

Workmen for the North Carolina Department of Transportation are shown paving the drive leading to Drewry's rural volunteer fire station. The new asphalt

entrance road was completed by workmen on Thursday of last week. [Staff Photo]

Native Of Norlina Is Content With New Pitt County Post

sale.

By CAROL TYER Daily Reflector Staff Writer

Sandra Stokes, new Geriatric Program Director at the Pitt County Mental Health Center, is enthusiastic about her role as organizer of programs for older adults and their families.

Ms. Stokes said her job description called for developing programs for the older adults of the county and she's delighted to be doing just this, but she's also trying to keep in mind the needs of the families of these people.

She's been working only since April 12, so many of her activities are in the preliminary stages. She says she wants to utilize fully the services now already available for older adults and make sure they are known to the public.

course: a telephone reas-



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partment, it is hoped that the Mental Health Center can sponsor a day summer activities program for older adults. At present residents She is working with Pitt of Greenville Nursing Villa Technical Institute to set up are going to the Greenville a retirement counseling Recreation Center to participate in arts an

Street Senior Citizens Club. Mrs. Stokes is hoping to have persons skilled in tatting, knitting, weaving, quilting, crocheting, and numerous other crafts to demonstrate their skills and also offer their wares for The ECU Music Therapy students are helping with a music and social group for

older adults. Ms. Stokes is appealing throughout the community for the donation of any kind of musical instruments for this project. These groups will be held in the nursing and family care homes of the county as well as at central points.

A discussion group made up of persons who have older persons living with them in their homes is planned for the near future. 'There's a lot of guilt sometimes associated with the reactions of the children of older adults to the behavior sometimes displayed by the older persons. So often,

behaviors," Ms. Stokes said. Ms. Stokes, a Norlina native, earned an undergraduate degree in occupational therapy and is now taking graduate courses in Child Development and Family Relations at East Carolina University. "People ask, 'Why child development, when you're working older people?' but I remind them of the family relations part," she said, "as well as that development of the persons that goes on into adulthood."

"I really like working with older adults better than any other group," she said. "I get so 'angry with the idea that one must retire at 65 and that younger people don't appreciate what these people who've lived longer have to share and how they can continue to grow if they're given the chance.

"I see my job as that of an instigator, I hope to start older adults' programs in every town and community

in the county, get them

ball courts and a bath house. It is another step forward, providing recreation for those kids who have no recreation, Floyd McKis-

Christ, Manson.

The complex, named in

honor of Magnolia and

Ernest Boyd McKissick of

Asheville, parents of Floyd B. McKissick, founder of

Soul City, is composed of a pool, tennis courts, basket-

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sick said. Asa T. Spaulding, former president of North Carolina Mutual Insurance Company of Durham, for whom Mrs. Magnolia McKissick worked for 29 years was principal speaker, praising their character and accomplishments. Their roots go deep and the fruit of their marriage is a fine family including Floyd B. McKissick, founder of Soul City. He said that Soul City is destined to do much for Warren County, the state and the nation.

Irwin Holmes, who once taught school in Warren County, said the day of the dedication was a red letter day for Warren County and North Carolina. While teaching at the Warren County Training School at Wise under the principalship of the late G. E. Cheek, he said he learned to know and love the fine people of

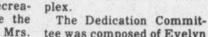
The dedication of the daughter-in-law, Mrs. Floyd B. McKissick, and the presented gifts to their grandparents. A poem of Myers, granddaughter of Ernest McKissick, who

The invocation was prethe center after himself and sented by the Rev. Leon White, United Church of

Martin W. Doherty, presi- Ernest Recreation Comdent of Parks and Recrea-McKissick grandchildren tion Association, gave the dedicatory remarks. Mrs. Evelyn McKissick, honorpraise was written and read ary chairman of the by Mrs. Joycelyn McKissick dedication committee, presented a momemto to her the honorees, and telegrams father and mother-in-law. were read from other after which Mr. and Mrs. children of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest McKissick cut the Ernest McKissick, who ribbon signifying the openwere unable to be present. ing of the swimming pool. Floyd B. McKissick made acknowledged the naming of a few closing remarks, after

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which the participants in the wife, said he was reminded exercises filed to a point of an old Negro spiritual, "I outside the pool site where Can Tell the World About Mr. and Mrs. Ernest B. This," and said he never McKissick unveiled a dreamed the honor would plaque commemorating the other guests were served a



Thursday, May 26, 1977

tee was composed of Evelyn W. McKissick, honorary chairperson; Delores Talley, chairperson; Lewis H. Myers, and Sylvan J. Seymann.

