

Several kids participated in the St. Peter's World Outreach Easter egg hunt.

## Outreach Center Sponsors 2nd Annual Easter Fling

Kids, kids, and more kids stormed the grounds of the St. Peter's World Outreach Center on April 1 in one of the Triad's largest Easter egg hunt ever.

Aptly called, a Children's Easter Fling, youngsters and their parents were bused from surrounding areas - Happy Hills Gardens, Stoney Glenn, Cleveland Avenue Projects, and numerous other pick-up points - to join in the festivities.

Prior to the over 1,000 toddlers to youth scrambling over St. Peter's hill sides, the children were served popcorn as they watched the Children's Church Praise Team get everyone involved in clapping, tapping, and singing songs of praise.

The entertainment for the day was telling the real Easter story through a puppet show by the Children's Church Drama Ministry Leader, Renee Henry, and a mime by the Creative Arts Ministries Outreach Auxiliary, whose participants were: Jeff Hoover as Jesus; Tommy Hicks, the blind man; Valerie McClellan, the crying woman; and James C. Hash Jr., the lamb man.

As clowns, persons dressed in various animal costumes, and fairy-tale characters, such as Tweedle-Dee, mingled with the children, refreshments of hot-dogs, chips, cookies, and drinks were served to the anxious crowd.

As the pastor, the Rev. J.C. Hash Sr., tried to prepare everyone for the hunt, he made the mistake of saying, "When I say ready, set, go, then go for it." All those little ears heard were the magic words: READY, SET, GO; and off they flew, about 300 of them. What a joy

it was to watch the scurrying and clamoring! The fun really came in trying to stop them. Because the screeching and screaming of the mass of children, it was hard to pull them back. Finally the fastest runners were in hot pursuit to stop everyone, but not before over 100 eggs had been claimed.

The committee had certain areas for each age groups, as the eggs had to be replaced, instructions given, and then the READY, SET, GO. Some eggs had money, some gift certificates, and some candy. The yells of glee and smiles of parents and kids thrilled the hearts for all who watched.

After gathering all the goodies, each child was given a bag of treats, prizes, and toys to take home; so no one left empty handed. It was truly a day of parent/child participation and fun!

The weekend climaxed with a production of "Have You Heard the Good News?" by the Children's Church Department under the leadership of Pat Stepney. The dramatic musical told the story of Jesus and those whose lives he touched with his ministry.

This was St. Peter's second year for the Easter Fling, and they hope next year's program will involve even more children onto the bus to return home summed it up best: "Mom," he said with laughing eyes, "We did good! Didn't we? We sure had fun!" as he grabbed her cheek for a big hug. "That's what it's all about," stated Pastor Michael Benton, who headed the project, "saving the children, bringing families together."

## Anniversary Service to be Held

The Interdenominational Ministers Wives and Ministers' Widows of Winston-Salem and vicinity will celebrate their 67th anniversary at 4 p.m. Sunday at St. John C.M.E. Church located at 650 Crawford Place in the city. Ronald P. Davis Sr. is pastor of St. John.

Shirley Damon is president of the Ministers' Wives and Ministers' Widows Association.

Andrea Adams is chairman of the Anniversary Planning committee.

The speaker for the occasion is Dora Martin, wife of W.E. Martin, pastor of Missionary Baptist Church in Mocksville. The general public is invited to attend the anniversary celebration.

The purpose of this organization is "to be more helpful to our husbands through the exchange of ideas, talents and fellowship."

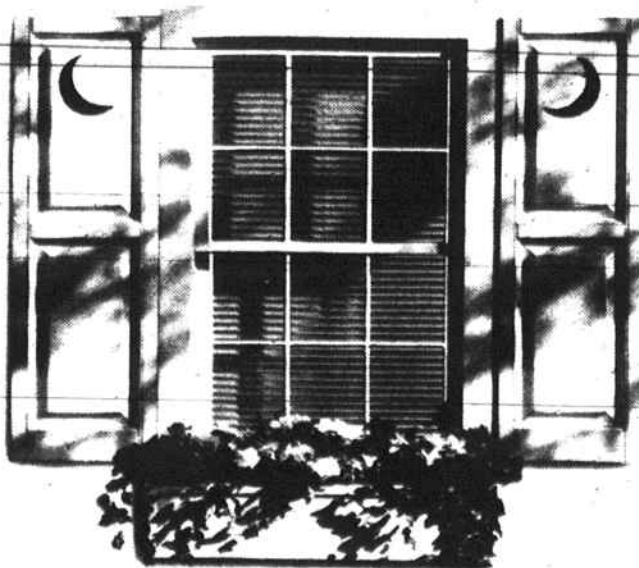
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