



Members of Mint-Gunn Home Extension Club held their annual Christmas party at Holiday Inn last weekend. The club attends classes which involve the members in different phases of consumer service, gives tips that help in household economy and shows how to stretch the budget. The president is Ada Gaston and the vice president is Jo Evelyn Liggett. Secretary-treasurer is Louise Helton.

Members left to right, seated are Odessa Helton, Myrtle Long, Hazeline Robinson, Geneva McCauley, Ruth Phifer, Lizette Kiser. The last row from left to right are: Ada Gaston, Jessie Wallace, Evelyn Murphy, Viola Gisley, Jo Evelyn Liggett, Annie Robinson, Sarah Stafford, Louise Helton. (Photo by Jim Black Photographers)

Lisa Massey Competes For Second "Miss YMCA" Title

By Teresa Burns
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In 1978 the big moment had arrived. The emcee was about to announce the winner of the Miss McCrorey Branch YMCA Contest. Lisa Massey was the contestant named and a radiant queen approached the podium to accept the honor.



Lisa Massey
West Charlotte senior help the poor and the shut-in elderly.

She worships at Myers Tabernacle AME Zion Church and plans to attend college. "I will probably major in computer science and eventually fall back on a law career," Ms. Massey explained.

Ms. Massey recalls her reign as the 1978 Miss McCrorey Branch YMCA. "I rode in the 1978 Carrousel Parade, went skating with other contestants, participated in pa-

ma parties, mother-daughter luncheon, and discos with the other contestants and I also watched the many children who come to the 'Y' for recreation."

This year an extra spice has been added for contestants' activities. There will be a mother-daughter luncheon banquet, skating parties and frequent get-togethers, according to Ms. Massey. For many of the contestants this is a time for meeting life-long friends and enjoying hosts of recreational activities.

The chosen queen will be the belle of the Christmas parade in Charlotte and continue to be the charm of the "Y" for an entire year.

Ms. Massey is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Johnson. Her goal in life is to "...be happy and succeed in life."

Stay tuned for the crowning of Miss McCrorey "Y". The queen will be announced during the pageant December 12 at the McCrorey Branch YMCA, located 3801 Beatties Ford Road.

Holiday Foods Expected To Be In Good Supply!

Traditional holiday foods -- from turkey to nuts -- will be in plentiful supply for December, according to U.S. Department of Agriculture marketing specialists.

There'll be lots of poultry, grapefruit, fresh winter pears, fresh apples, processed cranberry products, raisins, nuts, beef and pork.

The marketing specialists said this year's turkey supply should be 11 to 15 percent greater than a year ago and the 1978-80 average for December. Commercial cold storage holdings on December 1 are expected to be 15-20 percent larger than a year ago and will account for most of the increase in supplies. Weekly productions of turkey during the month is expected to average 4-8 percent above a year ago.

Marketing specialists also said supplies of fresh grapefruit are expected to be plentiful during December and throughout the 1981-82 shipping season.

Florida is expecting a record-breaking crop of 55 million boxes, nine percent greater than last season's freeze-damaged crop. The Texas grapefruit crop is estimated at 10.5 million boxes, an increase of 57 percent over last season.

Combined production of Arizona and California grapefruit is currently estimated at 6.7 million boxes, down 5 percent from last year's crop.

Supplies of fresh winter pears in the markets also will be plentiful. Though 5 percent less than last season's record crop of 244,000 tons, this season's estimated production of 231,000 tons is still quite large. This should guarantee ample supplies throughout most of the winter pear shipping season.

Processed cranberry products also will be plentiful, USDA specialists said. Cranberry production nationwide is slightly less than last year. Since the bulk of the crop is processed, the availability of

fresh cranberries in the market will be less than for the processed product.

This year's apple crop is smaller than last season, but fresh apples still will be plentiful.

