



**CARING AND SHARING** — That's what it's all about as the Durham County Foster Parents Association held its Christmas Party for Foster Children on Tuesday, December 20 at the Army Reserve Center. (Photo by Kelvin A. Bell).



**CHILDREN AND PARENTS ALIKE** — enjoyed themselves at the Durham County Foster Parents Association Christmas Party for Foster Children, Tuesday, December 20. More than 50 children in foster care were in attendance at the function held at the Army Reserve Center here. (Photo by Kelvin A. Bell).

**REHAB FUNDING IS QUESTIONED**

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 Dan Pearson, Assistant City Manager for Community Development, contacted

this week, said he had forgotten that the Council had asked for an evaluation of the home repair program, saying, "I have not initiated any

special review. But, by and large, they have made progress in approving grant and loan applications."

The slowness of the Redevelopment Commission approving grants and loans and the quality of workmanship were the two areas of review requested by the council. Production of grants of up to \$5,500 by the Redevelopment Commission, Pearson says, have been at such a "high level" that the funds will run out before the end of the fiscal year if the approval rate is not slowed down.

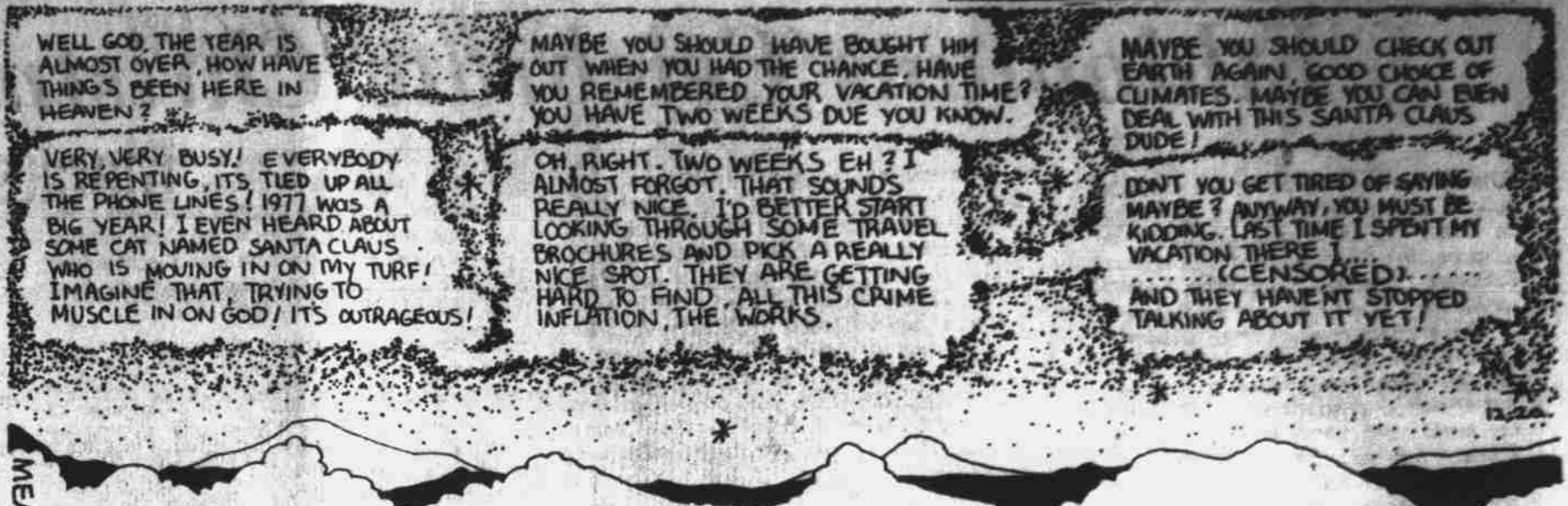
Since the July mandate from the council to review the rehabilitation program, Pearson says he does not remember inspecting any of the houses for the quality of work. Inspections, he says, are done routinely by the Redevelopment Commission's rehabilitation specialists who certify that the work has been done. The city's minimum housing inspection division, Pearson says, also inspects the finished house.

But John Parham, head of the city's housing inspection division, says his department inspects only to determine if minimum housing violations have been repaired and not for the quality of work.

Finance Committee member Clarence Brown, telephoned Tuesday, said he was concerned about the problems of the rehabilitation program and will "inquire into all those related problems including whether the Redevelopment Commission is the appropriate agency."

