

# China Grove AME Zion Church Has A New Queen

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China Grove AME Zion Church has a new queen. In celebration of the church's 18th annual coronation, Lillian S. Harris was named the new "Ms. China Grove."

The top fundraiser in the church's ambitious event, Mrs. Harris is a very active member at China Grove. A class leader, the fellowship committee chairperson, an usher and a choir member, Mrs. Harris raised a

total of \$2,105. She was followed by first and second runners up, Anne M. Hudson and Bobbie K. Sloan, respectively.

A total of 19 ladies competed for the title of "Ms. China Grove." The remaining contestants and their escorts respectively included: Fern Meeks, husband-Melvin Meeks; Elnora Ferguson, Rev. M. L. Houston; Linda Holland, son Charles Holland; Vonita P. Barber, (marching for her was Denita Bar-

nette with escort Kelvin Weathers); Beatrice Everhart, Johnny Wallace Jr.; Mary Cornelious, Ernest Wilson; Sadie M. Patten, husband Clarence Patten; Barbara "BJ" Davis (marching for her was Bonia Lewis with escort Maru Ferguson); Bernice Hart, husband, Johnnie Hart; Faye Wallace, husband, Calvin Wallace; Emma L. Dixon, husband, James Dixon; Brenda Hayes, husband, Sylvester; Abigail Adams, Thomas Cuthbertson; Kara Barber, Shawn Miller.

Other contestants not marching were Johnnie M. Douglas, Annie M. Hudson and Leony M. White.

As the contestants and their escorts marched in a procession, the coronation program had officially begun. They were preceded by the outgoing queen, Laura Reid and her escort, James Wilson who were followed by the crown bearer and her escort, La Shana Nashia Carson and Charles Terrell Harvey.

Invocation was given by Rev. M. L. Houston. The Lord's Prayer was delivered by Myra Saunders. Expression of welcome were relayed by associate minister, Marshall Long. For a special effect, Myra Saunders sang "He Touched Me" and Coy Miller sang "To God Be The Glory." Byron Saunders was the musician for the evening.

In addition to the trophies the three top finalists also received certificates of appreciation.

Hostesses serving at the special occasion was Jacqueline Bluford, Lizzie Long, and Barbara Davis. Ushers were James Freeman and Nathan Neal.

The coronation committee consisted of Yvonziner Cuthbertson, Robert E. Davis, Lillian Harris, Vontina Barber, Emma L. Dixon, Elnora Featherstone, Linda Holland.

Having set a goal for \$10,000 the church has reached \$8,000 of its goal. This accomplishment alone emphasizes the many sacrificial efforts made by other church members and friends.



A new reign for Lillian S. Harris begins as she assumes the duties and privileges as "Ms. China Grove." (Photo by Peeler's Portrait Studios)

# Suicide Rate Higher For Women

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Of the number of suicide cases that are reported, an estimated one million people in the United States alone make an attempt to kill themselves each year. An average of three persons per hour succeed.

In this country suicide is the ninth leading cause of death among adults and the second leading cause of death among adolescents.

Although suicide shows no discrimination to race, color or creed it has been noted to occur three times as often for women than men. Facts conclude that single people in contrast to married couples are more likely to commit suicide and that suicide is greater among divorced persons than those with religious ties.

In the past 15 years suicide has increased more than 20 percent for all ages. Between the ages of 15-24, the suicide rate has increased over 100 percent in the same time span.

What all these people who attempt to take their own lives share with one another are intense feelings of loneliness, helplessness, despair and depression.

Some potential suicide victims feels that life is not worth living, a state of being that can be triggered by the loss of a job, a loved one or the experience of some significant failure in life. Others feel unable to communicate effectively with others. These are times that the suicide victim feels that others don't understand his or her needs. Still another reason why a person will attempt to take his life stems from a

terminal illness. Persons who live in constant pain or who believe that they are terminally ill see suicide as a way of escaping from suffering.

Unlike physical problems, suicide can not be treated with medication or an operation. But similar to other health ailments there are definite warning signals that tip others that a person is considering suicide. Off-hand remarks that allude to a person's not being around much longer, the giving away of prized possessions, signs of depression, such as apathy, loss of appetite and crying spells, loss of self-esteem and a lack of interest in activities that once held the individual's attention all signal that a person may be considering suicide.

Once the signals are recognized, the next step is prevention. One of the first steps to prevention is to draw the other person out conversationally and listen to what is being said. With the young, experts say it is important to teach them how to deal with stress. Identifying the cause of the depression, taking positive action to reverse the present state of mind, doing something for someone else and treating yourself to something have all been identified as preventive measures.

Here in Charlotte, there is an agency which works to decrease the number of suicides. That agency is CONTACT. CONTACT is a 24 hour, seven day a week telephone counseling service catering to any caller having a problem or an emergency or desiring simply to talk.

Its counselors are trained listeners having undergone 70 hours of training. CONTACT receives approximately 7,000 call per month. People call in knowing their calls are held in strictest confidence to talk about a wide range of problems including marital, parent-child conflicts, alcoholism, loneliness, depression, employment and drug abuse.

While CONTACT does not claim to solve every problem, they do offer the one thing that a person with problems needs most - a listening ear.

Perhaps the best thing a CONTACT counselor offers to a caller is alternatives, not advice. Getting a person to realize for him or herself that life is a mixture of good and bad and of joy and sorrow is undoubtedly the first step on the road to recovery for the potential suicide victim.

## Job Training Act

The Emergency Veterans' Job Training Act of 1983 has been extended for qualified Veterans who already have their certificate of eligibility from the Veterans Administration.

For further information, contact your Veterans employment representative at the local office of the State Employment Security Commission about this program.

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State of Resources and Liabilities	Thousands of dollars
Cash and balances due from depository institutions:	
Noninterest-bearing balances and currency and coin	1,923
Interest-bearing balances	0
Securities	3,951
Federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell in domestic offices of the bank and of its Edge and Agreement subsidiaries, and in IBFs	400
Loans and lease financing receivables:	
Loans and leases, net of unearned income	12,392
LESS: Allowance for loan and lease losses	182
LESS: Allocated transfer risk reserve	0
Loans and leases, net of unearned income, allowance, and reserve	12,210
Assets held in trading accounts	0
Premises and fixed assets (including capitalized leases)	614
Other real estate owned	0
Investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries and associated companies	0
Customers' liability to this bank on acceptances outstanding	0
Intangible assets	0
Other assets	468
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>19,586</b>
Deposits:	
In domestic offices:	
Noninterest-bearing	16,306
Interest-bearing	5,148
Interest-bearing	11,158
In foreign offices, Edge and Agreement subsidiaries, and IBFs	0
Noninterest-bearing	0
Interest-bearing	0
Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase in domestic offices of the bank and of its Edge and Agreement subsidiaries, and in IBFs	1,280
Demand notes issued to the U.S. Treasury	8
Other borrowed money	0
Mortgage indebtedness and obligations under capitalized leases	0
Bank's liability on acceptances executed and outstanding	0
Notes and debentures subordinated to deposits	0
Other Liabilities	94
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>17,686</b>
Limited-life preferred stock	0
Perpetual preferred stock	0
Common stock	875
Surplus	875
Undivided profits and capital reserves	128
Cumulative foreign currency translation adjustments	0
<b>Total equity capital</b>	<b>1,878</b>
<b>Total liabilities, limited-life preferred stock, and equity capital</b>	<b>19,564</b>

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