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Close-Up

Black family task force addresses community needs and problems

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To Marcella Oglesby, a dream she's had since graduate school is worth turning into reality.

Oglesby, a wife and the mother of two daughters, resigned from her position as adult director at Forsyth Mental Health Center last summer to take a break and to devote more time working with the Black Family Task Force.

Oglesby and 12 other members from various professions formed the organization two years ago in an attempt to set up a community agency to address the needs and problems of the black family.

On Saturday, Aug. 11, Oglesby and other qualified spokespersons for the black family will meet to discuss black family topics at the second annual Conference on Families from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Kimberly Park Elementary School on Old Cherry Street.

Oglesby says she wants the organization eventually to offer around-the-clock service to families in the city and county, and not just black families. The organization now operates from Oglesby's home on Forest Hill Drive.

"I feel that there needs to be a more comprehensive program based in neighborhoods all under the same umbrella," she says, "or in the same building."

"There needs to be a clearinghouse where people aren't shifted all over the city from social worker to psychiatrist," says Oglesby. "That causes frustration."

Such a family resource center for counseling low-to high-income, black and white, single- and two-parent families is only a dream to Oglesby right now, but she says she hopes to have a proposal outlined by September for such a service.

Youths communicating with parents, discussing sex with youth, substance and drug abuse among teens, interpersonal relationships, psycho-historical perspectives of the African-American family and other related topics will be addressed by workshop participants. Rap sessions will give parents and their children an opportunity to have open discussions with several local agencies concerning available services and how to use them.

Some of the spokespersons participating in the

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conference include Dr. Lawrence E. Gary, director of the Urban Institute in Washington, who has written several books on black families; Winston-Salem child psychologists Rhonda Covington and Debra Winfrey; representatives from several local agencies and Ben Ruffin, special assistant to Gov. Jim Hunt.

The only funding the young organization has received is a one-time grant from the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation. Additional support has been pledged by the Baptist Ministers' Conference and



Members of the Black Family Task Force Johnetta Huntley, Camille Allen, Florence Corpening, Williard Coker, Marcella

Oglesby and Wanda Montgomery will sponsor their second Black Family Conference (photo by James Parker).

Associates and the Greater Winston Kiwanis Club.

"We want people to know that there are solutions to drug addiction, teen-age pregnancies, coping with single parenting and learning to communicate with your child," Oglesby says. "We're a professional volunteer group sensitive to the needs

of the black family."

For registration information about the Black Family Task Force's upcoming workshop, contact Shelly Banks at 768-8676 or write The Black Family Task Force, P.O. Box 2231, Winston-Salem, N.C. 27102.

Social Notes

Mrs. Sloan honored at surprise retirement party

Mrs. Mamie L. Sloan was recently honored at a surprise retirement party given by her children, Sharon S. Shuford, Diane S. Hadley, Betty S. Wilson and Booker T. Sloan Sr. at the Holiday Inn North.

Escorted in the ballroom by her son, Mrs. Sloan was serenaded by the Rev. John Heath, who sang "You Are So Beautiful."

Afterwards, Mrs. Carolyn Turner started the program, with Mrs. Sloan's granddaughter, Tracie Hadley delivering the welcome address. Wayne Shuford Jr., Rashan Shuford and LaRon Wilson, all grandchildren of Mrs. Sloan, recited poetry to her.

Words of inspiration and prayer were given by the Rev. J.O. Williams and Elder C.C. Turner.

Roses were presented to Mrs. Sloan, while Tonya Turner sang, "You Light Up My Light." The history was given by her son-in-law Frank Wilson. Remarks from Mrs. Sloan's job, Piedmont Airlines, were made by Pearl Cook.

Sandra Gray was the fashion show commentator. Models were



Mamie L. Sloan, center, was recently honored with a retirement dinner by her children, left to right, Diane S. Hadley,

Sharon S. Shuford, Sloan, Betty A. Wilson and Booker T. Sloan.

Alice Cameron, Sheila Brewton, Tracie Hadley, Debra Williams,

Darlene Gray, Dale Fears, Linda Payne and Ioline Timmons.

Heath sang two more selections to conclude the program.

