

1,000 Masons Will

Converge On Greensboro

Greensboro, - More than 1,000 members of the Prince Hall Affiliation and auxiliary of the North Carolina Council of the Deliberation Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry are expected to participate in the council's annual two-day session in Greensboro April 12-13.

The sessions, featuring state and national officers of the group, will be held at the new Royal Villa Motel.

Registration for the meeting will be held Saturday, April 12 at 8 a.m. in the motel, followed by a business session, and the annual awards banquet that night at 7 p.m.

Speaker for the banquet will be Bishop Herbert Bell Shaw of Wilmington.

Other participants will include Dr. John Gideon Lewis Jr., Louisiana sovereign grand commander of the United Supreme Council 330 Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Masonry, and James A. Mingo secretary of the Holy Empire of the United Supreme Council.

Shaw, grand master of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of North Carolina, is also presiding bishop of the First Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church.

A nationally prominent educator, religious and fraternity leader, he has served as vice president at large of the National Council of Churches, president of the World Council of Churches, board of directors of the Community Boys Club of America and the 4-H Foundation, trustee board of Livingstone College.

Shaw was also delegate to the World Methodist Conference in England and India.

Lewis, an international masonic leader, has served as a member of the board of trustees of the National Urban League, the Southwest Educational Development Laboratory and the Flint Goodridge Hospital.

He is past imperial potentate of the Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of North and South America, past general grand high priest of the General Conference of Grand Chapter of Holy Royal Arch Masons.

Mingo, also a national fraternal leader, was an employee of the late President Roosevelt, when Roosevelt was governor of New York. He later worked for Roosevelt in New York.

Miss Butler Named To

Barber-Scotia Dean's List

A 1974 West Charlotte graduate has been named to the Dean's List and Honor Roll for the Fall Semester at Barber-Scotia College.

Abbie Louise Butler, the daughter of Mrs. Mattie Butler of 1920 Taylor Avenue, received the distinctions after compiling a "B" average for the fall semester.

The Dean's List distinction is awarded to students at the Concord, N. C. institution who have a 3 point or over cumulative average. A student who has a B average for one semester and not over cumulative several semesters is named to the honor roll.

Mrs. Butler's major at Barber-Scotia is Business Administration and the freshman student is interested in becoming a certified public accountant. Her activities include the college choir, and



MISS ABBIE BUTLER
...Outstanding student

the pep club.

At West Charlotte, she was a member of the Pep Club, the Girls Athletic Association, the Red Cross, the Commercial Dietetics Club, the Booster Club, the Spirit Club, and the Y-Teens.

"My life ambition is to finish college and maybe go on to grad school. I want to become a CPA," said the active and ambitious young woman.



MRS. KATIE HATCHER
...Distinguished Lady

Famed Educator Is Mt. Moriah

Guest Speaker

Mrs. Katie L. Hatcher of Winston-Salem, Past President of Surry County Classroom Teachers Association will be the keynote speaker at Mount Moriah Primitive Baptist Church's annual Missionary and Women's Day Program on Sunday, March 23, at 3 p.m.

Mrs. Hatcher graduated from Winston-Salem State University with a B. A. degree in Elementary Education. She earned the Master of Arts degree in Early Childhood Education at Columbia University, N.Y., and is currently on the instructional staff of Pilot Mountain Elementary School.

She is active in her local church, Chestnut Ridge P. B. Church, Westfield, N. C. where she is president of the Women's Council and teacher of the Women's Bible Class. She holds memberships in the local, state, and national Education Associations and in the National Association of College Women.

She is a wife and mother of three children. Following the program at the church, the Women of Mt. Moriah invite the worshippers and friends to meet Mrs. Hatcher at a reception in the church Fellowship Hall.

Area College Day

Will Be Held

Here Saturday

College Representatives from North and South Carolina, Virginia, Georgia and Alabama will be at the Greenville Neighborhood Center on Saturday March 29 beginning at 9 a.m. to assist high school seniors and juniors in planning their college careers.

The area College Day is sponsored by the Charlotte Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc.

Offers Financial Aid

Community Assistance Program Finds

Help For People With Problems

People with all sorts of problems now have a central location for finding help with the opening Wednesday, last week, of the Community Assistance Center.

The Center, housed in the educational wing of Pritchard Memorial Baptist Church at 1117 South Blvd., offers both

financial aid and social services to people needing such help.

Almost 600 families and individuals had applied for help by the end of the Center's third day of operation.

To cut down on confusion and overcrowding, staff members on Thursday began

asking persons overflowing the waiting area to take numbers and come back at an appointed time. The system seemed to eliminate long periods of waiting for people who needed initial interviews to determine their problems.

Basically the temporary emergency program can help

people who have little or no income and who have exhausted their resources.

People who have filed for unemployment compensation but have not yet received a check.

People who are awaiting a hearing on unemployment compensation.

People not eligible for unemployment compensation but have applied for and are awaiting assistance from other established government agencies.

People with emergency needs because of extenuating circumstances.

People needing help must apply in person at the Center which will be open Monday through Saturday. Hours will be 9 a.m. until 8 p.m. daily except Wednesday when it will close at 4 p.m. and Saturday when it will close at 2:30 p.m.

Ed Gully, administrator of the Center, stressed that the privacy of individuals needing help will be honored. Private offices will be used in counseling clients and records will be kept confidential.

The Center for the first time brings together under one roof a variety of social service agencies.

Representatives from the following agencies will be housed in the Center: Mecklenburg County Department of Social Services, Employment Security Commission, Family and Children's Services, Consumer Credit Counseling Service, Salvation Army, Homeowner's Counsel-

ing Service, Open House, and the county-supported Echo telephone referral staff.

Checks will be written on site to people needing help paying rent, utilities, food or fuel. In some cases, checks may be made out to merchants for items such as rent or utilities. Amount of financial aid will depend on the circumstances of the case.

The Center is sponsored jointly by United Community Services, donations from area Churches, Mecklenburg County and the City of Charlotte.

It is staffed by volunteers from Red Cross and staff members from participating agencies and organizations.

Decisions affecting the Center are made by the Community Assistance Policy Committee, headed by William J. Veeder and is composed of representatives of each of the four supporting groups. The Center also has an advisory committee of professional staff members representing various agencies taking part in the program.

Organization of the Center, set up to deal with some of the problems caused by the current economic crisis, grew out of a study committee of the Social Planning Council of United Community Services. The committee suggested that the Center be opened as a temporary program in response to families needing and seeking help who many times could not decide where to go.



JUNIOR DIVISION WINNER, Smith Turner, III, receives plaque from Basileus Fredrick Ervin, right, following Omega talent Hunt Program last Sunday. Judge Lydia Pride observes. Other winners in the Junior Division were: Cynthia McCullough, left, Third Place, and Darrel Ervin, second from left, Second Place Winner. (See story and other photo on page 1) Photo by Peeler

McCullough Jubilee Choir Celebrates

On March 2, the McCullough Jubilee Choir climaxed their 48th Anniversary with a

Spiritual Program and the Crowning of the King and Queen for 1975.

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