

Focus On Religion

Habitat tackles housing problem

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Environments and habitats for endangered species are a fashionable issue now. Habitats for people, however, are not necessarily so "in."

But housing for low-income people has always been an important issue in Winston-Salem. The city government and the business community have met in the past to discuss the serious problem of people who live in substandard housing -- or no housing at

"Housing is more than housing. It speaks to environment and culture. It's self-esteem. There are black children who are crushed every day because they live in a house unsafe for human habitation."

-- The Rev. Carlton A.G. Eversley

all. And a local chapter of a national organization is doing something about it.

Habitat for Humanity, a national organization founded in 1975 by the late Dr. Clarence Jordan and Millard Fuller, builds housing for needy people -- and the prospective homeowner actually assists in the building of his home and the homes of other needy people.

The local chapter, Habitat for Humanity of For-

syth County Inc., was started about a year and a half ago through Crisis Control Ministries. Mark S. Case, a local architect and a member of the organization's site-selection committee, says the non-profit Christian organization is simply showing its love for God and man by doing deeds to help people.

"This is definitely a Christian ministry," Case says. "This project is to minister to people's physical health. To me, that is more important than the house."

Case tells a story about an African missionary who, after preaching to an African tribe for months, could not get any interest from the people. One day the missionary gave them the advice which Jesus gave his followers in the Sermon on the Mount, that if a man asks for your coat, give him your coat and your cloak. "That is what we are doing," Case says. "We're just going the second mile."

Case says Habitat for Humanity decides for whom the organization will build a house and where it will be located. "We want to satisfy the family's desire for where they want to live," he says.

The organization gets its suggestions about whom to build for and where to build from people in Habitat for Humanity, Crisis Control Ministry, local churches and people who call in.



The Rev. Carlton A.G. Eversley visits the future site of a Habitat for Humanity home and challenges black churches to get involved with the organization (photo by James Parker).

Habitat for Humanity is currently working on a house for Rita and Rodney Barker. The Barkers have two children and have lived in houses on 13th Street and Cherry Street. Even though both houses

were not adequate by normal housing standards, the Barkers made the best of it. Through Habitat, the Barkers will own a house on Thurmond Street. Please see page B11

Church Notes

Epps to speak at First Baptist Church's 106th anniversary

First Baptist Church, Seventh Street and Highland Avenue, will celebrate its 106th anniversary at 11 a.m. on Sunday, Oct. 27.

The Rev. William Saxe Epps, pastor of Second Baptist Church of Detroit, will be the guest speaker. He will be accompanied by choirs and members of his congregation.

Epps began his career as a minister at Calvary Baptist Church in Haverhill, Mass. He left Calvary Baptist to work at Abyssinian Baptist Church after being hired by the late Dr. Adam Clayton Powell Jr.

He has taught in the public schools of Boston and Jersey City.

Epps has a bachelor of science degree from Bishop College, Dallas, a master of education degree from Teachers' College at Columbia University, New York City, and a master of divinity degree from Union Theological Seminary.

The highlight of the morning worship will be a memorial litany dedicated to early members of the church.

Music for the service will be provided by the Children's Choir, Choir No. 1 and the Inspirational Choir of Second Baptist Church.

The Rev. Wendell A. Johnson will preside.



Rev. William Epps



Rev. Jerry Quick

St. Paul Church to host revival services

Revival services will be held at St. Paul United Methodist Church, 2400 Dellabrook Road, beginning Sunday, Oct. 27, and continuing through Thursday, Oct. 31.

The annual homecoming will be observed at the morning wor-

ship service, followed by a dinner in the fellowship hall. The featured speaker will be Dr. Wilson O. Weldon, retired editor of the Methodist publication, "The Upper Room," and assistant dean of Duke University. Please see page B12

Wentz Memorial observes Laity Sunday

Laity Sunday was observed Sunday, Oct. 20, at Wentz Memorial United Church of Christ.

The theme, "People of Faith," was celebrated during the entire morning service with music and reading selections.

The Chancel Choir provided music. Attorney John Newman was the director.

Lay participants were Simona Allen, Flonnie Anderson, Saundra Blair, Nina Steele, Bruce Foriest and Carl R. Martin.

Area Deaths and Funerals

WILLIAM LESTER PEAY

William Lester Peay of 1009 W. 25th St. died Monday, Oct. 11, at Medical Park Hospital. He was a native of Concord and had lived in Winston-Salem for 39 years. He was a member of Goler Metropolitan AME Zion Church, where he served on the Steward Board, and was former chairman of the Men's Day Program and the Laymen's Association.

Peay was a graduate of N.C. A&T State University and received his master's degree from the University of Iowa. For four years he was principal of McLaughlin School in Summerfield. He was superintendent of Memorial Industrial School for 22 years, and he was loved and respected by all the students. Peay was a member of the Delta Sigma Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity. He was also a member of the Social Promoters Club and Sportsman Club and worked with the Experiment in Self-Reliance.

Peay is survived by his wife, Sadie Dorsett Peay of the home; two sons, William Edward Peay of the city and Christopher Henry Peay of Norristown, Pa.; two daughters-in-law; two grandchildren; two sisters, Margaret Howie of Concord and Ruth Able of Washington; several foster children of the Memorial Industrial School; many grand-nieces, grand-nephews and friends.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. at Goler Metropolitan AME Zion Church, with the Rev. Jerry A. Quick officiating. Burial followed in Piedmont Memorial Gardens. Clark S. Brown and Sons Funeral Home was in charge of the funeral arrangements.

