

Complaints Can Sometime Prove Complimentary

STATESVILLE--When a person becomes a statistic, do they lose their personal identity? Society in



general has a tendency of categorizing people and for the most of them it is true, however, what particular place or bracket does it place the exceptional?

For example, when a person becomes elderly, should they attempt to withdraw from society, or start dressing in long drab dresses and let "old" rocking chair slowly get them. Or should they maintain their equalitarianism, as our lovely person in question has done.

It is very remarkable when a person reaches a certain age and is still active and

exceptionally so when they willfully become ageless; after all, age is just a number.

And so it is with Mrs. Mable Brent who is residing for the last 53 years at 646 Harrison Street, Statesville, with her son, Booker T. Brent.

Mrs. Brent married the late William H. Brent of Barnswell, South Carolina in 1923; having only one child. Unable to attend College, due to family illnesses, she managed to complete high school at Morningside. None-the-less, being a constant reader, combined with an overwhelming amount

of wisdom, has developed Mrs. Brent into one of Statesville's most recognized and loved orators.

Mrs. Brent, having gone before the City Council numerous times, has been very instrumental in obtaining many advantageous changes. She persistently stressed the dire need of sidewalks in specified areas, also the excavation and cleaning up of many undesirable localities.

When the new shopping center at Signal Hill Mall moved many businesses from Center Street, she sprang into action again. Having had a charge account at Belk's Department Store, she found that not only she, but many of her elderly companions were unable to get so far out to shop.

She wrote several store managers to initiate a bus route in that direction. However, this desire has not materialized as of yet.

Mrs. Brent, a life long member of the First Baptist church is also very active in many social and civic activities; such as: Skyland Banner Temple #670, Social Art, Statesville Women's Club, Women's Federation and the Senior Citizens Group and in addition, she still finds time for volunteer work in the United Heart Fund, Iredell Community Concert, Multiple Sclerosis and the Cancer Society.

One of the best ways to possibly describe this dedicated lady is with one of her favorite phrases, "you

shouldn't complain to people about doing something, without complimenting them when it's done."

AROUND STATESVILLE

A Bicentennial Salute



STATESVILLE--The Statesville Twins will hold their 3rd Annual Old Timers Game Monday, July 5, 1976 at 1:30 p.m. at the Alan D. Rutherford field. (formerly Morningside field). This colossal affair, under the direction of its founder James R. Stevenson is expected to be even larger than last year. It will feature a double-header; Twins versus the Old Timers, plus Blues of Martinsville, Virginia.

The Tribunal Aid wishes to recognize during our

Bicentennial one of Statesville's oldest living baseball players, Mr. Tom Murphy (a devoted Twins fan, never missing a game.)

Mr. Murphy was born on August 3, 1887 in Statesville, North Carolina. He started playing ball as a teenager. As a semi-pro baseball player, he has traveled to Buffalo, N.Y.; Pittsburgh, Pa.; Washington, D.C.; and other cities as a catcher.

Mr. Murphy is presently residing at 233 Jefferson Street with his wife, the former Nellie Morrison.

Pageant Entered

Tommacena Marshall of route 7, Statesville, will compete Saturday in Raleigh for the chance to represent North Carolina in the Miss U.S. Teen Pageant. Miss Celeste Taylor, director of North Carolina's Miss U.S. Teen Pageant preliminary, announced Miss Marshall's acceptance as a contestant.

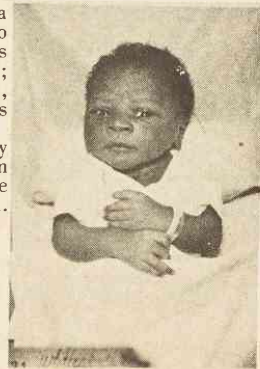
Miss Marshall is the daughter of Mrs. Elnora C. Marshall and the late Tommy Marshall.

She is an honor roll graduate of South Iredell High School and is attending Winslow Business College in Winston-Salem.

She is a Dean's List student at Winslow and is secretary of the student government.

Miss Marshall attends Mt. Tabor Presbyterian Church, where she is secretary of the young people's group.

BABY OF THE WEEK



Michael Tyrone Wittenburg, 4 months old, the son of Ms. Martha Wittenburg of 1104 Rolling Lane, Statesville, North Carolina.

I CARE

With the increase in food prices and the constant upward swing in the economy as a whole, we have found ourselves more active with home gardens than before. I Care, Inc. with an effort to focus on the existing food problem is sponsoring Community Garden Projects and development of home gardens.

The agency received a \$1,704.73 grant from the State Economic Office (SEO) in Raleigh to sponsor the Community Food and Nutrition Program. There are three community garden projects presently in operation. The agency purchased vegetable seeds, plants and fertilizer so that interested residents in Mooresville, Statesville and Belles X Road could have gardens this year. It is the responsibility of the community residents to plant, cultivate, harvest and preserve the output of these gardens. The only criteria for eligibility to participate in the project is that one be low-income and interested in maintaining a community garden. There are twenty (20) families presently active in the program.

The grant also offers financial assistance with food stamps purchases in dire emergencies. Referrals are made to I Care by the local Department of Social Services and other co-ordinating social agencies.

The agency's Social Service Specialist, Gayle Gwyn, is actively involved with assisting low-income people in the county with transportation, health care services and information referrals.

Anyone interested in participating in the garden projects or in need of any of the other offered services should contact Miss Gwyn at 872-8141 or come by the I Care office located at 502 South Center Street, Statesville, N.C. between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.



Miss Deborah Louise Turner, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Charles Turner of 150 E. Bell Street, Statesville, N.C. is shown receiving her graduation diploma at Senior High School.

Presenting the diploma is Principal Cecil Stroud.

Miss Turner, an honor roll student, plans to attend Career Beauty College in Statesville, N. C. this FALL.

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