



Members of the Y-Activities Club of the Forsyth County YMCA celebrated their 30th anniversary with a banquet and program last Saturday night (photo by James Parker).

YWCA Activities Club notes 30th year

The YWCA Activities Club of the Glade Street YWCA celebrated its 30th anniversary with a program and a banquet on Saturday, Feb. 23.

Winston-Salem attorney James Lassiter served as master of ceremonies.

The invocation for the program was given by the Rev. David R. Hedgley. Music was provided by soloists Janice Benjamin and Shedrick Adams.

The featured speaker for the program was Martha Young, former executive director of the

YWCA. She discussed "True and Golden Friendship."

Special invited guests were Dawn Thompson, executive director of the YWCA; Courtney Sanders, YWCA director of adult women; Donna Odom, YWCA public relations director; and Hazel Scott.

Members of the YWCA Activities Club shown sitting left to right are Minnie Shoffner, Ozel Long, Cora Turner, Rachel Lewis, Estelle Walters, Mozella Pelzer, Everleen Byrd, Cora Broome and Pauline Samuel.

Members shown standing left to right are Janet Blue, Carol Richardson, Evelena Clayborn, Sally Clayburn, Dazelle Jones, Odessa Perry, Evelyn Hairston, Isabel Tate, Etta Franklin, Gladys Thompson and Annie Pearson.

Officers of the club are Rachel Lewis, social committee chairman; Evelena Clayborn, president; Sally Clayburn, vice president and social committee chairman; Dazelle Jones, recording secretary; and Evelyn Hairston, treasurer and chaplain.

Carter

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"When you are doing things for the poor ... you will have a group of people to find fault with you. I feel that he had the sincere interest in the welfare of people."

Carter has been criticized for not appointing more black people to high-level cabinet positions and for his failure to get Congressional approval of a national holiday commemorating the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

But the failure to get a King holiday through Congress wasn't Carter's fault, said Schoonmaker.

"If it (a King holiday) hadn't been put in at an earlier time, it never would have passed this time," said Schoonmaker. "Hardly any legislation goes through the first time."

Holland said his criticism of Carter is based on behind-the-scenes knowledge about the Carter years. Many black people, who served in various positions throughout the nation and who were instrumental in helping Carter win the 1976 Democratic nomination and the presidential election, were forgotten once the electoral college casts its votes, said Holland.

"Blacks were given the 171 form (employment form) once the election was over," said Holland. "A president has the right to make Schedule C appointments, or appointments that bypass the federal bureaucracy. If I work and help you become president, why should you give me a 171 to fill out? But that's what black folk were given."

"Blacks didn't receive the rewards in proportion to the amount of work they did and didn't receive the rewards they should have been given."

That attitude among some blacks helped cause Carter's demise, said the Rev. Jerry Drayton, chairman of the political action committee of the General Baptist State Convention.

"The Carter years were the best for blacks in the history of the presidency," said Drayton, pastor of New Bethel Baptist Church. "More blacks were appointed to judgeships and important positions and blacks were visible at affairs at the White House. But major black leaders criticized him when he had done more than any president in history."

"That's what caused the 1980 white backlash. Whites got tired

of hearing blacks say, 'We put you there.' Blacks overplayed that. So the whites completely changed that."

Walter Marshall, vice president of the local NAACP, agrees with Drayton.

"On a scale of 1 to 10, I would say he was a 9 or higher on civil and human rights," said Marshall. "He was one of the better presidents. He kept his commitment to civil and human rights even when it was not economically possible. That was probably his downfall with white conservative Democrats. He was too accessible to blacks, too open."

Carter's humanitarian views also won him the favor of Shedrick Adams, an aide to Congressman Steve Neal.

"Personally, I support and give my allegiance to Jimmy Carter because I supported his humanitarian views," said Adams. "He acted out what he said. He was a great peacemaker. He was a good president."

So great, said Adams, that many of the strides Carter made have been credited to Reagan. The appointment of Paul Volker as head of the Federal Reserve Board is one example, said Adams.

"Reagan is given credit for that appointment, but Volker was a Carter appointment," said Adams.

When people say they like Carter and supported his presidency, said Holland, they first need to ask, "What did he get done? What did Carter do after he became president? There is no hard evidence around."

In Boston, where Holland lived during the Nixon administration, Holland said there was a black regional administrator for the Small Business Administration, a black deputy at HEW for the six-

state region and a black regional head for HUD. Under the Carter administration, blacks lost all of those positions, said Holland.

"There is form and there is substance in government and Carter had a lot of form but substance I didn't see and history will bear that out," he said. "Blacks put a lot into his candidacy, but got little from it."

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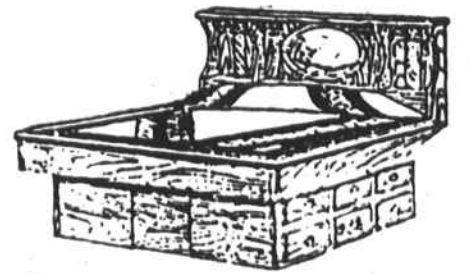
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