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## Youth Workers Elect Brodie President

### Lucy Davis Named To Board

Mrs. Lucy T. Davis, principal of West Florence Senior High School, has been nominated by Governor James B. Edwards to the Board of Directors of the S. C. Department of Youth Services.

She succeeds Nicholas P. Mitchel III of Greenville, whose term ended this summer.

Mrs. Davis, mother of two children, is the wife of J. M. Davis Sr. of Florence.

She is a graduate of Coker College and received her MEd from the University of South Carolina. She has done graduate work at the University of North Carolina, North Carolina State, Iowa State, University of New Hampshire and St. Mary's College, among others.



### Mrs. Davis

Mrs. Davis served as a teacher and/or administrator in schools in Lynchburg, Bishopville, Bethune, and Florence. In 1968 she organized Timrod Elementary School and served as principal. She was principal of Moore Junior High School from 1971 until her appointment as principal of Florence High School this year.

Mrs. Davis is a charter member of the South Florence Baptist Church where she has served as a teacher and deaconess; is a past member of the Business and Professional Women's Association.

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### Congressman Visits Scouts

U.S. Rep. Floyd Spence shakes hands with Scouts during the Scout Olympics on the John G. Richards campus in September. Troop 298, as shown on the flag, is headquartered at John G. Richards campus. (Other pictures page 4.)

### Troop 299 Wins Olympics

John G. Richards' Scout Troop 299 won top honors in the First Annual Scouts Olympic Games here Sept. 6.

Some 10 Scouting units from the Granby District — 140 Scouts and adult Scouters — participated in the events.

Boy Scout troops 297, 298 and 299 — all of John G. Richards — sponsored the games, held on the school's activity field.

Troop 299 registered 28 points to win the Olympic Trophy. Cub Pack 418, Irmo, won the cub

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### Gone Fishing

Want to know what's going on? Turn to Page 5.

The Rev. Al Brodie, chaplain at the Reception and Evaluation Center, has been elected president of the S. C. Youth Workers Association.

The Rev. Brodie's selection came on the last day of the three-day conference, which began Sept. 10 at the Landmark Inn on Myrtle Beach.

Other agency officers selected were Ms. Camille Graham, Unit Supervisor, Pickens Cottage, second vice president; Mrs. Mamie McDade, secretary, William J. Goldsmith Reception and Evaluation Center, secretary; and Dr. Gene Starr, Chief Psychiatrist, to the board of directors.

The association, which is concerned with youth — particularly troubled youth — is composed of members from the Departments of Youth Services, Mental Health, Mental Retardation, and Social Services; family courts, law officers, educators and the general public.

During the convention, Mrs. Barbara T. Sylvester, member of the agency's board of directors and its former chairman, was announced recipient of the Robert Beatty Outstanding Service to Youth Award.

The award, named for a one-time youth counselor from the Charleston County Family Court who was killed in the line of duty, is presented "for the most service to youth in South Carolina in the past year."

The award was presented by Grady A. Decell, state director for the agency.

Other officers named to the association were James Hale, Vocational Rehabilitation in Columbia, vice president; Deborah Brown, Vocational Rehabilitation in Columbia, secretary.

Board of Directors selected, in addition to Brodie, Hale, Ms. Graham, Ms. Brown and Dr. Starr were Ray Robinson, Columbia; David Brown, Lexington; and Ray Middleton and Judge Maxie Watson, Orangeburg.

# Director's Dialogue...

by  
**Grady A. Decell**



## Status Offender

This state is committed by accepting a \$200,000 grant in 1974 to deinstitutionalizing status offenders in the next two years.

This agency has indicated its willingness to participate in this program by asking for \$1.5 million in a discretionary grant from the Law Enforcement Assistance Act (LEAA).

At this writing, we are one of twenty-four applicants of some four hundred state and local agencies still in the running for a discretionary grant of \$1.5 million. If we receive this grant, it will be our duty to keep truants, runaways, and children beyond the control of their parents (status offenders out of jails and institutions where delinquent children are housed).

The reason we feel that these children should not be jailed or institutionalized is because they have not committed what would be considered a crime were they adults. In this land of liberty, most of us believe that you should not be denied your freedom, unless you have committed a crime.

Furthermore, it can be demonstrated that these children will respond better to progress outside of institutions and jails. And quite generally their problems will be helped instead of aggravated by these kinds of programs.

Alternative programs are best. Some alternative programs the agency is involved in are our tutorial programs; the group homes in Columbia, Greenville, Spartanburg, Rock Hill and Charleston; the Neighborhood Youth concept at St. Luke's in Columbia; and the use throughout the state of volunteers with children.