The Board of Directors for the Recreation Complex are Eva Clayton, Martin W. Doherty, L. B. Henderson, Jr., Major S. High, Lewis H. Myers, Sylvan J. Seymann, **Delores** Talley and Dorothy L. Woller.

Following the dedication exercises, which began at 11:30 a.m., participants and come to them in hislifetime. dedication of the Magnolia buffet luncheon in SoulTech.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest McKissick cut ribbon at swimming pool. Assisting is their daughter-in-law, Mrs. Floyd B. McKissick. Looking on is Floyd B. McKissick, founder of Soul City.

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going well, and then leave the only one having your kind of problems can help them to the members to continue, so I can move on to other areas. That's the only way I can hope to accomplish what I feel I must accomplish.

"A lot of good things are going to be happening for older adults in Pitt County within the next few years if I have anything to do with it as I hope I will," Ms. Stokes said.

Sheriffs Given **Recognition For**

Solving Murder

The Halifax County Sheriff's Department has been cited by a national magazine for its work in a murder case. The editors of Official Detective Stories Magazine, nationally distributed by Dell, have notified Sheriff Bill Bailey that the publication's Meritorious Service Citation is being presented to his department for its skillful investigation into the March, 1974 rape-murder of Mrs. Diane Burr, 33, in Littleton.

A detailed account of the award-winning investigation, titled, "How Many Did He Rape And Kill?" appears in the July issue of Official Detective Stories which has just reached local news stands.

The magazine cites the Halifax County Sheriff's Department in "national recognition of achievements in the highest traditions of law enforcement."

Too Late To Classify

BOOKS TO SELL? THE Old Book Corner, Rosemary St., Chapel Hill, N. C., is planning a buying trip to Warrenton the week of June 6. Get in touch! 919-942-5178. May 26-c

Warren County, and predicted that Soul City would mean much to them. Holmes is a former director of the Durham Recreation Department.

John J. Hawkins o Warrenton, chairman of Warren County Recreational Advisory Council, talked on the need for and value of recreation, which he said had been defined as anything one liked to do; as anything anyone enjoyed doing after working hours. Mr. Talley brought forth a laugh when she said she would have to question that definition since she recently saw a bumper sticker reading: "Quit work, play tennis." Hawkins praised the recreation facilities at Soul City and said that they would contribute to the growth of the city and the happiness of its people. He predicted that Soul City would grow to the point that

Warrenton would be its suburbs. Mrs. Gail Oettinger, director of project support of new communities administration, Department of Housing and Urban Development, spoke briefly, praising the recreation complex and promising continued support in the future development of Soul City by HUD. Howard Lee, Secretary of

Department of Natural Resources, State of North Carolina, was unable to be present. He was represented by Hank Andrews, who was recognized but did not speak.

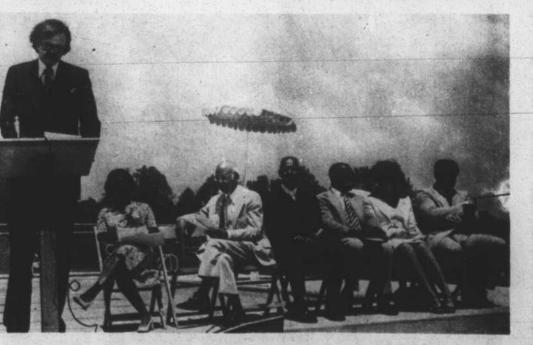
Two numbers were presented by the Holy Temple United Church of Christ of Manson

Mrs. Magnolia McKissick was presented a large bouquet of red roses by her

Gillyflowers During Shakespeare's time carnations were known as gillyflowers.



Ernest McKissick unveils plaque of Magnolia Ernest Complex while Mrs. Magnolia McKissick looks on.



Martin Doherty delivers dedicatory remarks during ribbon-cutting ceremonies at swimming pool.

