

COMMUNITY

M.L. Carr Says YMCA is Best Place for Children

▲ Boston Celtic Vice President spoke at Winston Lake YMCA last week

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M.L. Carr said that adults need to embrace today's youth instead of neglecting them.

Carr, a retired basketball player and executive vice president of the Boston Celtics, addressed nearly 200 people last Thursday evening at the annual meeting and banquet of the Winston Lake Family YMCA. He said the pressures facing youth are much greater today and they need adults to give them proper direction.

"Our youth today either don't have a voice or they are not being listened to," he said. "We are too quick to call our kids bad

or put a label on them, and that's destructive. They are not bad, they just have a lot of energy and someone has got to decide that our youth are worth helping."

Carr said the kids are constantly being surrounded by substance abuse, drugs, crime and violence, and places like the YMCA can provide a "safe haven" for kids.

In celebrating 69 years of existence and 10 years in the current facility, the Y honored many supporters in the community.

Recipients and their awards are as follows: Clark S. Brown

— H.E. Staplefoote Award; John Jowers and Al Jabbar — Thomas Neely Award; Alfred Adams—

said in two weeks \$60,000 had been raised to help fund YMCA memberships for needy children.

"The money was raised so that no one in the community will be turned away because they can't pay for a membership," she said. "I'm glad we have the center for the kids. It's a great place for

them to do constructive activities."

Michael McIntyre, director of the Black Achiever's program, said the increase of adult members has also attracted more youths to become active in the

YMCA programs.

Marcellette Orange, executive director of the Y, said the challenge has been accepted of providing mentors and counselors for kids to develop their minds as well as provide a recreational outlet. Orange said the success of the YMCA can be attested by its growing membership, which increased by 159 new members during this year's membership drive in October.

"The YMCA is a place where you can belong," she said. "When we look out in the community and see the many young people's lives we have touched, we know our work is not in vain."

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L.D. McClennon Award; and Vivian Turner, who received the Volunteer of the Year award.

Turner, community affairs manager at R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., headed up the Partners With Youth program and



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Church

Culminates Anniversary With March

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Members of Zion Memorial Baptist Church ended its 50th church anniversary celebration Sunday with a march from 1318 Lawrence St. to the church, located at First Street and Dunleith Avenue.

Sunday's services culminated a week of services in honor of the church that began in an old storefront in 1944. The celebration lasted from Dec. 7 until Sunday. Sunday's guest speaker was the Rev. Wesley Wiley, pastor of Zion Memorial from 1954 until 1964. The Rev. Joseph Jones is the current pastor.

Zion Memorial began when a small group left Emanuel Baptist Church in 1944. They met at members' homes until the old storefront was secured on Oct. 8, 1944. On Dec. 24, the congregation formally organized as Missionary Baptist Church.

The Rev. J.B. Monroe, a church member, suggested that the church be named "The Second Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church." The church accepted and by a unanimous vote Monroe was voted in as the church's first pastor.

The first members of the board of deacons: John Montgomery, Fred Horne and Tom Mills. J.C. Covington and Thomas Carter were named trustees.

The current building, replacing the old storefront, was erected and furnished between 1944 and 1949.

In 1955, the church's name was changed to Zion Memorial Baptist Church.

The Rev. Willie Martin of Cedar Creek Baptist Church in Mocksville spoke Wednesday. He is also a part-time chaplain at the Philadelphia Youth Detention Center in Philadelphia.

On Thursday, the Rev. John Mendez, pastor of Emanuel Baptist Church, was the guest speaker.

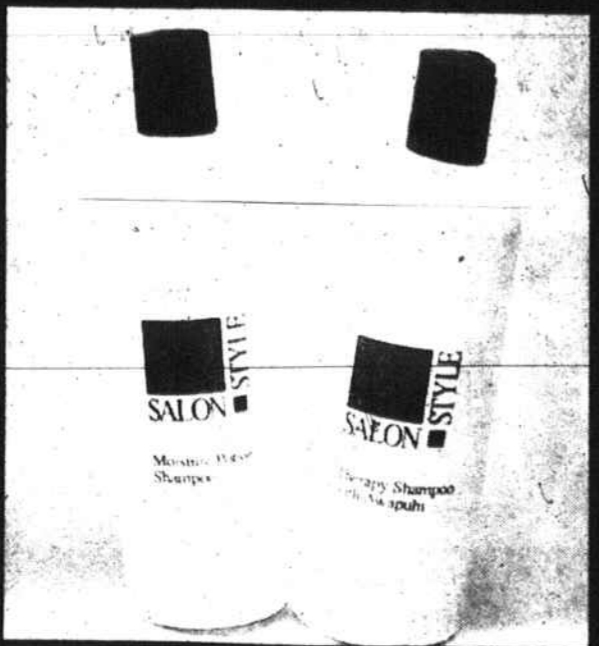
The Rev. Dennis Wiley, pastor of Covenant Baptist Church and a Winston-Salem native, brought the message on Friday.

A Jubilee Banquet was held at the Anderson Center Saturday night.



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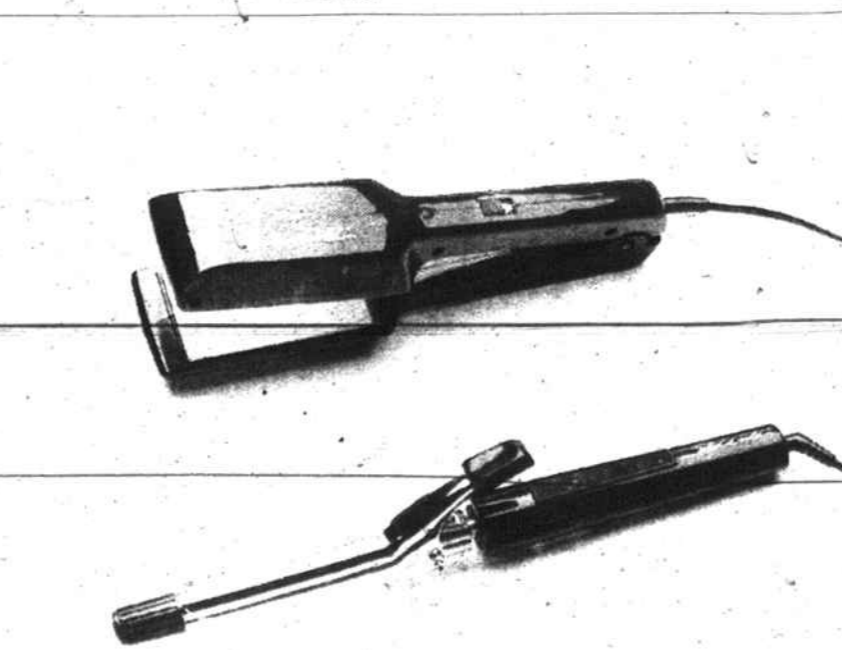
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