These children may be dealt with through our Youth Bureau Division by referrals and not commitments.

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scouting event.

The winners in the various events were:

- 100 yard dash, Troop 298.
- Softball throw, Troop 299.
- 220-yard relay, Troop 299.
- Football Throw, Troop 299.
- 440-yard relay, Troop 299.

Jason Ellison, Youth Counselor at John G. Richards, is scoutmaster for Troop 299. Other scoutmasters are Herbert Deese, Troop 296; Frank Barron, Troop 297; and Allen Muir, Troop 299. Gerald Geogeline is cubmaster

for Pack 418.

The 1975 Scouts Olympic Games were organized and coordinated by Alexander Korda, Assistant Director of Cottage Life for the agency and assistant Commissioner of the Granby District. Korda has been affiliated with Scouting for 23 years.

Other agency personnel who participated in the games were James Bookhart, Director of Recreation; Barron, an instructor in the Presidential physical fitness program; and Unit Coordinator Norman E. Davis.

## She Stood On The Platform, Elegant In Her Cap And Gown

She stood on the platform, elegant and majestic in her purple cap and gown.

"Today is the happiest day of my life. It's the day I'm receiving my high school diploma," Sharon told the assembled audience of two hundred students, teachers and staff members on the Willow Lane campus.

As the gathering rose and applauded, E. T. Borders, superintendent of education, gave the Mount Pleasant student her diploma. That simple gesture, repeated millions of times across the nation, had double significance for Sharon.

She is only the second Willow Lane student ever to receive her diploma in residence. She also refused a chance to go home early in order to finish school requirements for graduation.

"I'm happy and glad I stayed that last year," she said. "This diploma means more to me than most anything in this world."

Her mother agreed. "Time has worked wonders on Sharon. She really changed since she came to Willow Lane."

Sharon wants to be a nurse. She will enter Trident Technical College in Charleston to pursue an LPN certificate.

"I got my interest in nursing, you know, working as an aide while at Willow Lane. I really found something I enjoyed doing."

Sharon, who had been a student for a year-and-a-half, turned down a chance at release last winter.

"I thought about it for a long time, and decided that I wanted to graduate more than anything else. And this was the best opportunity I had to do that. It wasn't a hard decision to make at all."

H. C. (Pete) Dunagan, unit coordinator of the Willow Lane campus, agreed with Sharon's decision, adding, "She was a good student here. I have great confidence in anything she tries."

After thanking friends, Dunagan, Miss S. J. Connor (supervisor of social services), Sharon closed with this advice to her classmates:

"You will all have your turn one day. The best thing you can do to make that day come fast is to keep your head together and stay cool."

"She's a lot better person," reflected her mother. "I believe she has found her way. She has a future in front of her now."



## Board Member Honored

Former Board Chairman Mrs. Barbara T. Sylvester of Florence was presented the Robert W. Beatty Outstanding Service to Youth Award at the annual meeting of the S. C. Youth Workers Association. The award, presented by State Director Grady A. Decell, is named for a Char-

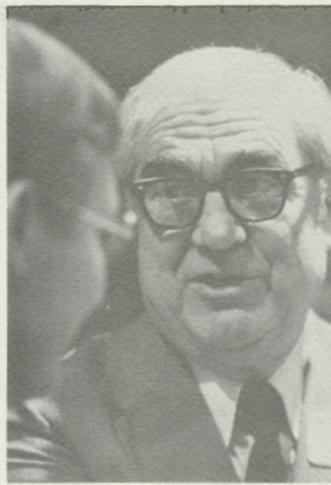
leston youth counselor who was killed in the line of duty. The award is given annually to the person who does the most for service to youth in South Carolina. Looking on is Judge Felix Green, outgoing president of the association.

