

Calendar And Announcements

SUMMER DAY CAMP — Enroll your child for the exciting Durham YMCA summer day camp program. Make sure your child has an enjoyable, rewarding summer sharing in fun activities such as swim instruction, free swim, weekly field trips, recreational gymnastics, recreational sports, arts and crafts and more. Camps are held at both YMCA branches. For more information, call the Central YMCA, 682-0313 or the Lakewood Y at 489-2610.

TENNIS LESSONS are offered at Edison Johnson Recreation Center on an on-going basis Monday and Wednesday mornings at 9 a.m. and 10:30. Cost for 12 hours of instruction is \$22 for City residents and \$24 for non-residents. Register at Edison Johnson Recreation Center or call 683-4355 for more information. Resource person: Ms. Eileen Witt.

SUMMER ACTIVITIES FOR TEENS — The Young Adult Section of the Durham County Library is holding a series of film/discussion sessions each Friday afternoon at 3 p.m. in the auditorium of the Main Library. July 17—"The Life and Times of Rosie the Riveter."

For teens who are print-oriented, a book discussion will begin at 3 p.m. each Wednesday. Area teens may join both groups. Call Ms. Laura Gorham at 683-2626 for more information.

SCSC CLASS REUNION — The South Carolina State College Class of '71 will hold its first reunion September 18-19 at the Carolina Townhouse, 1615 Gervais St., Columbia, S.C.

Deadline for reservations at the Carolina Townhouse is August 1. All reunion fees should be paid by this date also, according to a class spokesman.

For further information, call Andrew Hugine at 536-7062 or 534-2325; Bill Hamilton at 536-7060, 534-1649 or 534-1814; or Leroy Morant at 536-6104. (All area code 803).

FOOD STAMP COMPLAINTS — A new regulation for handling complaints about the operation of the Food Stamp Program went into effect in Durham County on July 1. It ensures that an avenue also exists for clients wishing to complain about delays in processing their application or the general service they have received in the County Department of Social Services, Food Assistance Section. Within ninety days the state will investigate the complaint and respond in writing to the client.

A change in the amount of money a one or two person household can be credited with paying for utilities also went into effect on July 1. A food stamp household that is billed for utilities can be given credit for a standard amount in place of the actual billed amount. In many instances this enables these households to qualify for additional food stamps. The utility standard for one and two person households will increase to \$95 and \$123, respectively.

PHOENIX FESTIVAL '81 — The West End Community Action Group and the Sallam Cultural Center announced the annual summer celebration of the West End Community scheduled for Saturday, August 15.

The Festival is a day of fun and games, music, tasty food and cool drinks, some heavy dancing, but most of all a day of recognition of the community's efforts to improve the neighborhood.

Area musicians, crafts people and community organizations are invited to participate in Phoenix Festival '81. For more information, call 493-5431 or 682-7949.

BULL CITY CARPOOLING PROGRAM Save the gas. Call the one regionally coordinated program, TRI-A-RIDE, (Triangle Area Ridesharing Program), 549-9999, for names of others traveling your route.

CALENDAR ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS for this column should reach us no later than Friday before the desired publication week. Two to three weeks prior is even better! Mail to: Calendar, The Carolina Times, P.O. Box 3825, Durham, NC 27702. No charge.

YWCA ACTIVITIES — 809 Proctor St., Durham:

Volleyball, every Tuesday this summer.

Intermediate Tennis, starts 7/21.

ARTIST'S EXHIBIT — Inspirational works by Gary Abdullahi, former New York-based artist, are being shown at the Durham County Library, 300 N. Roxboro St., through August 11. Hours are Monday-Friday 9-9; Saturday, 9-6.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT — The City-County Open Tennis Tournament will be held July 31-August 7 at the Rock Quarry Tennis Courts. Events are offered for youths and adults, ages 10 and under to 45 and over. Applications are available at all Durham City Tennis Courts and the Durham Recreation Department in City Hall. Entry deadline is July 21.

BLACK CHILD CONFERENCE — The Eleventh Annual Conference of the National Black Child Development Institute will be held October 8-10, at the Capitol Hilton Hotel, Washington, DC.

A special block of rooms at the Hilton has been reserved at greatly reduced rates for conference participants. This block will be released for general reservations after September 16. Deadline for pre-registration for the conference is September 18.

For registration forms and/or further information, contact NBCDI, 1463 Rhode Island Ave., NW, Washington, D.C. 20005.

TENNIS COURTS AVAILABLE — The Durham Parks and Recreation Department has tennis courts available for rental. Groups may rent available courts at the rate of \$1 per hour per court day use or \$1.25 per hour per court night use. Make tennis a part of your next family or business social. Call Ms. Eileen Witt at 683-4355 to reserve your courts now!

NCCU ARTISTS: NEW HORIZONS — Art exhibit through Summer School, North Carolina Central University Museum of Art. No admission charge. Hours 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Tuesday-Friday; 2-5 p.m., Sunday.

WHY BE BORED THIS SUMMER when you can revitalize your life with local classes and courses from photography to tennis to Introduction to Computers. Project LIFT has area information, reference and referral on adult education. Contact Project LIFT at 683-2626 Ext. 31 or visit at the Durham County Library, 300 N. Roxboro St. Hours are 9-9 Monday and Tuesday and 9-5:30 Wednesday through Saturday. LIFT also has Employment Security Commission job listings available.

DIANA ROSS — She's vibrant, electrifying, and at the pinnacle of success in the entertainment world. She's Diana Ross, the most successful lady in music history, and Monday night, July 20, PM Magazine (WRAL-TV, Channel 5) will meet her in Atlantic City and learn her true feelings about fame, her family and the men she loves.

