

**GLEANERS CLUB MEETS** - The Gleaners Club met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Royal for the annual Christmas fellowship hour. The pastor, Dr. L. A. Miller presided and presented awards to four of the senior citizens of the club, Mrs. Nellie Bynum, Mrs. Kittyola Curtis, Ms. Wila Coward and Willie Sherrell for their many years of loyal service to the club. Mrs. Nellie Bynum who recently celebrated her 90th birthday was also presented a birthday cake and other gifts.

Visiting were Fleur Steele, a former member of the club and her guest Frankie Starr, students at Capital University, Columbus, Ohio.

Present to enjoy the cover dish dinner were Dr. L. A. Miller, Beatrice Sowell, Pearline Bullock, Florence Thomas, Florence Cooper, Parker McDonald, Madison McDonald, Willie Sherrell, Linnell Bracy, Willie Bracey, Alonza, Hattie McClain, Lula Royal, James Smarr, Frank Williams, Bliss Royal, Kittyola Curtis, Wila Coward, Nellie Bynum, Dorothy

## clubs and such . .

Steele, Hier Fleur Steele, Frankie Starr, Irish Smith, Mickel Askins, Evert Long, Wallace Royal and Norman Royal.

**LODGE AND ITS' CUB PACK SHARE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS** - A. S. Hunter Lodge 825, Cub Scout Pack 402 along with wives of the lodge brothers and the Non-Pariel No. 649, O. E. S. visited the Central Orphanage of North Carolina in Oxford to share the spirit of Christmas.

The Cub Scouts presented a Christmas program and each child was given a gift by the Lodge. While there, they toured the campus and were lunch guests of Superintendent Bryant.

Willie Salter, Jr., is Wishful Master and Cub Master of both the Lodge and Cub Scout. Mrs. Jamesetta Salter and Mrs. Sara Pettiford are Den Mothers of Pack 402.

**THE FRIENDLY CIRCLE CLUB OF** St. Mark AME Zion Church held its pre-Christmas meeting on Sunday, December 19 with Mrs. Margaret Bumpass as hostess at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Parker on Oakmont Circle. The Christmas motif was carried out through the house.

After the singing of Christmas carols and a short business meeting, Secret Pals were revealed with Mrs. Bumpass acting as Santa Claus. Christmas dinner followed. Those enjoying this hospitality were Mrs. Elizabeth Brown, Mrs. Sarah Cameron, Mrs. Juanita Barnes, Mrs. Dazel Stevens, Mrs. Louise Frazier, Mrs. Florence Littlejohn, Mr. and Mrs. John McNeil, Mr. and Mrs. Major Geer, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Thompson, Grover Burtney, Luther Crews, Mr. Rice, Mrs. Glennie Holloway, Mrs. Andrew B. Cobb, Mrs. Francis Stewart, Mrs. Dazell Scott and William Bumpass.

**WILLING WORKERS CELEBRATE** - The Willing Workers Sunday School Class of the Mount Gilead Baptist Church celebrated its Annual Christmas Dinner at the Chicken Box on Fayetteville Street on Sunday, December 19. It was a gala affair for approximately 35 people. Mrs. Rosa T. Brown, president of the Class presented a beautiful plaque to Mrs. Willie C. Sneed who has served as teacher for twenty-five years. Her service is labeled as dedicated and spiritual.

Rev. and Mrs. Alexander Mosely were presented a book, "Roots" written by Alex Haley.

The chosen Secret Pals were revealed and gifts were received.

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Pray for sick and shut in: Mrs. Estelle Bullock, Mrs. Lucendia Parrish, Mrs. Ludie B. Parker, Mrs. Leora Parker, Mrs. Viola Smith, Mrs. Allie M. VanHook, Mrs. Maud Lucas, Mrs. Mary Justice, Rev. Treadwell, Monroe Gentry Long, Mrs. Bertha McCloud, J. C. Scarborough, Jr., Ellis D. Jones Sr., Mrs. Arnie Strickland, Mrs. Victoria Lawson, Mrs. Bettie Short, Mrs. Mary L. Norris, William Carrington, Mrs. Annie M. Fuller, Nathaniel Cooke, Merrick Street, Harvey Tilley, Mrs. Florence Bailey, and Rev.

McCoy Bullock (accident). The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. Psalm 23:1

Sincere sympathy to the families of the late Victor Parker, Sr.: Rev. and Mrs. McCoy Bullock, Mrs. Gertrude Henry, Mrs. Geneva Allison, Mrs. Vera Bullock, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Parker, Jr., Mrs. Jackie Hicks, Mrs. Emma Powell, Mrs. Joannah Bullock, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Parker, and Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Daye. God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Psalm 46:1.



**NEW MEMBERS OF JACK AND JILL** - The Fayetteville Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc., recently held initiation of new members at the Ramada Inn in Fayetteville. New members pictured from left to right are William Harvey, Mrs. Pecola Parker, Co. & Mrs. John Brooks, Rev. and Mrs. Garfield Warren and Mr. and Mrs. Bryan McNeill. Mrs. Harvey and Mr. Parker are not pictured. Serving on the membership committee were Marin Bivens, chairwoman, Eula Dew, co-chairwoman, Mary Jarrell, Claudine Lewis, and Eva Williams. Pat Darlington is president of the chapter.

