



Christmas Cheer For Others

Again the Nobles and Daughters of Zafa Temple No. 176 and Zafa Court No. 41 happily prepared and gave Christmas boxes of food and other goodies to fifteen needy families who otherwise may have had a bleak Christmas. The Nobles expressed the wish that their efforts made Christmas merrier and that the new year will be brighter for the recipients. From left to right are: Nobles Long, Moore, McMillon, Burnett, Burton; illustrious Potentate J.T. Tucker, Nobles Hill, Gilmore, Fields, Laster and Murchinson.

Tornadoes Sweep Through Durham Area

By Elson Armstrong, Jr.
The year 1982 may be still in its infancy, but already Mother Nature has made headlines in Durham and its metro area.

On January 4, between 7:00 and 7:30 p.m., several small, short-lived tornadoes passed through a corridor just north of Durham knocking down and uprooting trees and disrupting power in the Willowhaven section and Bahama.

The twisters swung to earth during a series of heavy thunderstorms which were passing through the Triangle Area. The storms, accompanied by heavy, gusty winds, reached as high as 49-mph at the Raleigh-Durham Airport.

The first tornado was sighted by the public in Hillsborough, twelve miles west of Durham. Possibly the same storm was sighted by a Public Safety Officer in Northwestern Durham County a short time later.

One resident of Durham's Willowhaven

subdivision said that she was still shaking an hour after the twister passed through that neighborhood.

The Durham tornado then took a northeasterly path south of Eden Lakes just north of the city causing some minor damage there. The storm moved on to Bahama, ten miles north of Durham and damaged several barns and trees there.

Other areas of the city reported high winds that shook some homes at the time the twister touched down.

The Durham storm cell then weakened as it moved north into Virginia.

Tornadoes were also reported near Oxford.

The freakish weather was caused by a deep low pressure over the midwest which spawned the storm lines and tornadoes throughout much of the southeast.

The tornadoes which brushed Durham were generally small and localized in nature, typical of most North Carolina twisters.

Chamber Kicks Off Year-Long Drive

The Greater Durham Chamber of Commerce has announced plans for a year-long membership campaign in an effort to recruit new members for the Chamber in 1982.

The membership development program for 1982 will utilize a variety of recruitment efforts. The "President's Club" has been established to provide volunteer assistance to the Chamber throughout the year. Members of this important membership recruitment club: William Dix (WDBS-Radio), Bruce Rand (Touche Ross & Co.), George W. Kane, III (Attorney), Eddie Lanham (North Carolina National Bank), W.A. Getzelmann (Durham Coca-Cola Bottling Co.), Jack B. Penny, Jr. (Guaranty State Bank), Ms. Lorie Leeth (First Union National), James M. Turner (Mechanics and Farmers Bank), Jim Morton (Planters National Bank), R.A. "Tony" Stephens (General Telephone Co. of the Southeast), Alex Rivera (North Carolina Central University), and E.V. Allison, Jr. (Mutual Savings & Loan Association). Other

development efforts planned for the year include the Loaned Executive Program and "Blitz Day - 82". The Membership Department of the Chamber will also be extremely active in the recruitment of new members.

Any firm of individual interested in either assisting the Chamber with the 1982 membership recruitment program or becoming a member of the Durham Chamber should contact Bill Baucom, Jr. at 682-2133.

Birthday

(Continued From Front) holiday in honor of Dr. King has gathered momentum across the country. At present, nineteen states observe Dr. King's birthday with a legal holiday, along with hundreds of cities and towns; classes at most black universities are suspended; memorial services are held at colleges, churches and other institutions; several major labor union contracts provide for a paid legal holiday on January 15; marches and rallies are held across the country; and some even take the holiday for themselves.

The theme for The King Center's 14th annual birthday celebration is "Come Home."

Bus Service

(Continued From Front) betrayed them.

Steve Schewel of the People's Alliance said Tuesday the group is considering an appeal to the state utilities commission. He said the group will also closely monitor the effect of no night bus service on workers.

As was pointed out at the meeting, Schewel said it would have been best for the council to study alternatives before cutting the service.

Markham attempted unsuccessfully to limit discussions to reconsideration of ending night bus service. But from the first to last speaker, the advice was not heeded.