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# The Youth Advocate Scene



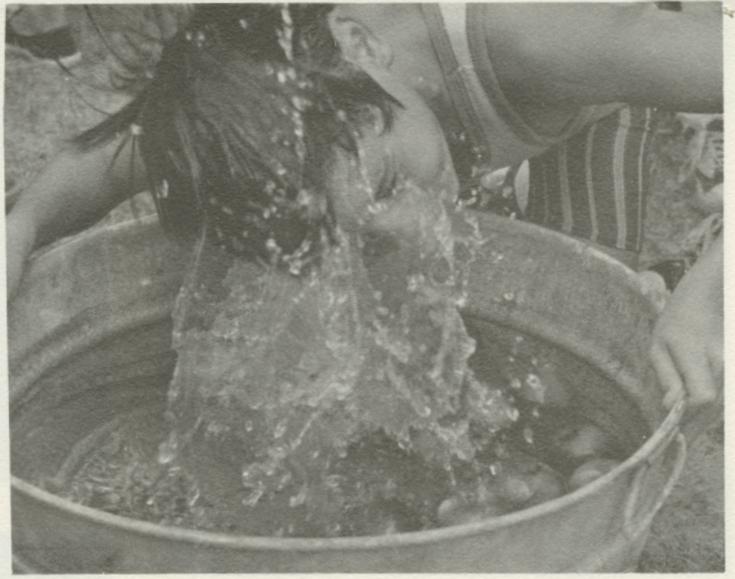
## Youth Workers Convention

Fred Nader (above, standing), Acting Director of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention program, Washington, was keynote speaker at the annual fall meeting of the S. C. Youth Workers Association in Myrtle Beach. Listening critically is Family Court Judge Felix Green, Beaufort, outgoing president. Other photos, in clockwise order, are conventioner Pete Borders, agency Superintendent of Education; Ms. Camille Graham, Unit Supervisor of Pickens Cottage and a board member of the association; panelists Mrs. Debra Brown, S.C. Vocational Rehabilitation and George Grogan, Deputy Director, Youth Bureau Division; Gene Cantrell, principal, John G. Richards school and James W. Brewton, Jr., curriculum developer, admiring tapestry by V-R students; and Mrs. Kathleen Johnson, supervisor of Caroselle and Dr. Gene Starr, chief psychiatrist for the agency.



## Make Radio Spots

Clients of St. Luke's Center, left, and Mrs. Paula Gaffney, a social worker at the center, talk about families and caring between parents and children. Their remarks, with those of Dave Rogers, a Columbia television personality, were tape recorded at S. C. Educational Radio studios for radio spots.



### Olympic Activity

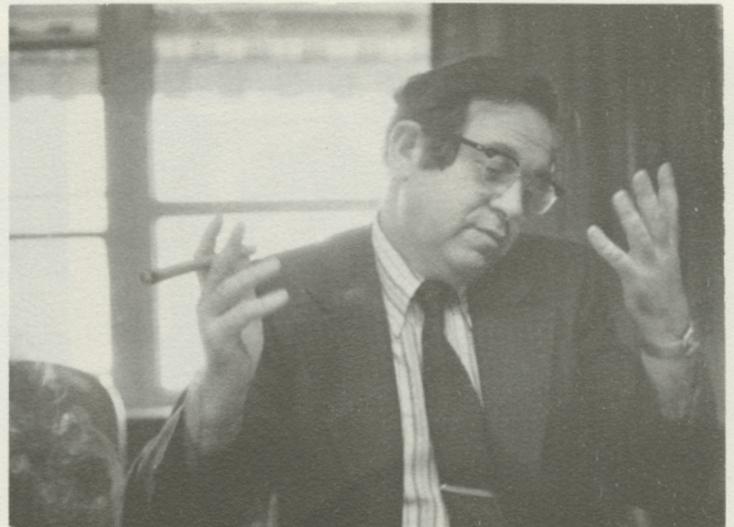
Boy and Cub Scout activity during the Olympic Games at John G. Richards was not limited to track meets. Youngsters also, as these photos depict, bobbed for apples and ate pies.

(Photos by Howard Ellzey)



### Finger Game

Ever wonder what goes on at the Director's Executive Staff meetings? As J. P. Neal, Jr., Deputy Director for Administrative Services, and Director Grady A. Decell heatedly discuss a point, reactions to the proposal are registered by Deputy Director for Institutional Services Edward C. Thomas, (right), and Bernard A. Sandick, Coordinator of Planning and Research.



## Temple Has Many Hobbies

"Okay, John, tighten the bolts down and that'll just about do it."

J. P. Temple wiped his hands on a towel and watched, with fatherly concern as the young man bent to his task.

Temple, auto mechanic instructor at John G. Richards campus said to a visitor, "John's going to make it. He's a darned good mechanic. He rebuilt that engine all by himself. He didn't want me to help him, either. I just gave him advice from time to time."

Getting to know Temple is like getting to know an iceberg — seven-eighths of the personable teacher lie beneath the surface.

In addition to instructing for the agency, Temple owns a used car lot, is a master mason as well as a mechanic — "I do better in brick laying than I do working on engines," — is an antique car enthusiast and owns an 11-acre pond complete with alligators.

"I've been doing masonry work all my life," says Temple. "I came out here as a brick mason and worked at it eleven years before becoming the auto mechanic instructor."

Not everybody can settle their frustrations by fishing in their own pond. But J. P. Temple, auto mechanic instructor at John G. Richards School, shows two-year-old Brian Borden on Page 1 how to hook a big one. The youngster is the son of the agency's public information specialist.

