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The Task Force for Global Health

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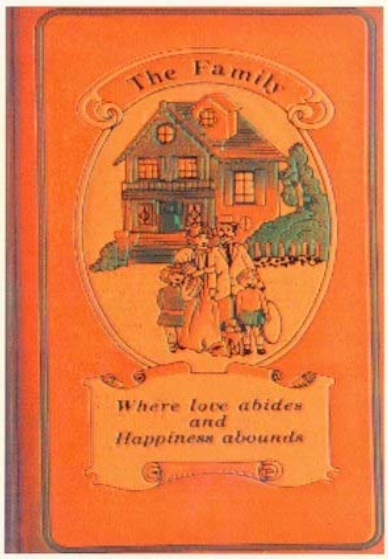
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Mrs. Harwell seeks School Board seat

Violetia (Vie) Harwell has announced her candidacy for the Sixth District School Board seat in the August General Election.

She is a Maury County native, a 1972 graduate of Mount Pleasant High School and attended Columbia State Community College, the University of Tennessee-Nashville and Martin Methodist College.

This is her first political race.

Mrs. Harwell moved to Pulaski following her marriage to Alex Harwell Jr., a Tennessee state trooper in Giles County, in 1980. They have one child, Alex III, a kindergarten student at Pulaski Elementary School.

She is a member of the Campbell's Chapel AME Church and the Order of the Eastern Star, where she has held the office of associate counductress and conductress. She is presently serving a third term as Worthy Matron of Chosen Friends Chapter No. 87 of Pulaski.

Mrs. Harwell is also a past

VIOLETIA (VIE) HARWELL

associate matron of the Central District No. 3 and holds

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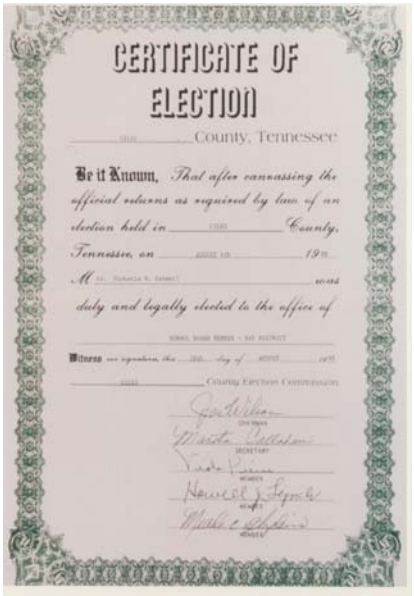

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Witness our signatures this [illegible] day of [illegible] 19[illegible]

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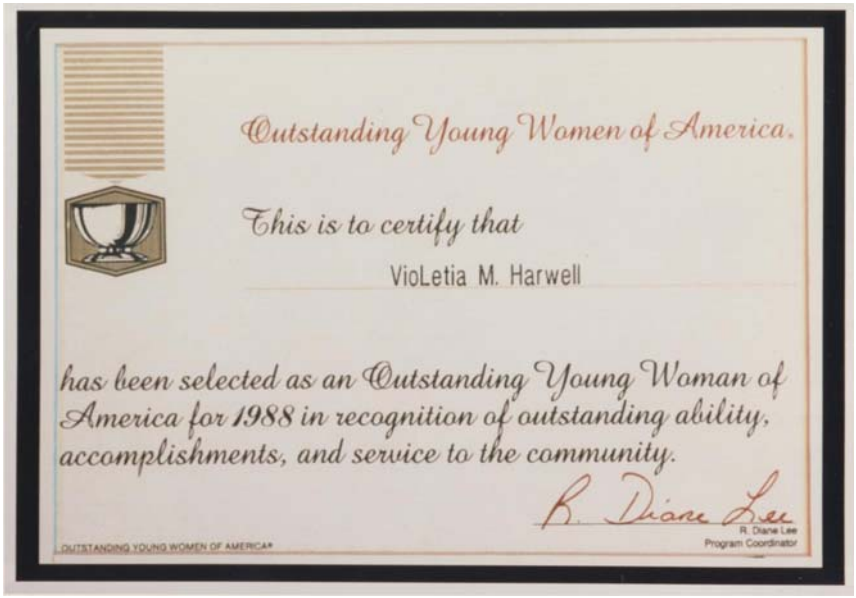

Outstanding Young Women of America.

This is to certify that

VioLetia M. Harwell

has been selected as an Outstanding Young Woman of America for 1988 in recognition of outstanding ability, accomplishments, and service to the community.