Eaton, 15, in pageant

Rotunda L. Eaton, 15, daughter of Mrs. P. Eaton of Winston-Salem, has been selected for competition in the 1984 Modern Miss State Finals to be held at the Sheraton Center in Charlotte at 8 p.m. Aug. 18.

Modern Miss is selected from outstanding young women all over the state to participate in the activities. The program is designed to recognize young women 13-18, who excel in scholastic achievement and community involvement. Contestants are judged on poise, personality, grooming and a speech or talent presentation, as well as scholastic and civic achievements. Contestants must have a C average or better and at least 10 documented hours of volunteer service.

Eaton is a student at East Forsyth High School. Her activities include dancing, skating, softball, swimming and listening to music.



Rotunda Eaton

Sorority installs officers

The Beta Alpha Chapter of Iota Phi Lambda Sorority installed new officers for the year 1984-85, Saturday, July 21, at the home of Thelma Smalls.

New officers are president Mrs. Alice Carter, 1st vice president, Mrs. Ernestine Cathcart; second vice president, Mrs. Margaret Matthews; recording secretary, Mrs. Evelyn McDuffie;

Barr family host reunion

The family of Mrs. Nancy Barr held a gathering at her home in Chadbourn, July 20-22.

Family members attending were Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Barr of Winston-Salem, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Barr of Colorado Springs, Colo. Mr. and Mrs. Covel Dewitt and Mr. and Mrs. Willie Swaneton of Chadbourn. Also

attending were Mrs. Myrtle Carmichael of Baynton Beach, Fla., Mrs. Doris Lewis, Mrs. Euthia Harris and Floyd Wayne Dewitt, all of Albany, N.Y.

A total of 20 grandchildren, 15 great grandchildren and 13 great-great grandchildren attended the gathering.

Story incorrect last week

In the July 21 edition of the Chronicle, it was incorrectly stated that Mrs. Margaret Ware

and her children Bob and Ruby attended the 30th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Hill. Mrs. Ware, her son Bob, and Ruby and Aulin Moyer, all of Reidsville attended the anniversary reception.

The Chronicle regrets the error.

Childcare

Do not allow a child to suck on a lollipop or ice cream on a stick while riding. A bump or swerve could jam the stick into the child's throat.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

THURSDAY, JULY 26

•The Urban Arts Summer in the Park Festival will feature Matrix Brass and the Healing Force from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Covington Park in Rural Hall.

SATURDAY, JULY 28

•The Atkins High School Class of 1955 will have its reunion beginning 7 p.m. at the Holiday Inn North. For more information call Richard Rice at 721-1688, Louis Hines at 767-9430 or Joseph Nance at 748-1096.

•The Tiny Indians football team will conduct its final youth football sign-up from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the 14th Street Recreation Center. All boys and girls ages 8 through 13 are invited. A \$5 fee will be charged for physical exams. Parents are urged to accompany players and bring school certificates and report cards. For more information call Ike Howard at 727-1976.

SUNDAY, JULY 29

•The Carver "Yellow Jackets" round-up committee will meet at 4 p.m. at the Forty Grand Lounge (formerly the Touch of Class) at 728 East 28th Street. For more information contact Ruby or Lillie Pearson at 767-7618.

MONDAY, JULY 30

•All members and potential members of the Parkland St. High School Marching Band should meet in the band room of the school at 6 p.m.

TUESDAY, JULY 21

•Prospective members of the Carver High School Marching Band will have a two-hour organizational meeting at 9 a.m. in the bandroom.

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

•The Food Bank of Northwest North Carolina needs a distribution record clerk for a half-day per week to help with the distribution of food to agencies. For more information call Nan Holbrook at 724-7025.

•Crisis Control needs volunteers to work as Clothes Closet Workers to help organize, arrange and distribute donated clothing. Interested persons should contact Mike Bradshaw at 722-0425.

•Entry forms are being accepted for the 4th annual 1984 Miss North Carolina Dream Girl Pageant scheduled to be held September 21-22. Age divisions are 4-6, 7-9, 10-12, 13-16, 17-24. Entry forms can be sent for by mail or by calling 919-294-0293. Send a self addressed, stamped envelope to Miss N.C. American Dream Girl Pageant at P.O. Box 5432, Greensboro, N.C. 27435 or 20432.