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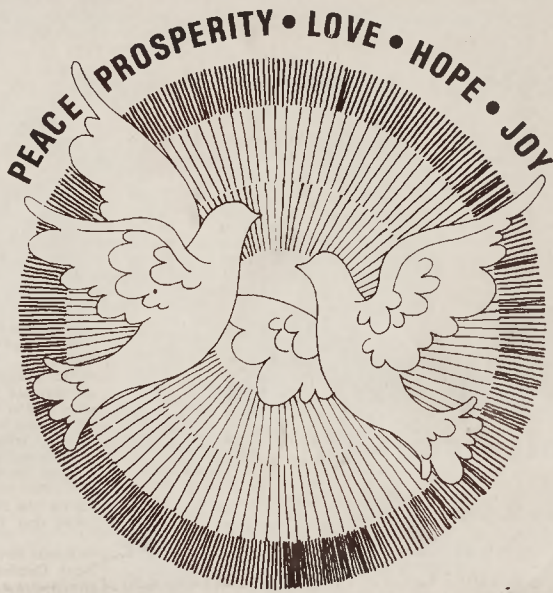
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The joy of the season...the love  
of those dear to you...the abundance  
of prosperity. May all these blessings  
be yours!



WEST END COMMUNITY ADVISORS DISTRIBUTE GIFTS

## West End Family Fetes Its Children

On Saturday, December 18, the youth group of Durham's West End Community gathered at the Lyon Park Community Center. The standing room crowd had more parents — fathers and mothers — than have been seen at any gathering lately, fulfilling the "We Are Family" concept of the West End Community.

The West End Community has rebounded from a reputation of a fallen area plagued by drugs and despair. The people refused to be counted out. Their big Community Day parade is one of the events of the year in Durham. People come back home from all over the nation each year to participate in the "family."

On this day, the West End Family gave each of the youth a bag of fruit and candy and a present. The committee emphasized that one person's problems are everybody's problems, and "we all will work as a family to solve them. If your child doesn't have a coat, we all are cold. If you have no food, we all are hungry and won't be satisfied until we all are satisfied."

They are Family!

By Ray Trent

## Rep. Annie Brown Kennedy First Black Woman To Serve In General Assembly Retires

WINSTON-SALEM (AP) - Rep. Annie Brown Kennedy, the first black woman to serve in the N.C. General Assembly, has announced that she will retire from the Legislature when her term ends in 1994. "I'm just ready to come home and resume the practice of law," Kennedy said. For six full terms Kennedy, 69, has often been a passionate advocate for affirmative action, women's rights and minority representation on local boards. But she said she is tired of the grueling schedule and long drive from her home in Winston-Salem to Raleigh. First appointed to the house in 1979, she lost in 1980 but won a second term in 1982. Two years later the Legislature created two predominantly black districts, the 66th and the 67th. Since then, Kennedy

has represented the 66th, which now covers much of the east and southeast parts of the city. Kennedy was effective in winning support for several key local bills that strengthened the city's minority-contracting goals and made black representation on the local school board and board of commissioners almost guaranteed. She is the chairman of the Courts and Justice Committee and the vice chairman of the Business and Labor Relations Committee as well as a judiciary committee member. An Atlanta native, Kennedy attended Spelman College and graduated from Howard University Law School. She practices law with her husband, Harold, who is a former state representative, and two of their three grown sons.

white and a member of the country club.

About 520 people work for Halifax County, said Peggy Hudson, clerk to the board of commissioners.

## Separate Holiday Parties Held For Black, White County Employees In Halifax

HALIFAX (AP) - Black and white Halifax County employees held separate Christmas parties this year after the original fete was scheduled for an all-white country club. About 100 white employees and their guests gathered at the Scotfield Country Club in Scotland Neck Dec. 10 to dine on spare ribs and cheesecake. On the same night, 18 black employees gathered at a restaurant and celebrated the holidays by themselves. The county picked up the tab for employees at both affairs, where the menus were virtually the same. The episode has touched a raw nerve in Halifax County, where nearly 50 percent of the residents are black and about 47 percent are white. "Halifax County is not a

plantation where African-Americans and others can be invited up to the big house once a year for Christmas and back to the fields the rest of the year," John Hall, vice chairman of the county commissioners, complained in a letter to the *Roanoke Rapids Daily Herald*. Hall and his supporters say county officials displayed insensitivity to minorities when they decided to hold the party at the club. W.B. Hux, chairman of the board of commissioners, said county officials tried to find another location for the party after Hall complained in November, but it was too late. He said he doesn't understand what made Hall so upset. "Personally, I thought it was sort of ridiculous," said Hux, who is



PARENTS AND CHILDREN AT WEST END CHRISTMAS PARTY

## Minority Farmers Provide Fresh Produce to Feed The Needy

Doing their part to feed the hungry during the holiday season, a group of African American and other small farmers delivered several tons of freshly grown produce to soup kitchens, homeless shelters and churches that prepare meals for the hungry. Deliveries of fresh collard, mustard and turnip greens, turnip roots and sweet potatoes were made as a part of the Harvest For The Hungry Project. The project is sponsored by the Durham-based N.C. Coalition of Farm and Rural Families. According to James P. Green, Jr., the coalition's executive director, "this project was made possible by

a grant from the Presbyterian Hunger Fund and donations from local churches." Rev. Eddie Lawrence, pastor of Greenwood Baptist Church, Warrington, assisted in organizing local church support. He said that each church was asked to give \$50 to support the delivery of produce in their communities. Farmers began making deliveries on the day before Thanksgiving, and continued the project through December 22. During this time, over six tons of fresh produce were delivered to help feed over two thousand needy people in Durham, Raleigh, Enfield, Henderson,

Rocky Mount, Louisburg and Warrington. The problem of hunger will not go away the day after the holidays. According to coalition office manager, Ms. Audrey Hawley, "most of the places we contacted said they appreciated fresh produce for the holidays, but that the need continues year round." Green says the coalition hopes to expand the project to make deliveries year 'round. "It doesn't make sense that million of people in this country go hungry, while farmers are losing their land

because they are unable to find a market for their crops." "Under this program, funds are raised to buy produce from farmers at a wholesale price. Donations are maximized because there is no middleman. We buy produce directly from small North Carolina producers. A donation to the project will feed the needy and support area farmers at the same time," Green said. The coalition wholesales produce to supermarket chains such as Food Lion and Winn-Dixie in North Carolina, Bi-Lo in South Carolina and Supermarket General in New Jersey.