## "Women In Congress, 1917-1976"

**WASHINGTON** - Of the 95 women who have served in the U. S. Congress, 85 have served in the House of Representatives, 11 in the Senate, Margaret Chase Smith having served in both.

Almost 39 per cent of 37 were widows who succeeded their husbands. One woman, Emily Taft Douglas, preceded her husband in Congressional service.

Four members were preceded by their husbands and succeeded by their sons.

One member served at the same time her son served (Frances Bolton).

These are some of the facts contained in a new publication, "Women In Congress, 1917 to 1976", released by the Joint Committee on Arrangements for Commemoration of the Bicentennial.

In an introductory letter at the beginning of the book, Lindy (Mrs. Hale) Boggs, Chairman of the Joint Committee points out that these 95 women reflect "the society and the times in which they lived and worked;" and that their biographies demonstrate "how they overcame a variety of obstacles to blaze the trail and open up the political process for all of us who serve today."

The 121-page publication

is a brief photographic reference book with biographical facts and short legislative histories of the 95 women who have served in the U. S. Congress since 1917. It is divided into two sections - former members and current members - arranged alphabetically and contains a chronological listing by Congress.

This is the last in the series of publications prepared by the Joint Committee as part of its year long program. Other publications in the series are "Black Americans in Congress," "In the Shadow of the Dome," (a walking tour brochure of Capitol Hill), and "The Working Congress," an introductory booklet with

photographs and illustrations describing the Senate, the House, the committee system, the relationship between the legislative and executive branches, the relationship between the legislative and judicial branches of government and a bibliography with suggestions for additional reading.

## HEW Announces Education Grants For Women

Grants under a new program to help women achieve educational and career equality have been announced by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare's Office of Education. Approximately \$6.3 million has been awarded for the first year of funding under the Women's Educational Equity Act Program. The program will support projects to help alleviate some of the discrimination still existing at all levels of education for women.

Public agencies, private non-profit organizations, and individuals are among those receiving grants.

More than 800 applicants requested approximately \$105 million for first-year funds for this program administered by the Women's Program Staff in HEW's Office of Education.

## NON-PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Enrollment in North Carolina's 284 non-public schools showed an increase of some 600 students during the 1975-76 school year, bringing the total to 54,200. Total non-public school enrollment continues to represent about four per cent of the total student population in North Carolina.

do the job," said Lt. Col. Charles Summers, professor of aerospace studies at the university.

Miss Slade said she would like to make the service a career.

"I imagine being the first black female general," she added. "If I keep that as my goal, and only go half the distance, it will still be worth it."

## Way Explained to Keep Poinsettia 2nd Season

It's that time of year when the usual question about the poinsettia is asked: "Can I keep it to bloom again?"

The answer is yes. In fact, you can even multiply your poinsettia and have more plants next Christmas. This can be done by rooting cuttings.

Henry J. Smith, extension landscape horticulturist at North Carolina State University, explains that the poinsettia is a once-a-year flowering plant that blooms only during the short days and long nights of winter. Blooming can be controlled by controlling the amount of light and darkness to which the plant is exposed.

Poinsettias bloom with 10 hours of light per 24 hours. It can be prevented from blooming by length-

ening the short days of December, for example, to 15 hours by means of artificial light.

But let's assume you have allowed your poinsettia to bloom normally this year and wish to keep it to bloom again next Christmas. Smith suggests the following care of the plant:

After the colorful bracts (flowers) have fallen or faded, place the plant in the basement or some dry place where it will not freeze. Don't water the plant, and if you do, use only a small amount.

Next May, bring the plant out, cut the stems back to remove about two-thirds, wash the old soil from roots and repot in new potting soil. From then on, handle as any other pot plant that spends its summer on the

patio or porch.

When you bring the poinsettia into the house next fall, remember that it should not be placed where it will be exposed to artificial light at night after late October.

**Rooting poinsettia:** Take cuttings of the softwood about five to six inches long in July and root in a good potting soil. A mixture of equal parts sandy loam soil, clay loam, and well-rotted stable manure, if available. If the manure isn't available, use well composted leafmold.

Keep this in mind: Poinsettia is not an ideal house plant, but it's worth all the problems of growing. Water regularly, allow it to have maximum daylight and sunshine and try to keep it in temperatures of 70 to 72 degrees and not below 60.

## A&T Co-Ed First Female To Command ROTC Unit

**GREENSBORO** - A&T State University co-ed Wilma F. Slade, wants it known that she is no women's libber or anything like that. "I'm still old fashioned, and I still like doors opened for me," she says.

But in a male-dominated program at the university, the Air Force ROTC detachment, she has become the first female group commander.

"I don't think I have created any special problems," said Miss Slade in a recent interview. "We have a large number of females in the program now at A&T, and I'm sure they are going to have more women commanders."

A native of tiny Roberstonville, she grew up in a large family on a farm and she never really wanted to come to college.

But in this case, college

was a route to excelling in military science, which she fell in love with while in high school.

"Recruiters once came to our school," she said, "and joining the service was an idea which stuck with me."

After graduation, she did join up and became an administrative specialist in the Air Force. It was there she met Col. David McElveen, an A&T graduate who encouraged her to go to college.

She entered A&T in 1973, and although she could have been exempt from the first two years of the basic program because of her military service, she decided to take the whole four years.

Miss Slade said she has been very well accepted by the male cadets in her unit.

"She was chosen not just because she is a female, but because we felt that she could

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