He's been instructing mechanics four years. "I really like it because the boys are cooperative. They really listen to you. Of course, I've had some boys that don't like this type of work. And I tell them frankly that they might be better suited elsewhere. But I still work with them."

### Forte

Temple's forte is an easy-going manner and a comprehensive knowledge of his job.

"We do all kinds of things here. We work on cars, trucks, and vans. We do everything from minor repair work such as tune-ups and oil changes to major engine overhauls. The boys have an excellent chance to learn by doing. We've had many go out and earn a good salary right from the start. I've never hesitated to recommend a boy that can do the job."

Temple's work extends to his primary hobby — automobiles, of course. He's got a 1937 Dodge that purrs like a kitten. "I've had that car twenty years, and I plan on keeping it another twenty. Additionally, he owns a 1930 and a 1931 Model A Ford, another 1937 Dodge "which I'm planning on fixing up for my wife," a 1942 Dodge three-quarter ton pick-up truck and



J. P. Temple and Student

a couple of later model vehicles.

"I work on restoring them," he says, "and they're in various stages of repair. To me there's nothing like an old automobile for looks, workmanship and nostalgia. They bring back pleasant memories."

### Used Cars

Temple's used car business came as an outgrowth of his hobby "and it's almost a hobby in itself. I really don't try to sell that many cars.

A native of Saluda County and father of five children, Temple lives in Lexington County near I-26. "We own a home on some property that belonged to my wife," Temple says. "A couple of years ago the pond, which backs onto our property, came up for sale. We grabbed it."

Temple says the property was used as a suburban hunting

## Marva Gibbes Is Doing Her Own Thing



Marva Gibbes is doing her own thing.

The pert psychologist for the Charleston Regional Office of the Youth Bureau Division doesn't identify with the women's lib movement. "I just want to be effective in life, working with disadvantaged people."

Ms. Gibbes, a native of Summerville, attended North Carolina A & T University in Greensboro and majored in sociology. "I wanted to be in the social field, but not necessarily a social worker."

She subsequently went to Atlanta and worked a year "where a B.S. degree is like a high school diploma."

After arming herself with more education from Emory University and Atlanta University, she joined the Job Corps in New Jersey. She has an M.A. in Guidance and Counseling.

"My job with the office is to diagnose children with learning disabilities," she says. "All the children are referred by the schools or the courts. I also participate in adolescent groups and do individual counseling."

Ms. Gibbes, with the office's other psychologist, Terry D. Payne, counsels educators "to help them solve classroom problems. This is a big area as far as I'm concerned. They don't teach teachers how to cope with the kids."

Ms. Gibbes has her own conception of her clients. "Some are unable to read. And I believe this is a fault of the school system. The problem that they can't read is never dealt with. They're socially promoted. They're bored and acting out."

The tragedy, Ms. Gibbes says, "is that the majority seem to like it. Reality is a big problem."

Parents add to the child's dilemma, Ms. Gibbes notes. "As long as the parents can identify the child as the problem, they're not willing to do much about solving anything. Most parents are not willing to come in and do something."

Ms. Gibbes sees as the solution "more family involvement. Even with court cases the family doesn't come."

As to her own future, Ms. Gibbes is content to stay in Summerville "where I'm near my family. However, one of these days," she adds with a twinkle, "I might just decide to do my own thing again and get a doctorate. You just never can tell."

lodge, "and the former owner really poured the money into it." "We've got some of the best fishing in the county. We've got pet ducks and even a couple of alligators that came with the land. They're penned up, of course. They're one of the prime attractions to visitors, though."

Temple's favorite hobby, beside his automobiles, is fishing.

"One day soon I'm going to build a house down there, facing the morning sun. And it's going to be right up to the water. First thing each morning I'm going to bait a hook. And it's only going to be the sun, that fishing pole, me — and hopefully a fish."

A John G. Richards student has become the first Scout ever at the Department of Youth Services to reach the rank of Eagle Scout.

Stanley, of Florence, was an active member of Troop 298. He became a patrol leader in April of this year.

During his stay at the school he added eight merit badges and twelve skill awards towards his Eagle Scout. The student participated in the summer camping program at Camp Barstow and was assigned as a Junior Life Guard.

The Court of Honor Ceremony was held in Florence.

