

Eminent Commander Weldon Hay (center) presents awards to Past Eminent Commander Willie F. Ashford (left) and Sir Knight Francis B. Eaton (right).

# Merit awards presented to two **Brothers of Knight Temple**

On November 6, Eminent Commander Weldon Hay of Excellent Commandery #7 of Winston-Salem presented awards of meritorious achievement and outstanding service to Past Eminent Commander Willie F. Ashford.

Eminent Commander Hay cited

brother Ashford for being a founding father of the commandery, and for his dedication and outstanding service for more than a quarter century.

Hay praised Ashford as a veritable fount to inspiration and information serving as a leader and role model for Masons throughout this

It was through his efforts this commandery was started.

The award Sir Knight Francis B. Eaton received was for outstanding services as recorder and financial secretary for the Commandery.

## **Area Deaths and Funerals**

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#### **BLACKWELL**

Mrs. Bessie Bell Blackwell of Winston-Salem died Thursday, Nov. 21, 1991, at Medical Park Hospital. She was born on Sept. 10, 1913 in Darlington County, S.C. to the late Mr. and Mrs. Hilliard Bell. She moved to Winston-Salem as a young adult. She was a member of St. Stephens Baptist Church where she was a member of the Senior Choir. She was a retired employee of One Hour Martinizing Cleaners and was a member of the 23rd Street Orchid Flower Club.

She is survived by two daughters, Gwendolyn G. Bradley and Ruth B. Russell, both of Winston-Salem; one sister, Ferndena McRaven of Hartsville, S.C.; two sons-in-law, Leslie Robinson of Tacoma, Wash. and Lewis Bernard Russell of Winston-Salem; one nephew, James J. Pooler of the home; an adopted daughter, Davida Torrence of Winston-Salem; six sisters- and brothers-in-law, Julia and Lannie Blackwell of Pompano Beach, Fla., Sarah and Foster Blackwell of Mayesville, S.C., and Fannie and James Pooler of Hartsville, S.C.; 17 grandchildren; 6 great-grandchildren; and a lifelong friend, Shirley Smart of Winston-

Funeral services were held Monday, Nov. 25 at 3 p.m. at St. Stephens Baptist Church with the Rev. Joseph R. Samuels officiating. Burial followed at Evergreen Cemetery.

### **DUKES**

Mrs. Fozie Turner Dukes of Winston-Salém died Saturday, Nov. 16, 1991, at Christiana Hospital in Wilmington, Del. She was a native of Stuart, Va. and has lived in Winston-Salem for over 50 years. She was a member of Pleasant Union Primitive Baptist Church where she was the past president of the Usher Board.

She was a former employee of Piedmont Leaf Tobacco Company and a homemaker assistant by trade. She was a member the Jackson Avenue Savings Club, the Financial Sick Club, and the Community Prayer Band.

She is survived by one daughter, Jessie Williams of Wilmington, Del.; one son, James Dukes of Oakland, Calif; a granddaughter, Cynthia (Raymond) Hines of Wilmington, Del.; two sisters, Lois Black of Wilmington, Del. and Mary Hicks of Eden; one brother, Willie Turner of Stuart, Va.; eight grandchildren, 12 greatgrandchildren; plus many other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Nov. 23 at 1 p.m. at Pleasant Union Primitive Baptist Church with Elder Victor Clark officiating, Burial followed at Evergreen Cemetery.

## LEXIE

Mrs. Patricia Diane Bigby Lexie of Alexandria, Va. died Saturday, Nov. 16, 1991 in Washington, D.C. She was born on March 14, 1955 to Mrs. Leona Bigby and the late Mr. Roscoe Bigby. She was a native of Winston-Salem and a member of First Baptist Church. She had been living in Alexandria, Va. for the past five years where she was an employee of the American Production and Inventory Control Association in Falls Church, Va. She received her early education at Carver and East Forsyth High Schools. She received her Bachelor of Science Degree from the University of North Carolina-Greensboro.

She is survived by her husband, Freddie Lexie of Alexandria, Va.; her mother, Leona Bigby of Winston-Salem; four sisters, Jacquelyn Bigby, Joyce Bigby and Deborah Bratton, all of Winston-Salem and Carolyn Haymon of Clinton, Md.; five brothers, Roscoe Bigby of San Diego, Calif., Leon Bigby of Winston-Salem, Gilbert Bigby of Alexandria, Va., Derry Bigby and Kenneth Bigby, both of Silver Springs, Md.; six nieces and three nephews; plus a host of other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Nov. 23, at 11 a.m. at First Baptist Church with the Rev. Wendell A. Johnson officiating. Burial followed at Evergreen Cemetery.

# **Denny Grove Missionaries to** sponsor a 'Holiday Bazaar'

Denny Grove A.M.E. Zion Church of Wilkesboro will sponsor their Annual Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, November 30 from 8 a.m. until.

Mrs. Lucille Havener is the president of the Missionary Society. The bazaar will feature crafts, handmade gift items, specialty items and day gift-giving.

The bazaar will be held at Denny Grove and directions from Winston-Salem to the church are as follows: Take Interstate 40 West to Highway 421 North. Continue on Highway 421 North and take the Lenoir-Taylorsville exit. From this exit, make a left onto Cherry Street.

The Missionary Society of lots of other goods suitable for holi- Then take the first left which will be Church Street. Proceed through the stop sign and the church will be on the left across from the Tyson (Formerly Holly Farms) Manufacturing Plant.

> The church's telephone number is (919) 667-6508. All are invited. The Reverend William H. Puryear is the pastor.

## Interdenominational Ministers' Wives and Widows' Assoc. hold meeting

tion of Winston-Salem met at their usual meeting time at St. Mark Baptist Church with President Hattie Fulwood presiding.

Business of the Christmas Event was finished. The Wives will be celebrating at the Holiday Inn-

meter.

The Interdenominational Min- North. The Highlight of the even- man, Mrs. L. Robinson, Mrs. V. isters' Wives and Widows' Associa- ing was a panel discussion on Robinson, Mrs. F. Bonham, Mrs. "The Profile of a Minister's Wife," chaired by Mrs. Mattie Walker. Panelists were Mrs. Annie Lewis, Mrs. D. Martin, Mrs. M. Butler, and Mrs. A. Adams.

Mrs. H. Coleman, Mrs. M. Cole-

E. Goodwin, Mrs. S. Drayton, Mrs. L. Summers, Mrs. L. Leake, Mrs. M. McConnell, Mrs. G. Moore, Mrs. A. Hay, Mrs. A. Graham, Mrs. M. Williams, Mrs. E. Smith, Present at the meeting were and Mrs. J. Hodges and Mrs. H. Fulwood.

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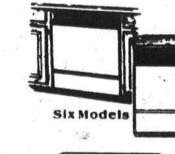
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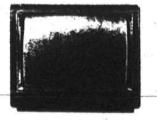
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