John Parham, head of city housing inspections, also questioned if the Redevelopment Commission is the appropriate agency, saying that coordination of the rehabilitation is a problem with inspections within his agency, monitoring within the city's community development staff, and the actual work being done at the Redevelopment Commission, Parham says the program would work better under one agency.

Just how the Redevelopment Commission is managing the \$0.93 million in Community Development funds is difficult to determine, particularly since its executive director, Ben Perry, refuses to make available to the press names and addresses of homeowners and investors who have received loans and grants under the program. He also refuses to make available information on the amount of money contracted to businessmen who have repaired houses under the federal program. The requests were made pursuant to the federal and state freedom of information acts. Perry informed THE CAROLINA TIMES that his attorney, Dan Edwards, advised him not to release the information, which Perry said is being sent to the Redevelopment Commission members.



MEAN WHILE... VACATION

**Leader Of Wilmington 10 Receives Patterson Foundation Award**

NEW YORK — The Rev. Benjamin F. Chavis, heroic leader of the Wilmington 10, victims of North Carolina "racist justice", was granted, in absentia, the first award of the William L. Patterson Foundation at a luncheon in the Hotel Roosevelt, New York City, December 11. The award consisted of a commemorative plaque and a cash award of \$1500. Present to receive the award for Rev. Chavis was his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Chavis of Oxford, North Carolina.

In a message to the Foundation from her son, read by Mrs. Chavis, Rev. Chavis acknowledged the greatness of the honor bestowed upon him and made a "solemn pledge" to "struggle with all my might and soul to combat racism and all its manifestations." This declaration brought thunderous applause from the 500 guests present who included trade unionists, church, women's and civic groups. The international community was represented by several

missions to the United Nations. The William L. Patterson Foundation which has just rounded out its first year, has as its main objective, the encouragement and support of social and creative work directed toward social injustice. It bears the name of the man who petitioned the United Nations on behalf of the black people of the United States in the now historic document "We Charge Genocide: The Crime of Government Against the Negro People" which gave

the word genocide global application wherever any national or ethnic group is subjected to systematic de-

struction. The Foundation is located at 126 W. 119th St., New York, N. Y. 10026.



**IN THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS** — Mrs. Omega Parker (r), President of the Durham Chapter of Squaws presents a check in the amount of \$250.00 to Claude Baker, a victim of Sickle Cell Anemia, and his father, Claude Baker, Sr. Project chairman, Mrs. Emma Harris and financial secretary, Mrs. Marian Covington look on. Claude, a Pearsontown School second grader was adopted by the Squaws as the annual recipient of their Sickle Cell Anemia donation to financially assist the family in 1973. The national project for Squaws, Inc., is an annual contribution to the NAACP from local chapters. (Photo by Kelvin A. Bell).

**Byrd's Shifts Black to Forest Hills-- Durham Committee Concerned**

Byrd's Food Center has begun some action, it's manager says, to alleviate the lack of blacks at its Forest Hills store. A subcommittee chairman of the Durham Committee on the Affairs of Black People will discuss the store's hiring.

Richard Price, Byrd's manager, related to THE CAROLINA TIMES Tuesday that the produce manager at Wellon Village store has been transferred to the Forest Hills stores and that Byrd's is seeking to hire another black, part-time, as a cashier.

Last week, THE CAROLINA TIMES reported that Byrd's had no black employees at its Forest Hills store and that more than fifty per cent of its trade is done with blacks. Price said the store employs eight people, including himself.

The store's managers consistently deny any intent to discriminate against blacks, but say vacancies have been filled from an existing pool of applicants, which had no blacks.

Byrd's latest transfer of the black produce manager to the Forest Hills store decreases black employment at the Wellon's Village store because he was not replaced with a black.

Jarvis Martin, chairman of the Economic and Employment sub-committee of the Durham Committee on the Affairs of Black People, said the matter would be discussed and they possibly recommend action to the parent Durham Committee. Both the sub-committee and the parent committee meet after THE CAROLINA TIMES' news deadline, but a report on positions taken by the two committees will be reported next week.

**Named To Whos Who**

Sabrina Brawley, a student in the School of Human Ecology at Howard University, of 511 Denver St., Kannapolis, (N. C.), has been named to "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges, 1977-1978."

**CARD OF THANKS**

I wish to express publicly my sincere thanks and gratitude to the many persons who demonstrated concern for me during my stay in the hospital and the long period of convalescence at home. May God bless every one of you.

William E. Fuller



In old China it was believed drinking pine resin prolonged life and youth.

for nearly 1 1/2 years. Several blacks were employed in the store when it opened, but the number has since dwindled. When the store opened, its Burlington headquarters advertised with THE CAROLINA TIMES, a black owned weekly, but the advertisements stopped last July.

