

Church Members Pool Resources To Aid Tornado Victims

Various church members and civic and social organization members from Charlotte have pooled resources to aid the many victims of the recent tornado which struck North Carolina.

Much of the devastation occurred in Red Springs, N.C.

Members of First Mayfield Memorial Baptist Church, Las Amigas, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority and Los Bravos Club either visited or sent donations to many in financial need. The ones who took time out to visit Red Springs took money, clothing, shoes, linen and numerous household items and distributed them personally.

Las Amigas was joined by the Gastonia chapter of the club. Mayfield sponsored a bus to Red Springs and invited other church members to add continuous spiritual support as well as materialistic assistance.

In the city of Red Springs trees were uprooted, roofs torn from houses, botanical gardens totally uprooted and buildings demolished. There was also evidence of a great clean-up effort.

"It was a frightening experience for me," reported Barbara Atwater, president of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg chapter. "I did not see the worst part - it is a scene that is non-descriptive. One must see it in order to believe it. Trying to understand the depth of it, you must say that miracles really do happen."

Other members accompanying Ms. Atwater from the Las Amigas chapter included Dora Mason, founder, and Johnnie Young. Outstanding member Annette Cowan, president of the Gastonia chapter, and Martha Macafee also visited Red Springs.

If you would like to donate money or clothing, non-perishable food items, etc., to the tornado victims, call 919-843-2355 for more information.

WITH TERESA SIMMONS



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The 55th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Miller was celebrated recently with friends and relatives. The couple has two children: Gary B. Blocker and Martha Lampkin; 11 grandchildren; about 20 great grands and a few great, great grandchildren. They are truly a couple representing God's eternal love.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gray of Charlotte recently travelled to Asheville to see their niece, Patricia Carson Caple appear in the production of "In My Father's House." The players were excellent and it was an effective play," Mrs. Gray commented.

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill will present an honorary degree to world-renowned actor James Earl Jones. Jones will receive a Doctor of Letters.

You may remember James Earl Jones in "The Great White Hope." He has also appeared in the title roles in "Othello" and "King Lear," "Roots-The Second Generation." He earned the Broadway Tony Award in addition to receiving Oscar and Emmy nominations.

Jones' voice has become almost universally known as Darth Vader of the "Star Wars" film trilogy. His theatrical roots go back to high school when he forced himself to become involved in debating activities to

overcome a stammering problem.

Do you remember Jennifer Payne, the 36 year-old Charlottean who is running from Charlotte to New York in order to raise money for the Sickle Cell Foundation research? She will be greeted in 20

towns by members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. A recent press release sent out by the sorority stated that Mrs. Payne is a Delta and will run approximately 550 miles.

The Delta's national president, Hortense G. Canady, stated recently, "I have arranged for a check from Delta's executive committee to sickle cell research to be presented to Jennifer on her arrival in New York City. We commend her efforts to heighten the visibility of this disease, which particularly afflicts blacks in this country." Mrs. Payne should arrive at her destination May 5. A press conference will be held that day at the Sickle Cell Anemia Association in New York.

In Charlotte, donations may be sent to Jennifer's Marathon for Sickle Cell

Disease, c-o Mechanics and Farmers Bank, 951 S. Independence Blvd., Charlotte, NC 28204.

I would like to thank all the Las Amigas members and the Chi Eta Phi Sorority, Iota Chapter, for the recognition bestowed upon me recently. I hope that I can continue to arouse the public about the good works blacks offer and receive in Charlotte (and nationally as well). Both Las Amigas and the Chi Eta Phi Sorority members have displayed concern for the community. Without their efforts and others like them, I realize that I would have nothing to write about.

Personality can open doors, but only character can keep them open.

-Elmer G. Leterman

Election '84 To Air

Taped interviews with the Republican and Democratic candidates in the May 8 primary race for the 9th U.S. Congressional District and the Mecklenburg Board of County Commission, will be broadcast over three nights on WTVI, Channel 42.

The programs are part of the Public Television station's "Election '84" coverage.

"Election '84" will spotlight the Republican candidates for the Mecklenburg Board of County Commission at 10 p.m. on Tuesday, May 1. The Democratic candidates will be featured on Wednesday, May

2, also at 10 p.m.

The two 60-minute programs will be hosted by Jerry Hancock and Kathy Doherty.

"Election '84" continues on Friday, May 4, with the broadcast of taped interviews with Republican candidates for the 9th Congressional District at 10 p.m. The Democratic candidates will be spotlighted at 10:30 p.m. Jim Morrill will join Jerry Hancock for the questioning.

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