other jobs while in school. Before his college days, Mr. Barbee served in the army as a paratrooper in the 82nd Air Borne Division at Fort Bragg.

The month of September would have marked five years of practice as an attorney for Mr. Barbee; but, I'm sure his practice being cut short is worth it. Besides serving as an attorney, Mr. Barbee served as a member of the National Bar Association, North Carolina Bar Association, N.C. State Bar Association, Greensboro Bar Association, N.C. Academy of Trial Lawyers and has formerly served as Vice President and Treasurer of the N.C. Young Lawyer Section of the Greensboro Bar Association. Further, Judge Barbee holds memberships and offices in a host of other organizations.

Following his completion of law school, Mr. Barbee commented that he had over thirty job offers, includ-

ing one with the U.S. Department of Justice in Washington. He also commented that he was going to take that job but he was called by the Frye-Johnson law firm and asked to work with them. However, he still had plans to report for work with the U.S. Department of Justice. It was not until the Saturday before he was to report to the Justice Department that he changed his mind. During the four years he has been with Frye-Johnson and Barbee, he says "I never regretted coming to Frye and Johnson."

When he was first appointed Superior Court Judge, Mr. Barbee had mixed emotions about the job because of all the power that he would have but after a lot of thought, he decided to try it and do his best at it. Mr. Barbee says that there are certain advantages and disadvantages that come with the job but he is willing to face them. Some of the advantages of the job are his salary which is \$30,500 per year, and he says, "I'll be able to sit on the other side of the bench and learn law from a judge's point of view. The one disadvantage he faces is the fact that he will be away from his family all

week.

Though Mr. Barbee faces a difficult job where the decisions are finalized by him, he says he will do the best he can and let justice be done and that he will always remain reasonable and fair. There are five main qualifications that Mr. Barbee feels should be displayed by every judge. He says that these five qualifications will be his guidelines and they are: 1) The judge should be knowledgeable of the law. 2) A judge should be a working judge (he should be available at any time). 3) A judge should have an impeccable integrity. 4) A judge should be open-minded and patient and, 5) A judge should be fair and reasonable to all parties in order that justice may be done.

Mr. Barbee says that being appointed Superior Court Judge is his greatest achievement and he owes it all to his mother and father. He also comments that his parents were poor but hard working christians who supported him and knew the value of a good education. He also owes a great deal to his family and his law firm partners. Judge Barbee is married to the



former Alice T. Murry of Savanna, Georgia and they have a three year old daughter, Stephanie Yvonne. The family now resides at 4305 King Arthur Place.

Mr. Ronald Barbee, the newly appointed Superior Court Judge is a good person to know, for the better we know him, THE BETTER WE KNOW US.



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Notes & Reminders

GREENSBORO—The Hayes-Taylor YMCA Kiddie Kollege program for youngsters, ages 3 - 5, is now registering for it's fall program.

The Kiddie Kollege program will offer recreational swimming, inside and outside physical education and recreation, arts and crafts, trips, special events, and a well-balanced curriculum to mix fun with learning.

The Hayes-Taylor YMCA Kiddie Kollege program is equipped with spacious classrooms; large, fenced-in back playground; modern fire alarm system; year-round, indoor heated swimming pool; gymnasium and an activity bus.

Mrs. Angie Wiley, pre-school director, says, "Several minor renovations such as painting, replacement of dim and old light fixtures and other tasks will be completed in order to make our building even more safe and functional for children and adults."

The pre-school program will meet five days a week, Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

For further information call or come by Hayes-Taylor YMCA, 1101 E. Market Street, Greensboro, N.C. Phone: 272-0197 or 272-0198.

HIGH POINT

There lately has been a resurgence in craft work and just plain save-money, do-it-yourself projects. Recognizing this, the Parks & Recreation Department is going to sponsor a two-class session in fabric printing.