Inefficiency of the bus system, alternatives to night service, Duke Power's obligation to the city, Durham's image, and Markham's conduct were rapped contrary to Markham's warning to stop discussion of matters other than the issue at hand.

Admitting that Duke Power is losing money on the bus system, a majority of speakers said ridership would be substantially higher if the company made the service more attractive. Hard to read route schedules, waiting long times for buses and troublesome bus connections were cited as reasons for low ridership.

Several said the company is operating the system inefficiently in order to paint a bleak picture to the council. They said the council should require improved services instead of "bowing to the company's every wish."

Robert Markham of the newly formed Citizens Roundtable said that group will follow the effect of bus service elimination in an effort to hold the mayor accountable to his promise of alternative transportation.

"Mass transit means more than taking people to work," Robert Markham said. "Transportation to social and civic affairs is also required."

Citizens Roundtable was formed subsequent to the council's November 21 vote. Ten community groups organized to help the council and city administration work out solutions to divisive community problems, including the transit problem.

As a result of the council's vote, the city's transit staff will study the effect of no night bus service on night riders and make recommendations to a council transit study subcommittee.

Duke Power and city administration will also report to the council on

two routes for which the council granted schedule changes. Buses on the heavily used routes (Watts Hospital-East Durham/Duke Hospital-Wellons Village) will be reduced from four to three, allowing the company to drop one driver on each route. The city, meanwhile, will test the impact upon ridership.

Testing ridership under reduced services can only present a bleak picture, said Doug Lowe of the Transportation Alternative Network.

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Hearing

(Continued from Page 1) businesses generating income and employment for the neighborhood residents," UDI's survey concludes.

According to the bond issue, the black community was, in fact, voting for a Hayti of better quality — a renewed community, not for the destruction of roots and heritage.

Many within the black community are still disgruntled, saying the city has reneged on a promise, moreover, an obligation.

Providing a shopping center, industrial mall and housing to complement the area is the obligation the city has failed to make good, according to Nathaniel White, Jr., executive director of HDC.

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has repeatedly questioned the lack of community development funds funneled to Hayti while over \$21 million has been spent downtown.

Paul Norby, city planning department director, said the city can render ninety-day vacate notices to the eight businesses still in Hayti without prejudice from HUD in order to move forward with the community development process.

A survey among the businesses who rent space from the city, reveals while that assertion is true, such action, in light of the city's behavior for the past two decades, will probably reap "grave consequences."

Everyone agrees the valuable land needs to be developed. The differences are in how.

It is a positive sign that the city has shown a willingness, for the first time in many years, to aid in



RETIREES — W.J. Kennedy II, right, chairman and president of North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company congratulates two of the six persons who were officially retired from the company on December 31. Mrs. DeNina S. Austin, left, retired after 21 years of service, and R. Kelly Bryant, Jr., center, retired following 37 years of service. Other retirees not pictured include Mrs. Edna M. Mason, 41 years; Mrs. Willie B. White, 32 years; Mrs. Coyle Williams, 33 years; and, Felix Miller, deceased, who worked 32 years for the company.

the development of Hayti, said UDI executive director Ed Stewart.

He said both the city's plan and HDC's plan have positive attributes. However, Stewart said, HDC's plan should serve as a catalyst for the area's development. He favors an integration of the two plans, using the best of both.

It is the city's sudden interest in the area that has caused skepticism within the black community, especially HDC.

White maintains the land must be developed based on the original urban renewal intent. He said HDC's plan is a modern day version of the original urban renewal plan, designed to develop Hayti to its fullest potential without changing the area's complexion.

He said the city's plan, as is, could possibly change the area's character and complexion. That, he said, he did not think the black community would accept.

HDC, White said, will act as co-developers and will oversee the area's development. He said preliminary talks with potential developers have been successful.

Despite differences, White and Norby have expressed a willingness to work together toward an acceptable plan.

LEGAL NOTICE

THE ANNUAL SHAREHOLDERS MEETING OF THE MUTUAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION WILL BE HELD TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 1982 AT 7:30 P. M. IN THE OFFICES OF MUTUAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION 112 WEST PARRISH STREET DURHAM, N. C.

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