

Crusader Club

Plans were made for the Crusader Club's Christmas dinner at a Chapel Hill restaurant on December 16 at the club's most recent meeting, Nov. 27, hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Lee Horton.

Two families were adopted by the club to receive Christmas baskets.

Club members, residents of Fayetteville and Atlantic streets, said "Thank You" to Vietnam and World War II veterans on November 11 with a dinner.

Members attending were: Mesdames Sally Williamson, Tempie Young, Patricia Pointer, Reefus Richmond, Julia Moore, Minnie Jones, Dora Miller, Bessie Allison, Stella Alston, Estella Horton; Ms. Ruth Allen, Messrs. Lee Horton and Doman Farrington.

Refreshments were served.

The next meeting will be held on January 29 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Jemison on Fayetteville Street at 7:30 p.m.

West Durham Blossom Garden Club

On November 23, Mrs. Daisy Gunn was hostess for Mrs. Mary T. Horton at the Chicken Hut on Fayetteville Street for the meeting of the West Durham Blossom Garden Club.

The Thanksgiving theme was used in the opening. Following committee reports, the Council year book was explained, a report made of the progress of the junior club; subscriptions taken for *Talk 'N' Tattle* newspaper; a basket of food brought in by members for a needy family was presented, a progress report on a project the club is doing to be presented at the 1983 convention was heard, arrangements were demonstrated by Mrs. Allison, Mrs. Love, Mrs. Parker and Mrs. Jarmon, acting for Mrs. Margaret Allen. Plans were finalized for the Christmas social on December 27.

Dinner was served.

Members present were: Mmes. Mary Allison, Anna Duke, Margaret Fuller, Gertrude Gibson, Daisy Gunn, Mary Jarmon, Mary B. Love, Naomi Parker, Doris Reddick, Georgia Taylor, Cornetta Williams and Miss Mary Louise Stephens.

The January 18 meeting will be hosted by Mrs. Mary Jarmon.

Golden Agers Party

On Sunday, December 12, the annual Golden Agers Christmas Party will be held from 4 until 6 p.m. at the W.D. Hill Recreation Center, 1308 Fayetteville Street.

A yearly project of Durham Alumnae Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., the afternoon event will offer fellowship, entertainment, refreshments and gifts for senior members of the community.

Local members of Delta heartily invite all golden-aged citizens to be their guests.

Zeta Happenings

The members of Eta Beta Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority met November 20 at a local restaurant where plans for their December activities were discussed.

The chapter will sponsor a family for Christmas and will have a Christmas party which will include family members.

Soror Tina Pinnix, a member of Gamma Gamma Chapter on the campus of North Carolina Central University, was crowned Queen of the Honorees in Action Society, Thursday, November 18. She is from Gibsonville. The Honors Program seeks to give superior students and other highly motivated students an opportunity to participate in a broad and comprehensive intellectual experience.



ST. AUG.'S STUDENTS RETURN FROM STUDY FROM ABROAD—The Department of Modern Foreign Language had six students participating in their U.S.A., and Summer Study Abroad during last summer. These students were, (l-r): Ms. Lillian Williams, Herman Huggins, Ms. Beverly Pearce, and Ms. Audrey Croston. Absent were Ms. Lazette Williams and Ms. Jacqueline Williams.

St. Aug.'s Students Discuss Foreign Study Abroad

RALEIGH — Six foreign language students attending Saint Augustine's College spent their summer of '82 studying abroad or in the United States.

The students who participated in the summer abroad program were Ms. Jacqueline Williams, a chemistry major, and Ms. Lazette Williams, a biology major, attended the University Laval in Quebec, Canada this summer. They studied the French language and civilization. Herman Huggins, a pre-engineering major, and Ms. Lillian Williams, an English major, attended the German Summer School of the Atlantic at the University of Rhode

Island and completed a six-week intensive course in German language and culture. Ms. Audrey Croston and Ms. Beverly Pearce, both foreign language majors, attended the Center for Bilingual and Multicultural Studies in Mexico, where they completed a summer course in Spanish language and Hispanic studies.

Overall, the students felt that their summer was a worthwhile learning experience. "Learning was personable," said Audrey Croston, "I enjoyed small classes with only four students per class. I also learned a great deal about the Mexican culture, as I stayed with a Mexican family. The school was

excellent, and the experience will not be forgotten," said Audrey. Jacqueline said, "I became more in tune with the French language as I spoke it frequently, and I learned a great deal about the historic culture of French-Canadians." In their reports, the students indicated that their experiences have been rewarding in terms of mastery of language and exposure to and the culture.

The funds for these summer studies were provided by an anonymous benefactor of St. Augustine's College. The students who attended the German Summer school received additional scholarships from the University of Rhode Island.

Special Pressure Garments Prevent Burn Scars

CHAPEL HILL — When a person is badly burned, scar tissue is inevitable. But proper care during the time when scars are forming can mean the difference between grotesque disfigurement and a smooth and soft covering for the body.

It also can ensure that patients are able to regain motion in all parts of their body so they can continue to do the activities they enjoyed before they were burned.

Occupational therapists at the North Carolina Jaycee Burn Center in Chapel Hill fit patients with a special type of pressure garment which is designed to protect their skin and pro-

vide even healing. The garments, called Jobskin elastic pressure covers, are similar to heavy support stockings and can be made to cover a person's entire body.

Patients at the burn center are measured for their Jobskin garments after their wounds have healed and shortly before they are ready to go home. Each garment is custom fitted to cover the patient's arms, legs, face, chest, or whatever areas have been burned.

Burn patients normally wear the Jobskin garments 23 hours a day for 12 to 18 months after they leave the burn center, according to Judee Gillooly, head of the burn center occupational therapy department at North Carolina Memorial Hospital.

"It's very important that patients understand that after their skin has healed it may look very flat, but it may not stay that way," Gillooly said.

"We have to guard against scars, not only on the areas where the person was burned, but also on areas where skin was removed for skin grafts. Sometimes the donor areas can scar just as easily as the areas that have been burned."

Gillooly said it is essential that burn victims wear the garments at all times except when bathing to prevent the development of scars that, not only would be unattractive, but could cripple them from being able to move their joints.

But convincing patients to wear these important garments can be tough, she said. Jobskin garments are hot, especially in the summer-time, and they often scare people who are not familiar with them.

Gillooly said a burn patient was even arrested as a stick-up man when he walked into a convenience store wearing a Jobskin mask that covered his entire face. Patients with face masks are encouraged to carry a permission card from the burn center to prevent them from having this problem.

Educating patients and their families about the correct way to wear the Jobskin garments is a major job for the burn center occupational therapist. Each patient is given at least two sets of garments and may need to be refitted every time he or she gains or loses 10 pounds or wears out a garment.

The stakes are high. Although a burn patient's skin may never look exactly as it once did, Gillooly said, patients who faithfully wear their pressure garments have much less scarring, a better physical appearance and generally feel much better about themselves.

A prune is a plum, but not all plums can be used for prunes. Prune plums are a special kind — ones that stay firm, meaty and sweet when they are dried.

Nurses Breakfast Club

The Christmas project was the main topic of discussion when the Nurses Breakfast Club met on Friday morning, November 19, at the home of Mrs. Katie Evans on Oakmont Circle.

Plans were made to give an elderly, disabled person a basket; and to contribute money to "Meals On Wheels" to feed a needy person for one month.

Members present were: Mrs. Lucretia McKoy, president; Mesdames Onnie Rogers, Mable Thompson, Sadie Thompson, Phyllis Nuchurch, Juanita Bell, Catharine Scott, Roxanna Daye, Annie Black and Gladys Richardson.



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