

Year Round Garden Club

The Year Round Garden Club held its monthly meeting on May 18 at the home of Mrs. Lucinda Harris on Umstead Street.

Mrs. Alma Bennett opened the Garden Gate with the club's song, prayer, pledge and motto followed by favorite Bible verses said by the members.

The president, Mrs. Wilma Milum, thanked the club members for their many cards, flowers, gifts and prayers during her illness. She gave her usual message of inspiration and encouragement.

The state convention which will be held in Winston-Salem in September was discussed and plans were made to send a large delegation.

Mrs. Ethel Perry will be hostess for the last meeting which will be held in Pittsboro at the home of Mrs. Rader Prince on June 17 at 11 a.m. Each member will prepare a dish and invite one guest. This will be a picnic meeting.

Mrs. Harris was thanked for her delicious dinner and hospitality by Mrs. Alene Davis.

Attending this meeting were Mmes. Cora Jackson, Emma Randolph, Roxie Rowland, Alene Davis, Ethel Perry, Wilma Milum, Alma Bennett and Ms. Edna Mason.

14th Choir Anniversary at Northside

The Young Adult Choir of Northside Baptist Church, 1239 Berkeley St., will celebrate its 14th Anniversary, Sunday, June 14 at 4 p.m. Rev. C. R. Mitchell is the pastor of Northside.

Atlanta Plans "Safe Summer" For Its Children

By Cathy Ray
ATLANTA, GA.

Atlanta's children will have enough to keep them busy this summer. As part of a program dubbed "Safe Summer '81", the city is providing 61 day camps for over 30,000 youths aged 6-15. The program, which began June 8 and ends September 8, will allow Atlanta's youth to participate in educational and recreational activities while under supervision.

In an interview at her office, Atlanta Parks and Recreation Commissioner Gerrie Elder said the program was a direct result of the 28 missing and murdered children and young adults in the Atlanta area. "This program is not a permanent one. We are responding to a crisis," she said.

Ms. Elder said the Safe Summer program was comprised of four phases: instructional, cultural, special activity, and team sports. In the instructional phase, youths would learn tennis, swimming, golf and other sports. Dance, arts and crafts, and music would comprise the cultural phase. Special activities will take the youths on field trips such as to Six Flags Over Georgia and the final phase would consist of heavily supervised activities such as golf tournaments.

"These camps will not just perform a babysitting function, they will be an educational and recreational experience. An example of this, she said, was the cultural phase where the youths will get to perform their own drama production.

Although the activities would be free to low income youths, children from families who could pay would be expected to, said Ms. Elder. "We've always had some fee-paying programs and children who can pay will be expected to do so," she said. The fees would primarily be used to pay for supplies used in the various arts and crafts programs, she added.

Safe Summer camps operate from 7:30 a.m. to

7:30 p.m. so working parents can take advantage of the program. "Parents can bring their children here before they go to work and can come get them after they leave work," Ms. Elder said. She said the camps would have the names of parents and the times parents would pick up their children. For children who walk home, public safety officers will patrol their routes, she said.

Since much money is needed to operate such an extensive program, the City of Atlanta and Fulton and DeKalb counties asked the federal government for \$1.2 million but received only \$460,000 for all three areas. This left a shortfall of \$300,000 overall and over \$700,000 for the City of Atlanta. To help ease the money problem, the city gave the program \$158,000 and Ms. Elder said the Atlanta Children's Foundation was expected to give a similar amount. The rest would come from private donations.

Because the program was borne out of crisis, the program's 250 employees were screened rigorously. The applications were first screened by the Parks and Recreation Department and then sent to the Public Safety



Getting Ahead With Summer Studying

Students at Saint Augustine's College gather in early preparation of summer studies. Shown left to right: Ms. Annette Harris of Providence, Virginia, Ms. Reba Leonard of Rains, South Carolina, and Ms. Cathy Clark of Randleman. These three lovely co-eds are senior, business administration majors at Saint Augustine's, Raleigh.

Department for further screening. Ms. Elder said she was satisfied with the screening process and believed the camp employees would not be a threat to the youths.

Even if the crisis ends, Ms. Elder said she believes the program will be a success. "Parents are still going to want their kids in supervised activities."

Save Our Children In Time Rally Slated

The Save Our Children-In Time (SOC-IT), a Durham organization, will sponsor a rally Sunday, June 14, to raise funds for the Atlanta children. The rally will be held at Durham County Stadium from 2 to 7 p.m. Plans call for musical entertainment and speakers.

Entertainment will consist of gospel, jazz, and soft rock. Fun and games will be provided. Opening ceremonies will begin at 1:30 p.m. From 2-4 p.m., plans call for soft rock and jazz. Entertainers scheduled are Ron Davis & The Catsburg Band, RISSIE, Johnny White & The Elite Band, and Yusef and Friends. There are other bands that are not confirmed at press time.

The Gospel segment will include Rev. Herndon &

Singers, the New Generation Singers, The Greater St. Paul's Children's Choir, the Markham Chapel Young Adult Choir.

Speakers are scheduled from 6-7 p.m. Speakers include Atty. Floyd B. McKissick, Mrs. W. A. Clement, and Imam Abdul Magid. There will also be a special recognition during the closing part of the ceremony.

Funds raised will not go for the investigation, but are to be earmarked for educational scholarships for members of families of the slain children. Also some funds will go for recreational programs for children who remain in Atlanta.

Volunteers who would like to help in the rally preparation should call 688-5837.



BISHOP SAUNDERS

42nd Anniversary of Bishop Saunders

Bishop Leon Saunders, founder of the Jesus House of Prayer Holiness Church, 704 Dowd St., will celebrate his 42nd Anniversary with services beginning Sunday, June 14. They will conclude on Sunday, June 28 with Assistant Bishop E. A. Alston delivering the closing message.

Talent and Fashion Show at Ebenezer

The Sunday School of Ebenezer Baptist Church, 2200 S. Alston Ave., will present a talent and fashion show entitled *Talent Showcase*, Saturday, June 13 at 6 p.m. The youth will be performing their various talents, as well as modeling their summer fashions. There will be a drawing of door prizes and refreshments will be served.

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