R. Diane Lee

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Program Coordinator

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Harwell, Tucker receive merit and service awards

An award of merit and a service certificate were presented recently to Vie Harwell and John Tucker, members of the school board.

The recognitions came from the Tennessee School Boards Association, and were announced last week by Charles Jenkins, a member of the local board.

Jenkins said that the coveted award of merit is usually given following several years service, but Harwell's recognition was earned in only two years.

Harwell is in an Atlanta long-term care facility, having been seriously wounded in a shooting incident last spring. Board members were told that she is able to talk, is mentally alert, but remains unable to move her body.

VIE HARWELL

Tucker received a certificate of recognition from the TSBA for 10 years service.

Short Takes

School board member shot

PULASKI — A Giles County school board member was listed in extremely serious condition last night in Hillside Hospital after being shot once in the neck at her home on McLean Street.

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Neighborhood News

Trooper surrenders after indictment on attempted murder in wife shooting

STEPHANIE FOWLKES
State Writer

PULASKI — A Tennessee state trooper surrendered to authorities yesterday after he was indicted by the Giles County grand jury on charges of attempted first-degree murder, said District Attorney General Mike Bottoms.

Alex Harwell, 35, a 12-year veteran with the THP, is charged with shooting his wife Violetta, 35, once in the neck with a .357 Magnum handgun at their home on McLean Street May 29.

Bottoms said Harwell surrendered at 4 p.m yesterday, but was released after posting $1,000 bond. He said the low bond was not an indication of the seriousness of the crime, but a reflection of Harwell's lack of a criminal record and his roots in the community.

Violetta Harwell remained in critical condition last night with a severed spine at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville, said hospital spokesman Doug Williams.

Bottoms said family members are hopeful that Harwell will one day be able to breathe without the aid of a ventilator, although at present she is a quadruplegic and is only able to blink her eyes in response to questions.

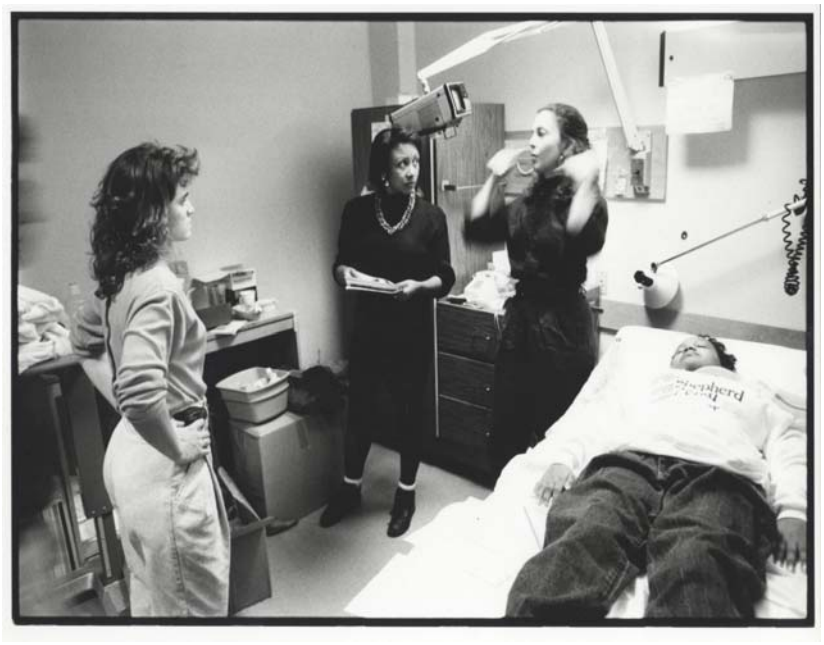
Family members also told Bottoms that Harwell has indicated to them that she does not remember the night of the shooting, he said.

Trooper Harwell has been on administrative leave with pay since the day after the shooting, said Department of Safety Commissioner Robert Lawson.

"This is a continuing investigation by our internal affairs division, working in conjunction with the district attorney's office and local authorities," Lawson said.

Bottoms declined to discuss the case or the suspected motive for the shooting. However, investigators for the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation and Pulaski Police Department have said they were looking into reports of domestic disputes the couple were having as a possible motive for the shooting.

Harwell had given investigators varying accounts of the incident, including an initial statement that the gun discharged accidentally while he was cleaning it. ■



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Shot wife cites mate's drinking

By STEPHANIE FOWLKES
State Writer

PULASKI, Tenn. — The wife of a state trooper accused of attempted

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Shooting described as accident

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State Writer

PULASKI, Tenn. — An emotionally distraught Alex Harwell took the witness stand yesterday to de-