The classes will be held from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., August 19 and 21, 1975 at the Southside Multi-Purpose Center on Taylor Street. There will be a charge of \$3.00 for each participant which will cover the cost of materials provided. This fabric printing class is open to all.

Instruction will be given in modern dance to all who wish to participate at the Southside Multi-Purpose Center on Taylor Street. Classes will be held August 18, 1975 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, and on August 20, 1975 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. There is no charge for these classes, and all are welcome to attend.

The Karate-craze is sweeping the nation. Learn this ancient form of weaponless self-defense at the Southside Multi-Purpose Center on Taylor Street. Classes will run from 6 - 9 p.m. They will begin on August 18, 1975. These classes are sponsored by the High Point Parks & Recreation Department and will cost \$7.00 a month.

Are your terpsichorean endeavors all that they should be? If not, come to the Southside Multi-Purpose Center's Jazz Dance Clinic on Saturday, August 23, 1975. The clinic will run from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon, and will be open to all dancers ages 10 and up.

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Republican To Chair Women's Political Caucus

Question: Can one person be black, Republican, feminist and a fiscal conservative at the same time?

Answer: Yes. Meet Audrey Rowe Colom.

Ms. Colom (pronounced kuh-LOAM) is the newly

elected chair (not chairwoman, chairperson, or chairman, just "chair") of the National Women's Political Caucus, the nationwide feminist group with 36,000 members which is currently fighting an increasingly uphill battle to secure

ratification of the proposed Equal Rights Amendment to the U. S. Constitution.

She is a registered Republican in the District of Columbia.

Born into a firmly Democrat family in an intergrated, middle-class neighborhood in New York City, Ms. Colom noticed that her parents and the other adults in the area voted Democrat without ever finding out anything about the party's candidates, much less ever meeting them. "I just never saw a candidate in our community." She decided then that she would neither vote blindly for one party nor let herself be taken for granted by it.

She heard about the Republican Party being "the party of the open door", observed that it was not

exactly chock-full of blacks, and decided to register Republican when she turned 21 seven years ago.

"Besides, I have this underlying feeling that I am a fiscal conservative," she adds.

Responsible handling of money was drummed into her in a series of jobs with underfunded activist groups, and she says that as head of the NWPC she will consider very carefully what it can do most effectively with the money it raises.

She also promoted the idea of activist groups staying in touch with both major parties. In her year with the National Welfare Rights Organization, she urged director George Wiley to approach the Republicans for support as well as the Democrats. "It would have blown my mind if

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Harold Davis Elected To NIA Post

DURHAM—Harold R. Davis, Certified Life Underwriter (CLU), Regional Agency, NORTH CAROLINA MUTUAL Life Insurance Company, was elected Vice President of the NATIONAL INSURANCE ASSOCIATION at the NIA's annual conven-

tion held recently in Memphis, Tenn.

The National Insurance Association is comprised of 39 black-managed insurance companies throughout the country.

Davis has served the NIA in several capacities in recent years. He was assistant secretary of the Agency Section in 1973, and the following year he was named secretary of the Agency Section. He has been an instructor and dean of the NIA's institutes in Agency Management in 1974 and 1975.



He has been associated with North Carolina Mutual since 1947, and he now directs the company's agencies in North and South Carolina.

Davis, a former resident of High Point, N.C., now resides in Durham, N.C.

WSSU National Bicentennial Campus

WINSTON-SALEM—Winston-Salem State University has been designated as a National Bicentennial Campus by the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration. In announcing the designation, Rev. Henry S. Lewis, Jr., Chairman of the WSSU Bicentennial Committee, outlined some of the activities scheduled by the university as a part of the nation's bicentennial celebration.

On September 28, the university will hold its Founder's Day Convocation at 4:00 p.m. in the K. R. Williams Auditorium. California Con-

gresswoman Yvonne Brathwaite Burke will be the guest speaker.

