



A SUCCESSFUL DINNER - This group of pictures show persons who attended the annual banquet of the Central N. C. Conference, held in connection with the meeting of the conference. The dinner was held in honor of Bishop and Mrs. W. A. Hilliard who have presided over the conference for the past four years. The dinner was unique in the fact that the diners heard William H. W. Anderson, secretary-treasurer, Tobacco Growers Information Committee, Raleigh, discuss the recent tobacco situation, as it related to the production and marketing of the product. The purported cut back on acreage is of grave concern to the state, due to the fact many of the constituents of the denomination depend upon tobacco for their livelihood. Bishop Hilliard has shown much interest and invited Anderson to address the dinner. The top left picture shows the persons who spoke. The top right is a continuation of the principals. Mrs. and Bishop Hilliard are shown in the bottom picture with Rev. D. L. Blakey, who served as toastmaster.

Ebenezer Baptist Church Floral Club's Annual Party Held Saturday

Members of the Floral Club given a duty to perform on a celebrated their annual card. Valentine Party, Saturday, Feb. 14 in the Assembly Room with a large crowd. The party was opened with the game, "Getting Acquainted." Mrs. Leona Thompson won, having gathered more beans in her bag. Many games were played and prizes given.

The theme, "Love" was displayed in the poems and games. A more serious side of the day was then introduced by the president, Mrs. Addie Barbee. "Love Lifted Me" was sung by all. Then several poems and solos were sung by persons who were

Mrs. Jackie Brown sang to her baby "Yes, Jesus Loves Me"; Mrs. Mary Mayo sang "Bless This House", both accompanied by the audience in the background. The pastor, Dr. Thurman Hairston gave a special prayer for members of the club and other persons absent due to illness. The guests were then served buffet style. Most enjoyable, was the fellowship the members had with guests from other churches, too numerous to name.

The party for Valentine's Day was declared to be the best since the club was organized.



1976 A. M. E. ZION BISHOPS - The twelve bishops of the A. M. E. Zion Church as they emerged from a recent press conference, held at Mother Zion Church, New York recently. L-r, J. H. Miller, Dallas, Texas; J. C. Hoggard, Indianapolis, Ind.; George Leake, Charlotte; C. R. Coleman, Baltimore, Md.; C. H. Foggie, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Arthur Marshall, Jr., Atlanta, Ga.; A. G. Dunston, Jr., Philadelphia, Pa.; W. A. Hilliard, (partly hidden) Detroit, Mich., and R. L. Speaks, New York. Dr. George McMurray, pastor, Mother Zion Church is shown in the background. (Photo by George Dugan, N. Y. Times) Not shown is Bishop W. M. Smith, Mobile, Ala.

Gleaners Club Meets at St. Mark

The Gleaners Club met Sunday at the St. Mark A. M. E. Zion Church. The meeting was short because of a program featuring Bro. Al Andrew Singers of Lillington.

Mrs. Thelma Bullock was chairman of this program, which was very successful. Mrs. Bullock's husband became ill during the program and was hospitalized. We are praying for him a speedy recovery.

Three visitors were present: Laura Parrish, Herbert Criss, Tonie Criss.

The next meeting will be held the third Sunday in March, with Kittyola Curtiss, Wila Coward and John Chancy.

Rho Chapter Meets

"Rho Chapter" of Iota Phi Lambda Sorority met in its regular monthly session, February 9 at the home of Josephine DeMard, 1404 Rosewood Ave. Hostesses for the occasion were Helen Chavious, Mary Emma Clay, Margaret Coleman and Josephine DeMard.

A very informative and interesting meeting was presided over by the president, Lorraine Weaver.

Lamplighters Club Meets

The regular monthly meeting of the Lamplighters was held Sunday afternoon, Feb. 15 at the home of Mrs. Maria Cuttino. The meeting was opened with a song, "What A Friend We Have In Jesus," scripture was read by Mrs. Royster, prayer by Mrs. Carrick.

Refreshments were served to the following members present: Janet Allen, Hester Brown, Mary Bennett, Louis Bennett, Alice Carrick, Annie Daye, Elizabeth Evans, Ollie Hubbard, Alma Mitchell, Ollie Ray, Mary Satterfield, Edna Royster, Lillie Owen and Ella Lee.

The hostess, Mrs. Cuttino, was thanked by Mrs. Ray for her warm hospitality.

Mrs. Ella Lee was received as a new member.

Mrs. Frazier Hosts Friendly Circle Club

Mrs. R. L. Frazier was hostess for the February 15 meeting of the Friendly Circle Club of St. Mark A. M. E. Zion Church, at her home, 1806 S. Alston Ave. Devotionals were opened by the president, Mrs. Elizabeth Brown. Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

Barnes, Mrs. Hattie Geer, Mrs. Florence Littlejohn, Mrs. Marie Bethea, Mrs. Sarah Cameron, Mrs. Louise Frazier, Major Geer and Grover Burthey.

After the business session, the hostess served a most delicious dinner-enjoyed by all.

The meeting adjourned. The next meeting will be held Sunday, March 21st with Mrs. Florence Littlejohn as hostess.

Pic 'N Pay Reports Record Results For Second Quarter

CHARLOTTE - Pic 'N Pay Stores, Inc. (AMEX) had record sales and earnings in the second quarter and first half of the company's fiscal year, Alvin E. Levine, president, announced recently.

In the 13 weeks ended December 27, 1975 sales were \$14,797,806 compared with \$11,079,076 a year ago. Net income was \$1,285,293 or \$4.3 per share compared with \$772,132 or \$2.6 per share in

the last year's second quarter.

In the 26 weeks ended December 27, 1975 sales were \$24,922,527 compared with \$19,583,727 a year earlier. Net income was \$1,900,223 or \$6.4 per share compared with \$1,250,401 or \$4.2 per share in the year-ago first half.

Levine noted that this year the company had changed to a 13-week reporting basis, and that the sales and earnings peaks were attained in one less selling day in this year's second quarter and four less selling days in this year's first half than in the comparable periods a year ago.

He said that the gains are attributable to higher year-to-sales in most of the existing stores throughout the retail shoe chain, as well as the successful opening of new units during the company's fall expansion program. "At the end of the first half we had 285 units in operation compared with 248 a year ago. Since the start of the current fiscal year we have had a net increase of 24 stores, putting us well on target to meet our objective of 300 or more units by the end of our June 1976 fiscal year.

"Based on the company's performance in the first half, it appears virtually certain that we will achieve our goal of a seventh consecutive record year for Pic 'N Pay," Levine said.

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NAACP Urges Library Aid

In the hope that the decision of the Durham County Commissioners will get the pulse beat of the Durham County community, of the proposal to build a county library, Alexander Buntley, president, Durham Branch, NAACP, asked citizens to become interested in the proposed location and its serviceability to all the citizens.

Concerned citizens are asked to attend a meeting, scheduled for February 25, at which time it is expected that a progress report will be made and questions asked, which will give more light on the entire matter.

The monthly meeting of the NAACP will be held at United Covenant Presbyterian Church, 4 p.m. Sunday. Dr. Grady Davis, N. C. Parole Commission, will be the speaker and the issues and candidates being considered for the March primary will be discussed.

Ralph A. Hunt will speak on the forthcoming primary, which will be held in March. Voters are asked to vote for the candidates of their choice, in both major parties, for the presidency. There is also the matter of money allocated for the schools of the state by the legislature, that require a bond issue. This will be discussed.