### Bridal Shower Fetes Miss Rawlings

On June 29, La Petite Gardeners surprised one of heir members by giving her a miscellaneous bridal hower held in the home of Mrs. W.B. Saunders on Fit-

The home was beautifully decorated for the occasion ind to make it more festive, Mrs. McCrea and Mrs. cobinson made a colonial style umbrella of white lace and satin. A table was set up and gifts were placed under he umbrella. On each corner of the table, ribbons and lowers cascaded down.

Three hilarious games were played pertaining to the hower and prizes were given. After the games, the bride-elect opened gifts. This was really her night. The hower cake was cut and a slice was served to each number, along with condiments. Mrs. Saunders pinned corsage on the honoree made of ribbon and small ooking utensils. All club members were present for this un-filled event.

Miss Rawlings will be a July 18 bride.

#### Azalea Club Honors Mrs. Blanch Hawkins

The Azalea Garden Club honored its honorary member, Mrs. Blanch Hawkins, on her 95th birthday June 27 at her home, 4020 Fayetteville Road with a pic-

The Baines Family and club members filled the tables with numerous choices of foods, deserts, and drinks. Mrs. Georgia Thompson said the Grace, followed by timely and beautiful prayer for the honoree.

Guests included members of the Azalea Garden Club and other garden clubs of Durham, along with their husbands. Others present were friends, Mrs. Hawkins' granddaughter, Mrs. Rhoda P. Smith and sons, Edward and Alexander James Hawkins, from Baltimore, Maryland.

Mrs. Hawkins received gifts, money and cards from ner family and friends. Telephone calls were received rom New York City, Philadelphia, Pa., Cleveland, Dhio and Favetteville.

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#### SAT., JULY 11, 1981 Daughters Of Dorcas

The July meeting of the Daughters of Dorcas was held at the home of Mrs. Lyda Wray on Masondale Avenue. In the absence of the president, Mrs. Gazella Lipscomb (still on the sick list), the vice president, Mrs. Clumpertee Tucker, presided.

After the regular opening, Mrs. Tucker read the Biblical story of Dorcas. This refreshed the group on the history of its namesake. She then offered prayer with special intent for sick members.

Business included plans for the remaining meetings of the year, and appointment of a nominating committee to prepare a slate of officers for the coming year.

Mrs. Lyda Merrick shared with the group the good news that Mrs. June Best, president of the North Carolina Federation of Negro Women's Clubs, had just given her the Federation check for \$1,000 for The Merrick-Washington Magazine for the Blind, which was established by Mrs. Merrick, who was, for many years, its sole editor.

Before the meeting opened, Mrs. Wray, assisted by Mrs. Mary Thomas, had served a delicious dinner to the following: Miss Marjorie Shepard, Mesdames Sadie Carry, Gladys Faucette, Julia Harris, Sallie Harris, Margaret Mack, Johnnie McLester, Lyda Merrick and Clumpertee Tucker. Mrs. Faucette thanked Mrs. Wray for her gracious and bountiful hospitality.

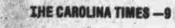
The next meeting is scheduled for August 6 with Mrs. Artelia Bryant as hostess.

#### Gleaners Hold Last Meet

The Gleaners Club of Saint Mark AME Zion Church held its last meeting of the season on June 21 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Madison McDonald. Opened with devotions, followed by a brief discussion of several projects to be given leading to the group's anniversary, the meeting was followed with an enjoyable dinner.

Members present were Mesdames Willa Coward, Florence Cooper. Henrietta Lee, Hattie M. McClain, Vera Nicholson, Lula M. Royal, Margaret Allen, Annie Williams Lucinda Harris; Misses Yvette Long and Bliss Royal; Messers. Willie Sherrill, Frank Williams, John Chancey, James Smarr and Yun Kee Lee.

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## **GM** Head Speaks To NAACP

DENVER - The nation's business leadership must step forward to assure continued social progress and economic freedom for Americans, the president of General Motors said.

F. James McDonald, addressing the NAACP Annual Convention, told delegates, "A major part of the task of achieving this goal of economic freedom for all must, therefore, fall American business. And I come here today to affirm that business can do its

job." "This is an appropriate time to consider the contributions of private individuals and organizations to the enhancement of our society.'

McDonald pledged that GM will continue to "stand in the forefront of organizations dedicated to human progress - to economic emancipation." General Motors is committed to its long-standing efforts in equal opportunity and affirmative action, he said, and given an economic turn-around in this country, much more will be done.

"We will continue to open the doors of opportunity to everyone, and we will continue to assure everyone the increased responsibility and ad-vancement they earn," McDonald said.

While in the past year or so, times have forced GM to reduce both its hourly and salaried workforce, representation of minorities remained essentially constant, he said. Minorities make up just over 19 per cent of GM's hourly and salaried workforce. Nationally, minorities make up about 17 per cent of the country's population.

"The percentage of minority GM employees in increased since December. 1979," he said. "And of all the employees we've hired and promoted in more than a decade, more than 20 per cent have been minorities."

McDonald GM's minority-oriented programs that began in the late 1960's, noting that GM is one of the few coporations still participating in every business program oriented developed by the U.S. Department of Com-

GM-backed programs have shown significant progress and economic development in 1980, according to McDonald. He highlighted:

•GM's Minority Supplier Program, established in 1968 with a goal of one million dollars in purchases from minority suppliers annually, recorded \$224 million in purchases by GM from minority suppliers last year. The 1981 goal is \$300 million.

•Last year, GM deposited about \$637 million in minority-owned banks. This program, established in 1967, today represents just under onefourth of all the banks with which GM does business.

•GM's MESBIC, Motor Enterprises, Inc., established in 1970, has approved loans of \$4.4 million to 135 minority firms. These loans have leveraged an additional \$29 million from other sources.

•There are 156 GM minority-owned dealerships in the U.S. today, including 61 owned by blacks. In addition to a dealership development program, GM has provided financing assistance for 49 dealers for more than \$20 million.

 About \$350 million of GM's group life insurance and nearly \$6 billion of its property damage insurance was placed with minority business enterprises last year.

For the automobile industry, GM expects a turnaround this fall, McDonald conclud-

"For 1982, the picture should be considerably brighter than it has been so far this year.



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