CLYDE BOYD BRADLEY

Clyde Boyd Bradley of 1303 E. Second St. died Thursday, Oct. 10, at Baptist Hospital. He was a native of South Carolina and a carpenter.

Bradley was a member of the House of Prayer for All People. He is survived by a daughter, Doris Smith of South Carolina, a friend, Lillie M. Grier of Winston-Salem, and other relatives.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, Oct. 15, in Charleston, S.C. Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery. Hooper Funeral Directors was in charge of the funeral arrangements.

CARL H. McMILLER

Carl H. McMiller of 1353 N. Dunleith Ave. died Saturday, Oct. 12, at Forsyth Memorial Hospital. He was a native of Greensboro and had lived in this city for the past 10 years.

He is survived by his father, Raymond McMiller; his stepmother, Joan Green McMiller; five children; six brothers, Hector, Darius, Tommy, Ramon and Rocco McMiller and Santana Dwayne McKey; two sisters, Ruby McMiller and Maria McMiller, and other relatives.

Funeral services were held at 3 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 17, in the chapel of the Hooper Funeral Home, with Elder Joseph Lowery officiating. Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery. Hooper Funeral Directors was in charge of the funeral arrangements.

LESSIE SCOTT YOUNG

Lessie Scott Young of 5019 Montevista Road died Monday, Oct. 14, at her home. She was a native of Monroe and had lived in this city for the past 50 years. She was a member of Mount Zion Baptist Church and the Dorcas Missionary Circle.

Mrs. Young was a retired employee of Oliver's Dry Cleaners. She is survived by her mother, Dora Scott of the home; one sister, Evelyn Scott Campbell of the home; four nephews, three nieces and other relatives.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 19, at Mount Zion Baptist Church, with Dr. Serenus T. Churn officiating. Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery. Hooper Funeral Directors was in charge of the funeral arrangements. Please see page B13

CHURCH CALENDAR

THURSDAY, OCT. 24

• The City of God Prayer Fellowship will meet at 7:30 p.m. at the church, 2201 N.E. 23rd St. The speaker will be the Rev. Larry Cutler of St. Stephens Baptist Church. For more information call the Rev. Anna Lester at 722-4690.

SATURDAY, OCT. 26

• Middlefork Christian Church will have a yard sale at Joe's Shop Rite store, 3100 Bowen Blvd., from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Toys, clothing and household items will be on sale. Proceeds will benefit the church's building fund. For more information call Guyrene Haith at 767-8307.

• St. Philips Moravian Church, 3002 Bon Air Ave., will sponsor a Halloween carnival from 5 to 9 p.m. There will be games and entertainment for all ages. For more information call Barbara Morris at 724-0760.

SUNDAY, OCT. 27

• The Zion Memorial Baptist Church Gospel Choir will present a worship in song program at 4 p.m. The occasion will feature a variety of gospel songs, including traditional favorites and contemporary pieces. The choir is under the leadership of Dr. James B. Kinchen Jr., director of the University Chorus at Winston-Salem State University. Soloists and song leaders for the program will include Harry McGee, Althea Jones, Willard Tanner, Mary Stevenson and Daphne Jones. For more information call Willard Tanner at 722-9400.

• Carver Road Christian Church, 3200 Carver School Road, will hold a fellowship service with the Pleasant Abyssinia Baptist Church. Brother Robert Hinton will be the messenger. For more information call 748-3510 or 784-9674.

• The City of God Prayer Fellowship, 2201 N.E. 23rd St., will hold fellowship services at 11 a.m. at the church. The speaker will be the Rev. Ashley Thompson. For more information call 722-4690.

• Evangelist Mary Ervin Abbott will be guest speaker at St. Paul United Methodist Church in Kernersville at 3 p.m. for the occasion of the "100 Women in White." The Rev. Abbott will also be guest speaker at Mount Sinai Glorious Church of God at 7:30 p.m. during the Hospitality Anniversary. For more information call Cynthia Bray at 748-8833.

• Men's Day will be observed at Prince of Peace Baptist Church, 1909 E. 25th St., at 4 p.m. The Rev. Joseph Lowery and his congregation will be the guests. The Rev. R.L. Watlington is host pastor. For more information call 721-3416.

• The Hickory Grove AME Spiritual Choir will celebrate its seventh anniversary at 3 p.m. at the church, 3791 Harper Road in Clemmons. Mistress of ceremonies will be Louise Stephens. Featured guests will be Dr. Jack I. Williams of Philadelphia, Pa., and the Talmage Chorus. For more information call Burlia Bailey at 945-3375 or 748-1577.

• The J.S. Mickens Choir will celebrate its seventh anniversary at 4 p.m. at White Rock Baptist Church, 1233 E. 14th St. For more information call Jane Jennings at 727-8172 or 788-4185.

• The Senior Choir of Mount Zion Baptist Church, Ninth and File Streets, will observe its 76th anniversary at 4 p.m. The program will feature the Twin City Choristers in concert under the direction of Dr. Permilla Dunston. James Smith will be the guest organist. For more information call 722-4690. Please see page B13