The store's supervisor Bobby Jones, said last week, that two of the store's four former black employees were fired because "they couldn't get their arithmetic straight, and kept coming up short."

Byrd's personnel manager, based in Burlington, hires for the firm's 24 stores and confirmed for THE CARO-

LINA TIMES that the store has no policy to affirmatively hire blacks.

This week, the store's shoppers seem to be more or less convenience shoppers, buying only a few items. Since last Friday, Byrd's store has had a few shoppers. Nearly all were black. Assistant Manager Ron Kelly said that the few shoppers was not due to the word of the store's hiring policies getting around the Durham community, but was due to people shopping for Christmas gifts before they shopped for food. Nearby Winn-Dixie and Kroger stores were bustling with trade.

**Belk Leggett**

*Merry Christmas*

In quiet serenity, let us reflect on the true message of Christmas. May your home and family be blessed with the spiritual joy and happiness that His birth taught us to cherish. With our greetings goes our sincere appreciation.

BELK LEGGETT SOUTH SQUARE

**"In the Fullness of Time a Prince of Peace!"**

A 1977 Prelude to Christmas  
 By Asa T. Spaulding, Sr.

While coming events may cast their shadows before them, and all signs may point in the direction of the happening, it is only "in the fullness of time" that the great historic events which change the course of history take place. For it is then that God, Time, and Man are conjoined, and pregnant History delivers a person or persons of destiny.

Thus, recently in the Middle East again, another significant landmark of history was pinpointed by two former enemies; one an Arab and the other a Jew. Today, millions are hoping that both possess the necessary faith, courage, will and determination to "move the mountains" of long standing hatred, distrust, and resistance separating them and their peoples; and to establish in their places binding bands of friendship, love and trust which can hold them and their peoples together permanently. For man alone, this may be an impossible task; but with God and man working together, all things are possible!

So, following the period of "shuttle diplomacy" in the Middle East, the voice of God cried out: "Who will come and go for us on a mission of Peace fraught with danger? Who will dare to think the unthinkable and to believe the unbelievable? Who is sufficiently courageous to attempt to make the impossible, possible; and committed enough to the cause of peace on earth and goodwill toward all mankind to die for it, if necessary? Sometimes it takes martyrdom to open history's gateway to IMMORTALITY!"

Following the hearing of the voice — the conception, and the necessary period of gestation, one Anwar Sadat of Cairo, Egypt answered saying: "Here am I! Send me! Send me! Make me an instrument of thy will through which the sunlight of Hope and Love may shine through the dark clouds of hopelessness and hatred and reveal the blessings of PEACE!"

Whether it be in the worst of times or in the best of times, God always seems to have "a ram in the bushes" in the times of great need. So on Saturday, November 19, 1977, the Arab, Anwar Sadat, with the commitment and courage of a martyr, left Cairo, Egypt on his "Mission of Peace" to an enemy country, not knowing what the consequences of such an act might be.

At approximately 9:00 A. M. Eastern Standard Time, President Sadat's Special Boeing 707 touched down on the runway of the Ben Gurion Airport in Israel.

When the President of Egypt descended from his plane and put his foot on Jewish soil, surrounded by high ranking government officials and other dignitaries with beaming emotions of anxiety, eager expectations, and uncertainty showing on their faces and in their behavior, it was a high moment of history charged with electrifying emotions.

While watching the many kaleidoscopic views of history in the making, the voice of one's heart was moved to echo the words: "What hath God wrought? He hath indeed moved in mysterious ways in performing His wonders of battling down walls of prejudice and hatred of thousands of years standing, and within the twinkling of an eye of history!"

What was impossible two weeks earlier, had become a reality on November 19, 1977 because of two former enemies, one an Arab and the other a Jew, wanted it so! The extending and clasping of each others hand of friendship, on behalf of themselves and their peoples, marked the beginning of a new era of hoped for Peace in the Middle East at a time and place to be long remembered.

There still remain many difficult days of negotiations ahead. But God grant that these two giant pioneers for Peace may ever remain faithful to the task undertaken, no matter what other detractors may say or do! For the fate of millions hang breathlessly upon the ultimate accomplishment of their goals.

As we approach this Yuletide Season, may we catch the spirit of President Sadat and Prime Minister Begin, and join their ranks and work to usher in the day of "Peace on Earth and Goodwill toward all mankind!" This is my devout wish for you and for me. Amen! Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year for All!