

Teacher Rama Proves Very Successful

A Teacher Rama was held last week at the McCrorey Branch YMCA under the direction of the National Chapter of Phi Delta Kappa Sorority.

The following members of the sorority participated: Mrs. Nellie Oxner, Ms. Ethel D. Polk, Ms. Frances Waddell, Ms. Mattie P. Ivey, Ms. Helen Alexander, Ms. Catherine P. Williams, Ms. Inez Grier, Ms. Mary Flowe, Ms. Johnetta McClure, Ms. Lucille Brown, Ms. Dianne Scott and Ms. Willie Powell.

According to Mrs. Catherine P. Williams, program director of the YMCA, the program was successful with more than 100 boys and girls participating. The purpose of the Teacher Rama, Mrs. Williams stated, "was to teach Black children about their heritage. The program was planned in conjunction with Negro History Week.

The children used various audio visual educational aids, filmstrips, records, books, pictures, tapes, movies, etc. They each received refreshments daily.

Mrs. Helen C. Alexander served as chairman of the week's program.



SILHOUETTES-Front Row, left to right, Grace Chambers, Parliamentarian, Willie Towns, Dorothy Person, Lessie Deavers, President Bessie Ledbetter, Vice President Vivian Williams, Recording Secretary, Jeanne Rorie, Historian; Lois Barnhill. Back Row-left to right, Christine Brown, Wilhelmina Rollins, Bernice Rorie, Leila Blakeney, Patricia Dowdy, Laura Malone, Christine Gadsden, Wabirk Corley, Thelma Davis, Dorothy Stinson.

Silhouette Club Hosts Champagne, Card Party

On February 9, members of the Silhouette Club of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity entertained friends at the second annual Champagne-Card Gala.

The festive affair was held at the Excelsior club amidst colorful decorations in red and white, sparkling champagne that flowed from a fountain and gaily wrapped prizes for the lucky ones.

All in attendance enjoyed games of bridge, pinocle, whist and po-ke-no. Delicious hors d'oeuvres were served with the champagne before and during the card games and exquisite prizes were awarded at the end.

With 165 lively guests it was an evening of fun, excitement and relaxation.

Members of the Social Committee who planned and directed the activities were Silhouettes, Bessie Ledbetter, chairman; Lawia Malone, Wabirk Corley, Lessie Deavers and Christine Brown.

Charlotte's Population Goes Over 300,000 Mark

It took 172 years for Charlotte to grow to 100,000 persons and another 200 years to top 200,000. The third 100,000 population growth was accomplished in just 14 years, thanks to the recent 32-square-mile annexation which brought an additional 44,000 persons into the city.

Today, the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce's Population Estimates Task Force, chaired by George Selden, announced that the official population estimate for Charlotte as of February 1, 1974 is now 301,700 persons. The increase is enough to move Charlotte from 59th to the 50th largest city in the United States.

The Task Force's estimates are important for a number of reasons. The annual estimate is used by all agencies of the community for purposes of consistency. Such figures are important in the sale of governmental bonds, applications for federal grants and in planning.

Represented on the Task Force is the Planning Commission, The Mecklenburg County Health Department, Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools, Southern Bell and market research specialists from the financial institutions of the city. Because of the cross-section of planning agencies on the Task Force and the methodology used in arriving at the annual estimate, the Task Force experienced only a 2 percent error in estimates between the 1960 and 1970 county censuses.

Unforeseen population shifts due to urban renewal and school unrest caused considerably more error in city estimates during the same period. In addition to the city population estimate, Chairman Selden announced population estimate figures for Mecklenburg County and the Charlotte-Gastonia SMSA (Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area). As of February 1, 1974, the total Mecklenburg County population was estimated at 387,300. The January 1, 1974 estimate for the SMSA, which includes Mecklenburg, Union and Gaston Counties, is 602,500.

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Charlotte Junior Wins Office

Steve Rader, a Duke University junior from Charlotte has been elected state chairman of the North Carolina Federation of College Republicans. Rader won office unanimously at the College Republican state convention held in Chapel Hill on Saturday, February 16.

Other officers elected were: Co-Chairwoman, Loretta Honeycutt of Meredith College; Vice-Chairman, Jimmy Myers of Wake Forest University; Treasurer, Mark Burnette of East Carolina University; Secretary, Jeff Taylor of UNC; Assistant-Secretary, Jim Jorgenson of Campbell College. Regional officers elected were Bill

Turpitt of Duke, Terry Nuhn of N.C. State, John Molen of UNC, Mike Morris of UNC-C, and Mike Long of Appalachian State University.

In other business, the convention adopted resolutions opposing public financing of elections, supporting the East Carolina medical school, and calling for the resignation of N.C. Attorney General Robert Morgan.

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