

Black Women Are Big Breadwinners

The fifth edition of an annual report profiling the U.S. population has been published by the Bureau of the Census, U. S. Dept. of Commerce. The report contains 1978 statistics on population growth and distribution, social characteristics, employment and income, and on the Black and Spanish-origin populations. The data has been published before, but in detailed separate reports.

The profile notes that in 1978, for the first time, half of the nation's women were working compared with only 38 percent in 1960, about five million additional teenagers went to work, a growth that is about 1 1/2 times their population increase of 21 percent since 1970. About 63 percent of all civilians 16 years and older were in the work force.

Other population characteristics in 1978 include the following:

The population grew by 1,745,000, or 0.8 percent, bringing the total to 219,530,000 on Jan. 1, 1979.

The U. S. population has increased by 14.8 million people since 1970. Forty percent of the growth occurred in the three sunbelt states of California, Texas and Florida, the West grew fastest, especially the Mountain states, but the South had the largest numerical gain, 7.8 million people.

A seven percent increase in median family income to \$16,010 in 1977, was wiped out by a 6.5 percent price rise. This was four percent higher in constant dollars than in 1970; however, in the 1960's real median family income rose 34 percent.

Both spouses had income during the preceding year in two-thirds of the 47.4 million husband-wife families in the U.S. The wife received income in 75 percent of Black families compared with 67 percent of white and 59 percent of Spanish families.

For the first time since 1951, college enrollment dropped between 1977 and 1978. The student body of 9.8 million is still one-third larger than in 1970. For persons over 24 years old, 20 percent of men and 12 percent of women are college graduates.

Birth and death rates changed little between 1977 and 1978. The average number of children implied by the 1978 rate is 1.8 per woman or well below the rate to replace the population.

Mrs. Springs

Hosts Gala

Christmas Party

The 5th Street Organization held its annual Christmas party in the home of Mrs. Fannie Springs, 404 N. Summit Avenue on Dec. 12.

Mrs. Marie McKinney planned a program consisting of poetry and Bible readings, group singing, learning the origin of the Christmas tree and listening to Christmas stories.

Members expressed concern for the American hostages held in Iran, wishing them a safe release.

A turkey dinner with all the trimmings was served.

Mrs. Annie Mae Wallace, the hostess for the evening passed around a bowl containing numbers corresponding with the gift each member received.

Shut-ins were sent dinner and gifts.



Pictured above are members and guests of the Rockwell Park Community Organization at their annual Christmas party at the home of Weston James, 6312 Rockwell Boulevard.

The organization was organized June 23, 1970 for the purpose of beautification and communication of the Park's residents.

Monthly meetings are held on the second Thursday night of each month at one of the member's home.

"We are a small group, but the fellowship we have at our meetings is just great. I look forward to each meeting," stated a member.

Officers are: President, Allen Knox; Vice President and Secretary, Mildred James; Treasurer, Irene Hayes; Assistant Secretary, Octavia Lee; Ways and Means Chairperson, Weston James; Parliamentarian, Elizabeth Cureton; and Social Chairperson, Emma Davis (absent due to illness).

Chavis: "Our Leaders Are Not Connected To The People"

continued from Page 1 press, without analyzing it. The black press must have a critical eye about our leaders. The black press began as an organization to tell black people the truth. It must do so again, and uplift the struggle again.

POST: How does the black struggle here relate to the current international situation?

CHAVIS: The Iranian situation is an opportunity to dialogue with other blacks about the third world rising up. No longer can the U.S. use its arrogant, racist power to dictate to the rest of the world. Those of us who have been oppressed in this country can also say, we're not going to let you get away with using your racist, arrogant domestic policies to make our people suffer.

We also need an agenda for building greater ties with our sisters and brothers in Africa. We are the only people on the earth who really do not have a homeland that we can relate to. We have been so brainwashed, so separated from the homeland of our ancestors, all we know is Tarzan. If a people are not rooted in their own history, they can't face the future or deal with the present.