USDA specialists also expect red meat supplies to be plentiful. Beef, they say, will be plentiful and reasonably priced. Large supplies of competing meats also are available. Weekly production rates for pork are expected to average 5 to 7 percent below the near-record level of a year ago, and only about 2 percent below the record three-year average for December in 1978-80.

Raisins, prunes and nuts also will be plentiful for holiday bakers. Production of natural seedless raisins was estimated at 215 thousand tons. This crop, combined with a carryover of 101 thousand tons should result in supplies only 3

percent below last year. The 1981 prune crop was forecast at 155,000 tons, 8 percent below last year but larger than any other crop since 1977.

California almond production is estimated to be 40 percent higher than in 1980 and 20 percent larger than the previous record crop of 197 A record large walnut crop is estimated and the filbert crop is estimated at 3 percent below last year, but 15 percent larger than the 1979 crop. 1981 production of pecans is forecast at 84 percent larger than last year's drought-stricken crop and 60 percent more than the 1979 crop. A record peanut crop should top a previous record set in 1979.

Other products in the expected plentiful category include milk and dairy products, sweetpotatoes, broiler-fryers, rice, dry edible beans and dry split peas.

UNCC Awarded Federal Grant

Despite the current climate of economic cutbacks during which human services have been curtailed, the University of North Carolina at Charlotte has been awarded a \$148,128 federal grant for administration of a continuing education program for mentally handicapped adults in Charlotte-Mecklenburg.

Project LEAR (Leisure Education and Recreation) is unique in the nation. The program teaches the mentally handicapped the independent living skills necessary to utilize community resources.

Funding for the grant comes from the Office of Special Education, Division of Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education in Washington.

Pal Keul, coordinator of the project, feels LEAR is a misnomer because it inclines people to see only the recreational aspect of the program which also has an

educational side. "Retarded adults," said Keul, "have more free time and less ability to do anything with it than any other

group of people and, furthermore, these individuals are often dependent on others for self care.

Project LEAR's intention is not just to keep them busy but rather to prepare them to go out into the community."

Ms. Keul was a student at UNCC in the College of Human Development and Learning from 1971-73 and then transferred to Appalachian State University for a B.S. in special education. She worked as a volunteer at Metro Center in Charlotte and later did her student teaching there.

While completing her degree, she did several internships working with the mentally handicapped in the Appalachian area.

Kirkpatrick Family Establishes Scholarship Fund

By Teresa Burns
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The late Josephine Wade of Charlotte and her cousin from New York had an idea that could help educate many of their high school family members who wanted post secondary education.

The result was the Kirkpatrick Family Scholarship Fund. The family is large with over 500 members attending this year's reunion held last August in Charlotte.

As each one helps themselves they in turn help another member of the family. Members or direct descendants of the Kirkpatrick family, whose parents contribute or are actively supporting the scholarship fund are eligible for the awards.

According to David Wade, Josephine's husband, "We are such a huge

family it is a way to try to bring the family together." The fund also provides a one-time only scholarship to any eligible student at the college level.

The amount will be determined by the amount of money in the fund and by the number of scholarship applications.

The effort is professional and organized but not without the touch from many hearts Mrs. Wade and her cousin meant to instill. Students apply by submitting letters; by providing verification of enrollment with at least 12 hours leaning towards a certificate, diploma, or degree. A student's registration form and a copy of the Counselor's Interview Sheet showing the program of study will suffice.

Family members of the Kirkpatrick Family are encouraged to contribute to the fund whether they have

children or not. The joy seems to come from seeing their youths' futures full of educational opportunities.

The family members in Charlotte are making a concerted effort on December 13 to raise money for the scholarship fund. At 4

p.m. at Weeping Willow AME Zion Church the family will present The Frank Brothers, the Sinfield Chorus, The Grier Band and the Parson Brothers in concert.

There is no admission but donations will be accepted.

Weeping Willow AME Zion Church is located at 306 Billingley Rd. and is

pastored by Rev. J. W. Henderson. Many of the Kirkpatrick family members came from the Weeping Willow Church.

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