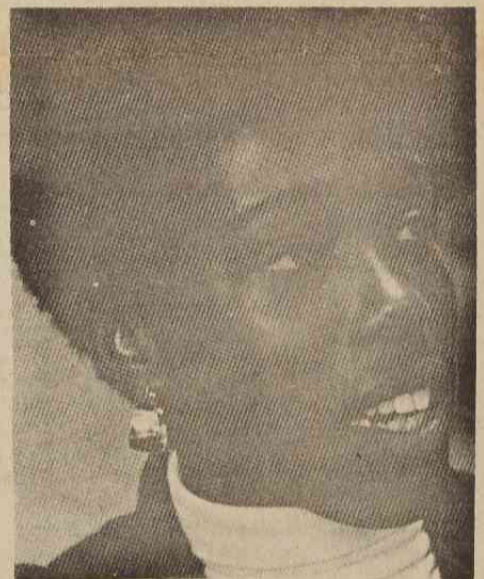
WSSU's Homecoming Parade will be held on Saturday, November 15 at 9:00 a.m. The parade theme will focus on the contributions by blacks to the nation's growth in general and on the contributions of WSSU to the progress of the Winston-Salem Community in particular. Areas to be highlighted include business, education, health and medicine and religion.

During the first quarter of 1976 WSSU, WXII - Channel 12, and Winston-Salem/For-

syth County Bicentennial Commission will present a series of television programs.

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Audrey Colom

Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention

TOLEDO, Ohio—Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention is scheduled to hold its 78th Annual Session here at the Commodore Perry Motor Inn, 505 Jefferson Avenue at Superior Street, with the Third Baptist Church, Pinewood Avenue and Division Street, the Rev.

H. Clarke Nabrit, D. D., as host pastor, September 1 - 5.

According to Dr. C. R. Edwards, pastor of First Baptist Church, Fayetteville, N. C., convention president, and Dr. W. C. Sommerville, the organization's executive secretary of Washington, D. C., this year's meeting will be a new experiment for Lott Carey whose receipts total over \$500,000 this year. In keeping with the modern trend, Toledo's session will be in a Convention Center, where housing, lodging and other essentials will be provided.

President Edwards plans to lead over two thousand delegates to the Ohio setting where he has been programmed to deliver his second address as Lott Carey's chief executive officer.

Programmed to open here on Monday evening, September 1st, at 8 o'clock with a pre-convention musicale, directed by Mrs. Juanita David of New York City, depicting

the assembly's theme, "The Divine Concern For The Troubled", a history of Lott Carey will be dramatized. The Executive Committee has arranged its meeting for Tuesday.

Dr. Sommerville's report that will be heard on Wednesday will show a total receipt of over a half million dollars from the constituency which is composed of Black Baptist churches. This is the largest amount reported in Lott Carey's history with Convent Avenue Baptist Church and Salem Baptist Church of New York and Trinity Baptist Church of Columbus reporting more than \$5,000 each and the executive secretary's report shows more than 150 churches have contributed more than \$1,000 each for foreign missions this convention year.

This year's annual meeting will be the Diamond Jubilee Session for the Women's Auxiliary with Mrs. Nettie Gaither, president of McKeesport, Pa., programmed to preside at Holiday Inn, 141 N. Summit Street, the Women's headquarters. Joseph O. Maker, president of the Laymen's League, Pittsburgh, Pa., is to direct this department; and Willie Battle, Columbus, is to preside over the Youth Division whose advisor is Mrs. Louise Slater, Philadelphia, Pa.

Dr. Sommerville's report is listed to be heard at a joint session on Wednesday morning when Dr. C. H. Jordan, Portsmouth, Va., is expected to be elected new chairman of the executive board to succeed the late Dr. W. L. Ransome who served more than fifty years. Mr. Sommerville will make special recommendations for extension of Lott Carey's program into several of the emerging nations of Africa. At present, the organization has stations in Liberia, Nigeria, Ghana, Haiti and India.

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