

# Community



A group assembles at the Benton Convention Center for the Bible Way Church's 36th Holy Convocation.

## Thousands Attend Bibleway Convocation at Convention Center

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Approximately 10,000 people from all over the world are convening at the Benton Convention Center for the Bible Way Church's 36th Holy Convocation this week.

The Annual Women in White and a speech by Bishop Steward Stiles, the assistant diocesan of Missouri, kicked off the convention last Sunday. Other activities taking place are seminars and discussions dealing with issues, such as marriage and divorce; communion; daily prayer; and an international midnight jubilee for young people.

During a plenary session, plans were made for the March convention in Jamaica, West Indies.

On Saturday, the last day, the mass choir will perform.

In order to participate in the various events, registration is held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the lower level in the Benton Convention Center.

According to Bishop William Pittman of Akron, Ohio, the purpose of the convocation is "to win people to Christ, gather in world-wide fellowship, teach, preach and enjoy gospel singing."



A bishop addresses convention members at this week's convocation.

## Baby Talonda is Moved From Intensive Care

By MARK R. MOSS  
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Talonda Lanier, the 6-year-old who was shot in the head on July 10 while sleeping in her mother's car, has been transferred from intensive care to the pediatrics unit at Forsyth Memorial Hospital, a hospital official said.

Meanwhile, contributions made on the child's behalf continue to pour in.

Officer T.R. Wilson said yesterday that employees of the Winston-Salem Police Department have raised close to \$100 and have put together a large get-well card. Officer A.M. Miles is working with Wilson in coordinating the fund-raising effort.

Saidet Lanier, Talonda's mother, was on her way back to Ft. Hood, Texas after visiting relatives in Snow Hill, when fatigue forced her to pull over early that morning. Saidet parked under an overpass on the I-40 bypass and had not yet fallen asleep when two men in a car riddled her car with bullets and took off. Two white men were later arrested. The Laniers are black. "I know what they (the Lanier family) are going through," said Wilson, who barely escaped with his own life in January after the patrol car in which he was a passenger crashed into a tree, killing police officer Michael R. Jennings.

Wilson said the money and card will be given to the family on Friday.

## Students Make Final Curtain Call

The final curtain drew on the Mt. Tabor Summer Enrichment Class last week with a packed house, as 31 second and third-graders and 25 fourth and fifth-grade students enhanced the audience with their last of five performances for the season.

Not only did these talented students write their plays, but they also designed the sets and their costumes.

The 2nd- and 3rd-graders dazzled the audience with their version of "Wednesday Surprise" and "Fly Away Home."

"Wednesday Surprise" was the story of a somewhat ordinary family who, along with the help of everyone in the household, plan a birthday party for dad.

The second play, "Fly Away

Home," described what it would be like in the minds of children to be homeless and living in an airport.

The 4th- and 5th-graders thrilled the audience with two plays, "The King's Equal" and "Mufaro's Beautiful Daughter."

"The King's Equal" was the tale of a prince, who was not only stuck on himself but placed himself high above all others. His father's dying wish was that in order for the prince to become king, he must marry someone of his equal within one year.

The final play of the evening was "Mufaro's Beautiful Daughter." Set in Africa, the play told the story of a mother and two beautiful daughters, Manyara and Nyasha, who lived in a small village.

## Atkins Holds Reunion

A reunion of Atkins High School Classes of the 1930s was held July 16-17 at the Holiday Inn North. Mabel Sullivan Jessup, an honor graduate of the Class of January 1936, was the banquet speaker. She is a retired teacher of the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County School System, where she taught gifted students.

She is an ordained minister, recently retired, founder and president of Belva Metaphysical College. She is an avid reader and prolific writer of prose and poetry.

Jessup encouraged the members and guests to be proud of their heritage, love one's self and strive each day to improve one's self to take time to read, think and pray.



Mabel Sullivan Jessup

She closed her address by reciting the poem, "The Negro Mother."

Class members traveled from as far as Texas, California, Ohio and Illinois.

## Joint Venture to Help Borrowers Announced

▲ Urban League and bank join forces

By MARK R. MOSS  
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NationsBank Corp. and the National Urban League this week announced a joint venture that will allow bank customers to receive a second look at mortgage loan applications.

