

Hearing Set For Community Development

Charlotte citizens will get two opportunities to help the City Council formulate plans for spending Community Development Revenue Sharing funds. A public hearing has been set for November 25 during the regularly scheduled Council meeting. A second hearing will be held on



MRS. YVONZINER CUTHBERTSON ...And Husband Thomas

Mrs. Cuthbertson Wins China Grove Honors

Sterling Elementary School auditorium, located in the Sterling Community in Pineville, was the recent scene of another colorful coronation ceremony presented by the China Grove A. M. E. Zion Church. It was the Seventh Annual Coronation which is sponsored by the China Grove Mixed Choir of the Church. Mrs. Thomasine Staten, who presided, initiated the idea of this annual event seven years ago, and each year it becomes more beautiful and rewarding.

The entire church now looks forward to this gala event and gives its financial as well as moral support in helping it to be a success. The contestant who raises the highest amount of money in the effort becomes the new queen each year.

Following a short devotion, Mrs. Yvonziner Cuthbertson, Assistant Directress of the Mixed Choir and Church Organist, gave words of welcome and introduced the Metronettes Women's Ensemble who always renders special music for this gala occasion. This is an inter-denominational group of singers who is under the direction of Mr. Jerod Greene, with Mrs. Julia W. Doby, Assistant Directress.

The procession of contestants followed the out-going Queen, Miss Sandra Stewart and her escort, Milton Moore.

Crown Bearer was Miss Natarsha Roberts, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Roberts. This year there were 20 contestants, each of course

accompanied by her escort. Each of these ladies, her co-worker and almost every member of the church worked very diligently to reach out set goal of \$10,000.00 dollars, which we had only nine weeks in which to raise. However, through unity, sacrifice and hard work of the members of China Grove Church, and of course friends who made special contributions: And under the inspiring leadership of our unusually dedicated pastor, Rev. M. L. Houston, Sr., we surpassed our \$10,000 goal by \$685.60. These proceeds were raised for the Building Fund of our Church.

Our plans are to begin construction of our new edifice in the very near future. Mrs. Yvonziner Cuthbertson who was escorted by her husband, Thomas, became the new Queen and now holds the title "Mrs. China Grove" 1974. Mrs. Cuthbertson reported a sum of \$1,785. First runner-up, Mrs. Sadie Connor, reported \$772. Second runner-up, Mrs. Arcelia Price, reported \$761.50.

Mrs. Cuthbertson was crowned by the out-going Queen, Miss Sandra Stewart. She will reign for one year. A trophy was presented Mrs. Cuthbertson by Rev. Lonnie C. Clark, Presiding Elder of the Greater Charlotte District of the Western North Carolina Conference of the A. M. E. Zion Church. Further presentations to the New Queen were made by the Pastor, Rev. M. L. Houston, Sr.

new law is designed to assist low and moderate income neighborhoods with upgrading their conditions. For Charlotte, it represents a total of \$29.6 million to be spent over a three year period starting in 1975. There are no pre-determined uses for the grant. Citizen input will be an important and integral part of planning. Some eligible uses include:

- ... I. Acquisition of real property which is:
 - ... A. Blighted, deteriorating, deteriorated, undeveloped.
 - ... B. Appropriate for rehabilitation or conservation activities.
 - ... C. Appropriate for the preservation or restoration of historic sites, the beautification of urban land.
 - ... D. To be used for the provision of public works.
- ... II. Construction - reconstruction - installation of: public works, neighborhood facilities, senior centers, historic properties, utilities, streets, street lights, water and sewer facilities, recreational facilities, flood drainage, fire protection services to serve the community development areas.
- ... III. Code enforcement in deteriorated or deteriorating areas.
- ... IV. Clearance, demolition, removal and rehabilitation of buildings.
- ... V. Payments to housing owners for losses of rental income incurred in holding housing units for relocation.
- ... VI. Relocation payments.

Although the Housing and Community Development funds have less restrictions than some former special project grants, there are some activities which are ineligible. Following is a list of uses which do not qualify:

- ... 1. Buildings and facilities for general government use such as City Halls, Court-houses, Police Stations, and other municipal office buildings.
 - ... 2. Stadiums, sports arenas, auditoriums, concert halls, cultural and art centers, convention centers and museums.
 - ... 3. Schools (except neighborhood facilities or senior centers having classrooms)
 - ... 4. Airports, subways, trolley lines, bus or other transit terminals, or stations, and other transportation facilities.
 - ... 5. Hospitals or other medical facilities for general public use (except neighborhood facilities or senior centers)
 - ... 6. Operating and maintenance expenses (except for operating and maintaining eligible activities) Examples of non eligible expense; water and sewer repair, parking facilities, salaries, and facilities maintenance.
 - ... 7. General government expenses.
 - ... 8. Political expenses.
 - ... 9. New housing construction. Construction of new permanent residential structures is not a permissible use of funds.
 - ... 10. Income payments. Examples include payments for income maintenance and housing allowances.
- Other public hearings will be held in February to allow citizens to review and comment on the preliminary plan.

Rev. George E. Battle Named To "Who's Who"

By Audrey Walls Post Staff Writer

The Rev. George Battle Jr., young, dynamic minister of Greater Gethsemane A.M.E. Zion Church, was notified Monday by William C. Matney, that he is recommended to be the recipient of the prestigious honor of having his biography published in the first edition of "Who's Who Among Black Americans." The Rev. Battle was recommended for his leadership ability, achievements in the field of education and religion, as well as his numerous humanitarian contributions to mankind. Mr. Matney, editor of "Who's Who Among Black Americans," Educational Communications, Inc. has a distinguished association of contributing editors. Among them include Arthur Ashe, in-

ternationally known tennis pro, Senator Edward Brooke, Mayor Richard Hatcher, Vernon E. Jordan, Dr. Benjamin E. Mays, and other noted Black Americans.

Other super Blacks of national and celebrity status of the past, and the growing number of Blacks who are presently distinguishing themselves in the areas of business, government, education, athletics, journalism, entertainment, and community services, will also be included in this first edition. The Rev. Battle modestly admitted surprise and elation over being selected.

Recently, the Rev. Battle was appointed by Bishop W. M. Smith of the Western North Carolina Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church to represent the conference as a member of the Advisory Board at Central Prison in Raleigh. He has also been appointed by Bishop Smith to serve as chairman of a committee for the conducting of public relations for all of the churches in this conference.

The Rev. Battle has done an outstanding job since coming to Gethsemane in January. Among his achievements include raising the Sunday morning offering to an average of \$800 per Sunday, purchasing a church bus which will be used to carry the living Church to the chronically ill in homes, rest homes, prisons, and others who may be incapacitated. He has been instrumental in formalizing a centralized budget in the church

and recently completed a church organization which Bishop Smith has stated is unsurpassed by any church in Zion Methodism. He has added approximately 45 new members to the church. Though extremely involved in church and community activities, he serves as part-time history instructor at Clinton Jr. College in Rock Hill, S. C. The Rev. Battle leaves on Monday for Kingsport, Tenn. where he will be guest speaker for a week of revival services at Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church.



REV. GEORGE E. BATTLE ...Receives New Honors

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Mrs. Davis Attends ESEA Conference

Mrs. Barbara Davis, director of ESEA, attended a meeting of more than 150 educators who administer school programs for disadvantaged children funded by Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESA) last week at the Durham Motor Hotel in Durham.

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