# Profile: Al Brodie President, Youth Workers Assn.

**Editor's Note:** Chaplain Al Brodie of the agency's Reception and Evaluation Center was elected president of the S. C. Youth Workers' Association at their annual meeting in September. Brodie had said, in his acceptance speech, the association needed to become more involved in advocacy programs for children. **PROFILE** asked the chaplain to expand upon his views:

**PROFILE:** What will be the association's major emphasis this year?

**BRODIE:** We're too introverted as an organization. We need to invite other disciplines, such as educators, people from mental health and mental retardation agencies, and so forth. We need to really have a forum for the different disciplines working with youth. We could, thus, foster a lot of understanding and cooperation and better serve the kids, which is where the action really is.

**PROFILE:** Anything else?

**BRODIE:** The association needs to become a true advocate for kids. We're now serving them on a piecemeal basis from every agency.

**PROFILE:** What do you see as the main advantage of the association?

**BRODIE:** There is no other organization whereby the public can learn the true plight of children. I would invite the public—and children, too—to become members. Who's listening to children as to their needs and what's being done to solve them?

**PROFILE:** Should the association become involved with legislative proposals?

**BRODIE:** Definitely. There is no other organization with the cross section that our organization possesses. We could and should make recommendations on the welfare of children.

**PROFILE:** How do you propose to do this?

**BRODIE:** One of the things I'm working on now is a series of regional meetings in which the public and professionals would be invited to give their opinions on what is needed in the area of child care. These recommendations would serve as the basis for proposals by the association to the legislature.

**PROFILE:** Do you see a specific, immediate need for the association?

**BRODIE:** We have a lot of professional knowledge and expertise in working with problem children. A tremendous publication could be developed for the public and other professionals. I'd like to see one started. Perhaps we could get a grant to do something like this.

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en's Club; served as president of the Florence County Mental Health Association and as a member of the Florence County Association for the Mentally Retarded.

In 1969 she received the "Outstanding Citizen Award" from the Florence Civitan Club. She was the recipient of the first "Distinguished Educator



**Chaplain Al Brodie**

Award," presented by the S. C. Education Association, in 1971.



**Billy Shiver and Friends**

**Billy Shiver**, Recreation Specialist at the School for Boys in Florence, chats with students during a break in a softball game. Shiver spearheaded the recreation program, in which athletic activity is integrated into an individual rehabilitation plan.

## Florence Athletics Geared For Boys

What do you do when you've been named the recreation specialist and you've got to get a program geared for a couple hundred boys with varying athletic abilities?

That very question faced William F. (Billy) Shiver, Recreation Specialist at the South Carolina School for Boys, two years ago.

The former Massachusetts resident decided to dovetail his program into the school curricula.

"That's not as easy as it sounds," said Shiver, who sports a full beard and mustache. "A lot of the kids who come to us haven't been involved in athletics that much. They're unskilled in the basic things."

Teachers at the Florence school decided to aim towards treatment. "Our social workers use recreation as part of their rehabilitation program. You'd be surprised what success in a sport can do for a boy's ego.

The program teaches primarily team sports—football, basketball, baseball, floor hockey and volleyball.

### ON CAMPUS PROGRAM

"The on-campus program is designed for all the students," Shiver said, "whether they're athletically inclined or not."

The off-campus program, he said, is integrated into leagues with other Florence teams. "Our teams participate in all leagues." The Knights of Columbus and Kiwanis have sponsored baseball and football teams.

And the school has done well. Its teams have won the city basketball championship, the sportsmanship award and the baseball championship.

Shiver, who grew up in Columbia, is married to the former Sharon Bundy of Greensboro, N.C. They have one child. Shiver is a graduate of Gordon College and is studying for a graduate degree at Francis Marion State College.

**Al Brodie**, Chaplain, R&E, acted as a resource person at a foster care and advisory committee meeting of state Social Services personnel . . . Brodie also spoke to a citizens' group interested in getting temporary group homes for children in Sumter started . . . Groups that have visited the agency include Riverland Hills Baptist Church Kindergarten, Rosewood Elementary School, The Babcock Center, University of South Carolina Child Development Center, First Baptist Church Kindergarten and Columbia Christian School . . . Volunteer *Jane Clark*, who works at Caroselle, appeared on ETV through a publicity program sponsored by the Voluntary Action Center . . . *J. P. Neal, Jr.*, was a guest speaker at the Elliot Congregational Church, Boston, Mass. . .

## Around Campus...

*The Rev. Yu Fong Chong*, Chaplain, John G. Richards, has meditations printed in the Methodist daily prayer book, "The Upper Room" . . . *J. P. Neal, Jr.*, Deputy Director, Administration, participated in an ETV program on crime in the minority community . . . A morning newspaper notes, "We've seen a number of bumper stickers which ask whether we've hugged a kid today. Why isn't there one that asks whether a kid has hugged a parent?" . . . *The Rev.*