Black people have two homes - here and in Africa. In the decades of the 1980's and 1990's, natural resources will control world politics. What continent holds those Resources? Africa. Gold, uranium, copper, oil, and other minerals are found in Africa. Nigeria is the second largest supplier of oil to the U. S. Yet what is our African foreign policy? Carter lifted sanctions against Rhodesia unilaterally. What did our black leaders say about this?

It really is a sin for us not to care about Africa. We need to dispel the myth that Africans don't care about us, because they do. The oppressor tries to divide us. We have to build those ties ourselves. No government agency will do it for us. Whenever a U.S. agency goes to Africa it is in the name of U.S. foreign policy or the business interests. They never go to create strong ties between blacks here and in Africa. I've received many letters from brothers and sisters in Africa who read about our case - From Angola, Nigeria, Tanzania. They offered their support.

POST: How do you see the recent upsurge of right-wing violence?

CHAVIS: The American Nazi Party and the Ku Klux Klan need to be outlawed. There is no comparison between the communist parties and the klan or Nazis. The white media tried to link them all together. We have to think through all this madness. We should not allow ourselves to become entrapped in mythology. Gov. Hunt said not one word about the Greensboro massacre, no anti-klan statement. Now how can blacks support that man?

We must move beyond klan terrorism and not allow the klan to engage us in a series of reactions to their activity. We must get down to the business of reorganizing our community and mobilizing our people. If the black community in Greensboro was organized, the klan wouldn't have dared come into their city. The klan boldly drove into that black community because they knew it was defenseless and unorganized. You show me a black community that

JCSU Opens Campus To Community

Area residents are invited to participate in three large events scheduled for the Johnson C. Smith University Campus in January.

On January 15, the university will sponsor a Dr. Martin Luther King birthday celebration, to include a special evening convocation, entitled "Non-Violence in a Violent Society." The convocation will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the University church.

The Johnson C. Smith University Urban Studies Program will host the official opening ceremonies of an urban studies center on January 23 in McCrorey Hall.

The week of January 27 is Community Relations Week at JCSU. Sponsored by the Student Government Association, the week will feature services performed by student groups for community organizations and a

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special convocation, to be held at 10 a.m. on Dec. 28 at the University Church.

For more information on these special events, call Linda Florence at 372-2370.

Child Development Moves

During January, the Mecklenburg Center for Human Development moves one of its Infant-Child Development Services teams into Belmont Center, located at 700 Parkwood Avenue, to be closer to the families it serves.

The Infant-Child Development Services program seeks out children from birth to five years of age who are developmentally delayed or "high risk" for delays. "High risk" means certain events may happen during pregnancy, at the time of birth or in the first few months of life which could lead to problems for the child.

Services provided include (1) provisional assessment (screening), (2) evaluation, (3) treatment, (4) workshops for parents

on behavior management and normal child development and (5) consultation with daycare teachers and other childcare providers. For further information, call Mecklenburg Center for Human Development's Infant-Child Development Services at 374-2701.

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Suzanne C. Cannon ...W. Charlotte senior

Cannon Wins

Academic

Scholarship

Suzanne C. Cannon of Charlotte, a senior at West Charlotte Senior High School, has been awarded an Academic Honors Scholarship at Peace College here for the 1980-81 academic year.

Academic Honors Scholarships are awarded on the basis of academic excellence, citizenship, test results and promise of future usefulness to society. The scholarships are renewable for the second year of study at Peace.

Suzanne is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James E. Cannon of 1601 Providence Road. At West Charlotte, she has served on the board of directors of the Interact Service Club and on the advisory committee of the Academic Internship Program. She is chairperson of Project Aries and reporter and business manager of the school newspaper. Second runner-up for the Hugh O'Brien Award, she is a member of Ivey's Teen Board and is active in Myers Park Presbyterian Church youth programs.

Peace is a two-year, church-affiliated college for women which offers three associate degrees, in liberal arts, music and business. A majority of Peace's 500 students transfer to senior institutions where they continue studies in varied fields.

World War I Vets

Independence Post 262 of the American Legion is trying to locate as many World War I veterans as possible in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg area. The purpose of this search is to be available to these veterans in time of need and to offer any other services needed.

If you are a World War I veteran or know of one, please call 394-1776 after 2 p.m. or call Jim Wylie at 375-3016 anytime.

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