OBT MEETINGS — Albright Council, 7-22, Greater St. Paul Church, 6 p.m.; Bahama Council, 7-22, House to House, 7:30 p.m.; Bragtown Council, 7-21, Community Center, 7:30 p.m.; Welfare Rights Steering Committee, 7-21, (location not listed), 7:30 p.m.; Albright Senior Citizens Club, 7-21, Greater St. Paul Church, 2:30 p.m.; Edgemont SC Club, 7-20, Memorial Center, 1:30 p.m.

FREE FEATURE MOVIES are shown each Saturday at 3 p.m., in the auditorium of the Durham County Public Library. Plan to see "Tumbleweeds" July 18 and "Grapes of Wrath" July 25.

NURSERY-KINDERGARTEN — Applications are now being accepted for the fall session of the North Carolina Central University Nursery-Kindergarten beginning in September. For further information, call 683-6447 or visit the NCCU Nursery-Kindergarten at the Diana S. Dent Home Economics Building at North Carolina Central University.

SUMMER SCENES, SUMMER PLACES, an exhibit of members' art will be on display through August 2 at Center/Gallery, 118-A E. Main St., Carrboro. Hours: Friday and Saturday, 11-5; Sunday, 2-5. A talk by the artists on Thursday, July 23, at 7:30 p.m., is open to the public free of charge. For further information, call 967-1316 or 682-6234.

JULY WORKSHOPS — at the Durham Arts Council, 120 Morris St. For Adults: Beads, Beautiful Beads (July 21).

For Children ages 5-7: Fun with Beads (July 21); Super Hero Capes (July 23) and Drawing Outside (July 30).

THE PAINTINGS AND DRAWINGS of Janet Burgess representing the theme of "Landscapes of the Mind" will be on display August 7-31 at Center/Gallery, 118-A E. Main St., Carrboro. Hours are Fri. & Sat., 11-5, Sun. 2-5. An opening reception will be held Friday, August 7, 8-10 p.m. For more information, call 967-1316 or 919/944-1735.

BOARD MEETING RESCHEDULED — In July, Operation Breakthrough's Board of Directors will not meet as regularly scheduled. The meeting will be held on July 23, at 7:30 p.m., in the Board Room of the Durham County Library.

The September 17 meeting will be held in the basement of St. Mark AME Zion Church at 7:30 p.m.

No Board or Board Committee meetings are scheduled for August.

FOSTER HOMES FOR "SPECIAL NEEDS" CHILDREN — Children are continuously coming into foster care. Foster care provides for the emotional and physical well-being of a child temporarily. A person wanting to become a foster parent should take a look at his/her personal situation. Could he/she best serve a child for emergency care a few weeks, months, or long-term care, which could mean years of caring for a child?

The Durham County Department of Social Services needs foster parents for school age children, children with emotional problems, physical and mental handicaps adolescents, and sibling groups, "special needs" children. The basic requirements to become foster parents are not that difficult. One must:

- be 21 to 65 years old;
- provide a healthy living environment and meet standards for sanitation and fire safety;
- have adequate sleeping space; and
- have a stable income.

The crucial and most important criterion for becoming a foster parent is to be able to be committed to helping children. Most of these children will come into care with emotional problems related to physical, emotional or sexual abuse, neglect, abandonment or death of their parents or legal caretakers. The loss of family and friends, and familiar places can be extremely traumatic for a child. He may manifest his feelings of loss in many challenging ways. It might be necessary for the foster parent to be an active participant and advocate for the child in school or participate in family counseling. For children with special medical needs, it might require special training. The needs of these children are many.

Monthly informational meetings on foster care are held at the Department of Social Services. For dates and times, please call the Homefinding Unit at 683-3500. If you believe that you can provide care for any of the "special needs children", there will be immediate follow-up as this is the area of greatest need.

CHURCH GROUP TRIP — The Commission on Membership and Evangelism of Russell Memorial CME Church plans a trip to Lookout Mountain, Chattanooga, Tennessee, August 7-9. For more information, call Ms. Portia Faucette 688-0227 or Ms. Jean Farrar 688-6578.

MADLINE BLANKS MITCHELL FAMILY REUNION — will be held at the Marriott Twin Bridges Hotel in Washington, D.C., July 24-26.

The family tree starts with Madeline Blanks Mitchell who was born in Columbus County, North Carolina, May, 1850. From her two marriages, she bore seven children, Lorna Blanks, Arnetta Blanks, Sophia Blanks, Mary Blanks, Annie M. Mitchell, Lucy Mitchell and Britton Mitchell, Jr. From these children came numerous relatives who have migrated to various parts of the United States.

In over 25 years, this is the first attempt to reunite the family. Many activities are planned for all ages. The main event will be a dinner-dance Friday, July 24 at the Hotel. Approximately 100 family members are expected to attend.

For further information, contact Gregory C. Hutchings, 37 Garden Drive, Alexandria, Va. 22304; 703/370-3763 or 202/393-2700.

POLICE RETIREES RECEPTION — The United Black Police Organization of Durham is sponsoring a reception honoring James B. Samuel and Frank McCrea on Friday, July 24, 8 p.m., in the W.G. Pearson Cafeteria at North Carolina Central University (Lawson St., near Merrick).

For further information, contact James Price at 699-8251 or 682-5018.

FREE FILM — Last in a free, public film series scheduled by the Campus YMCA at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, will be "Guess Who's Coming To Dinner?" Tuesday, July 28. Film will be shown at 8 p.m. in 100 Hamilton Hall and discussion will follow.