

Mrs. Marva B. Thorpe Honored By Delta Sigma Theta

Mrs. Marva Brown Thorpe has been named 1981 recipient of the Merrick-Fisher-Spaulling Award, presented in recognition of service to the community by the Durham Alumnae Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated.

The annual honor is conferred on an individual who has exemplified a spirit of unselfish service to the community, according to award chairman, Mrs. Nancy R. Rowland.

Member of Durham Alumnae Chapter since 1973, Mrs. Thorpe has been consistently active, serving as financial secretary for two years and later treasurer of the group for four years.

During the past year, the honoree participated with four support committees for the 1981 Jabberwock and directed security for the event. Mrs. Thorpe was a key committee person in the successful celebration of Durham Deltas 50th anniversary recently. Currently she heads the committee to elect Mrs. Carolyn I. Thornton national secretary of Delta Sigma Theta, Inc.

Mrs. Thorpe earned the bachelor of science and master of education degrees at North Carolina Central University. She is a Durham County teacher of exceptional children at Southern High School.

A native of Durham, she is a communicant of Saint John's Baptist Church. Member of Zafa Court No. 41, Daughters of Isis, Mrs. Thorpe served for five years as co-director of Isiserettes.

She is married to Joseph Alan Thorpe. The couple has two children, Joseph Jr., 12, and Lisa Victoria, 15.



Merrick-Fisher-Spaulling Award

Mrs. Marva Brown Thorpe (center) accepts Delta Sigma Theta's annual recognition of service to the community presented by last year's winner, Miss Phyllis Lee. Mrs. Nancy R. Rowland presided over naming of the recipient.

Fayetteville Happenings

By Mrs. T.H. Kinney

Rain kept the crowds small in many areas on the Fourth of July — Wagram, Clinton, Fort Bragg, Hope Mills, Roseboro and Lillington — for various traditional activities: watermelon eating, fireworks displays and very patriotic music: Fayetteville's Hay Street was dotted with small flags. Many heard the North Carolina symphony perform at Cross Creek Park in late afternoon. Friends, neighbors and holiday merrymakers filled the park.

An appreciation service for Bishop E.A. Jackson, a Moore County native, was presented by the Cape Fear B Conference of the United American Free Will Church Saturday evening at Smith Chapel Free Will Baptist Church. Bishop Jackson is the son of a Free Will Baptist minister and has been pastor of churches in Cape Fear A and B Conferences. He is the general second vice bishop of the United American Free Will Baptist Church with churches in several states and is pastor of Parks Chapel Church in Fayetteville and St. Matthews Chapel of Eastwood.

Evans Metropolitan AME Zion Church celebrated its first Family Day Sunday morning.

Williams Chapel Gospel Chorus observed its ninth anniversary Sunday afternoon in Spring Lake.

The Melvins gathered for their family reunion in White Oak Saturday.

Ms. Dorothy Monroe, 1850 Colony Drive, received her degree from Johnson C. Smith University, Charlotte, during the recent graduation exercises.

The YMCA will present a prenatal and post partum exercise class beginning July 14. Call 323-0800.

The Matthews family is visiting relatives in Minnesota.

The Duplin crowd is returning from the NAACP Convention.

The Smith sisters had a safe trip to Alabama during the week.

The Wilson couple just left for Hawaii.

The Green family came from Arizona for their family reunion.

David E. Jackson was recently elected president of Local 522 of the AFL-CIO United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America. He was installed July 7 at a meeting in Durham.

Check out the various playground programs, college study courses, swim lessons, lifesaving and pre-school as well as day care programs which start at the Y soon.

Bennie Goodman Hodges of Yonkers, New York is here visiting his relatives and friends.

J.P. Morgan of New York City is here visiting relatives and friends.

Durham City Schools Conduct Summer Seminar

Durham City Schools held a two-day Administrative Summer Seminar on June 25-26 at the Downtown Ramada Inn. Approximately 55 educators attended the annual event, the purpose of which is to promote unity and articulation in the system.

Sessions addressed administrative and instructional priorities for 1981-82, legal issues in school management, a school-community forum,

the testing program and utilization of test item analysis data and the exceptional children's program.

Dr. Rick Coger, educational specialist of St. Louis, Missouri and Dr. John Whatley, of Birmingham, Alabama, were the main consultants for the seminar. Their presentations focused on effective educational designs for performance, appraisal, leadership, management and cognitive dissonance.

Participants in the school-community forum were Joseph Becton, director of the Durham Human Relations Commission; Carlton Harrell, managing editor of the *Durham Sun*; Rev. Percy High, minister of Mount Vernon Baptist Church; Mrs. Trelle Jeffers, parent and chairman of the Education Committee, Durham Committee on the Affairs of Black People; Peter Kramer, director of Hassle House and DeWitt Sullivan, parent and president of Garrett-Sullivan & Company.

The administrative seminar was under the direction of Dr. Frank B. Weaver, associate superintendent for instruction and Mrs. Jeanne H. Lucas, director of staff development.

4-H Electric Congress To Be Held

Two outstanding 4-H'ers from Durham County will join some 160 Tar Heel youths at the state 4-H Electric Congress at the University of North Carolina at Asheville, July 13-15.

The delegates are Doug Ferrell and Keith Ferrell, both of Route 1, Morrisville.

Ms. Linda Washburn, Extension Agent, 4-H, Durham County, said delegates were selected for achievement in their 4-H electric projects.

During the conference delegates will listen to project reports, view electric demonstrations and exhibits and go to Ghost Town and the outdoor drama "Unto These Hills."

The highlight of the congress is the announcement of a state winner and territorial winners and runners-up in the 4-H Electric project.

The 4-H Electric Congress is sponsored by the Carolina Power and Light Co., Duke Power Co., Nantahala Power and Light Co., Virginia Electric and Power Company and the Westinghouse Educational Foundation, in cooperation with the N.C. Agricultural Extension Service.

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