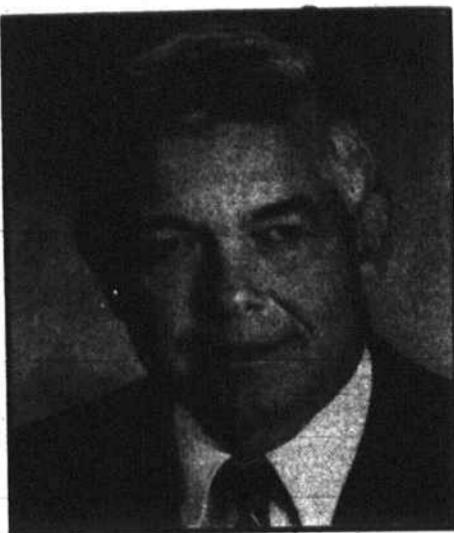
According to a NationsBank statement, the Community Loan Review Boards, as they will be called, will operate in 18 Sunbelt cities served by both NationsBank and the Urban League. Winston-Salem has been selected as one of the cities.

Local Urban League affiliates will manage the loan review process, including establishing the boards, the statement said. Customers whose home-purchase mortgage or home-improvement loan applications are declined — regardless of race, income or reason for decline — may appeal the decision to the local review board. If the board disagrees with the bank, the application will be resubmitted.

"We believe that a second look is always healthy, both for increasing the bank's ability to generate loans and for enhancing the consumer's ability to obtain credit," said NationsBank Chairman Hugh McColl. "The unique perspective of the Urban League and the credibility it brings to the process make me very optimistic that this effort will help put even more loan dollars into our communities."

The Urban League's Comprehensive Credit Counseling service will team with review boards in each city to help loan applicants understand the borrowing process and strengthen their credit positions. A NationsBank grant will pay administrative cost of the tandem programs, slated to operate as a three-year pilot.

"This partnership is a unique opportunity for the Urban League and a major lending institution to address the mortgage concerns of



Hugh McColl



John E. Jacob

individuals who may never pursue home ownership. We hope this project will ultimately lead to many new home owners and inspire other banks to become similarly involved," said John E. Jacob, National Urban League president.

Review boards will consist of seven members: the local Urban League president, three community representatives and three bank underwriters. The review process is designed to provide an opportunity for the Urban League and other community members to work with NationsBank staff to facilitate making loans and to demonstrate the bank's commitment to fairness in lending.

## NBTF to Feature Vendors

The 1993 National Black Theatre Festival will host a special Vendors' Market.

Visitors to the festival will enter a world of unique artistry and charm when they visit the Vendors' Market located Beneath the Elms, adjacent to the Marquee Hotel. The skating rink will come alive with exhibits of fine art, books, jewelry and clothing with an ethnic flair

during festival week.

Shopping will become an adventure and learning experience from Aug. 3-7 from 12 p.m. to 12 a.m.

The public is invited to browse and experience this special shopping event offered by vendors from all over the country.

For more information call Barbara Eure at 723-7907.

## Corrections

• In the July 15 issue of the Chronicle, Martha G. Jones' recent appointment was incorrectly identified. She was named chaplain of the American Legion Auxiliary.

• A person in the wedding party of Darlene Cunningham and Michael Crawford was misidentified. Frank Keitt was a member of the wedding party.

• The Bible Extravaganza, sponsored by the Awakening Giants, was held last Saturday at the Ambassador Cathedral, not the Masjid Al-mu-minun Islamic Church, which shares the same address. Bishop Stephen Patterson is minister of Ambassador Cathedral.

The Chronicle regrets these errors.

## CHURCH CALENDAR

**SATURDAY, JULY 31**  
7:30 p.m. — New Institutional Baptist Church will celebrate Joy Night. Groups and choirs are invited to help celebrate. The Rev. Anthony L. Hines is pastor.

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 1**  
4 p.m. — The Rev. Derieux Johnson and the congregation of Providence Baptist Church will be the guests of New Institutional Baptist Church. The Rev. Anthony L. Hines is the host pastor.

7:30 p.m. — The Rainbow Tabernacle of Faith General

Assembly 9 will hold a week of anointed services through Aug. 8. A banquet will be held Aug. 7 at 6 p.m. at the Winston Lake YMCA. The Rev. Barbara Alexander-Jenkins is pastor.

**MONDAY, AUGUST 2**  
7:30 p.m. — Mt. Calvary Holiness Church of God Inc. will hold a summer revival through Aug. 6. Vice Bishop Arnie Joyce, pastor of Miracle Mount Carmel Church of God in Thorpe, W. Va., will be the speaker. Vice Ruling Elder Wardlow Frazier Sr. is the host pastor. The church is located at 1615 N.E. 22nd St.

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