

Campaign '76

Progressing

On Schedule

Campaign '76, the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce membership drive for this year, has raised almost \$10,000, or 18 percent of the expected goal. The announcement was made by John McCaskill, vice chairman of Campaign '76, at the first report meeting of the team captains Tuesday morning.

Wachovia Bank is the top producing team with current sales figures of \$1,650. Duke Power is second with \$1,510 and First Citizens Bank is third with \$1,500. Top individual membership salesman is Wachovia's team captain Farrah Parker with \$1,240. He is followed by Tommy Burleson of Duke Power with \$1,210. George Taylor of Southern Bell and Alex Badger of First Citizens are tied for third with \$750 each.

Twenty-eight company teams are working on the campaign and are equally divided into two leagues. Teams, leagues and individuals compete on a weekly basis for incentive awards.

Visitors to the Chamber can see the week-by-week progress of the teams and individuals on a Leader Board that has been set up in the Chamber of Commerce lobby.

Weekly report meetings will continue until the end of the drive, which will conclude April 30.

Air Force

Seeking Women

The Air Force is seeking a limited number of qualified young women to enlist as security specialists, according to Air Force Security Police officials. The volunteers will participate in a trial program utilizing women in the security career specialty.

Major General Thomas M. Sadler, Air Force chief of security police, explained the program.

"We currently have female officers", he said, "and eventually will have female senior non-commissioned officers, supervising security specialists while precluding lower grade enlisted women from that specialty. In view of the recent decision to open some flying positions to women, it now seems an opportune time to perform an on-the-job, open-ended trial of the use of women in the security role," General Sadler said.

Approximately 120 women volunteers for the program are now being sought by the Air Force Recruiting Service.

Young women interested in the security career area should contact their nearest Air Force recruiter for further information.

Druid Hill Garden

Club Plans To Tour

Local Gardens

Plans for touring local gardens were finalized in the Druid Hill Garden Club meeting at the home of Mrs. Sophie Blackmon, 1700 Harrill St., last Thursday night.

The organization plans to begin the tour with a visit to the gardens of its members and other gardens in the city during the last week in April.

According to a spokeswoman of the club, the group "had a good start with their gardens, but the neighborhood kids pulled up lots of the bulbs and we have lots of extra work to do."

Mrs. Eva Wylie, president, termed "it was a good meeting with 12 members present."

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MAR-KA TULIP CLUB President Estelle Friday, 2nd from left, presented Sickle Cell Anemia Fund Director, Peggy Beckwith, left, a check for \$100 on behalf of the 10-year-old club. Wilma Rushing, 2nd from right, and Gracie Belk, right, participated in the presentation.

Photo by Peeler

Mar-Ka Club Makes Donation

To Sickle Cell Anemia Funds

The Mar-Ka Tulip Club has added the Charlotte Chapter of Sickle Cell Anemia to the growing list of organizations and individuals who benefit from the 10-year-old club's generosity.

Club president Estelle Friday, accompanied by Wilma Rushing, Chaplain; and Gracie Belk, assistant secretary; presented Sickle Cell Anemia Director Peggy Beckwith a check for \$100 to be used by the organization to research a cure for the disease that primarily afflicts Blacks.

4-H Marine Plan Science Workshop

Rising high school juniors and seniors will have an opportunity to learn about marine science, ecology of the coastal region and career opportunities at two summer workshops.

The dates of the workshops are: June 27 - July 3, and August 1-7.

The workshops will be held at the Harbor House Marine Science Center at Wrightsville Beach, according to Roy Alexander, Mecklenburg County 4-H Agent.

The 8-member Mar-Ka Tulip Club has contributed to the Empty Stocking Fund, Open House Drug Center, given gifts to the residents of Aery's Nursing Home, and given clothing to needy persons as part of their public service projects.

"Everyone in the club likes tulips and has a Tulip Garden," said President Friday, adding "We meet the first Saturday in each month at 8 o'clock at different members' homes and have limited the club's membership to 12 persons."

The programs include lectures, films, discussions and field trips to coastal areas and marine science laboratories.

The workshops are sponsored by the 4-H organization, but attendance is not limited to 4-H members. However, students must have the endorsement of their science teacher, principal or county extension agent. Persons who have attended previous marine science workshops are not eligible.

The club members plan to take their husbands to the Pineville Dinner Theater soon, another of their good deeds.

The Mar-Ka Tulip Club was organized in 1966 and is presently composed of: Estelle Friday, president; Pauline Horton, vice president; Gracie Belk, assistant secretary; Mattie Frazier, treasurer; Wilma Rushing, Chaplain; Elizabeth Nicholas, secretary; Ozzie Lee Stradford, social committee chairperson; and Eileen Neely.

Their Club song is "Summertime," their colors are Yellow and Green, and their Motto is "I Want To Write A Book About It."

Grandfather Mountain Opens New Season

GRANDFATHER MOUNTAIN, N.C. -- "Carolinas Top Scenic Attraction", mile-high Grandfather Mountain, opened its season recently and will be open daily from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. from now until mid-November.

The popular travel attraction established all-time visitor records a year ago, and expectations are that those figures will be surpassed during the Bicentennial Year of 1976.

Grandfather Mountain in 1976 will once again be the site of such famed events as "Singing on the Mountain" and the Highland Games and Gathering of Scottish Clans. "Singing on the Mountain" which will feature the Rev. Oral Roberts and a host of well known musical personalities, is scheduled for Sunday, June 27. The Highland Games will be staged on July 10-11. And the Carolina Press Photographers' Camera clinic is slated for August 21-22.

Daily hang-gliding exhibitions will be featured at Grandfather Mountain, on days when weather conditions permit, beginning May 3. Two flights are scheduled at four different times of the day -- at 10 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m., and 4:30 p.m.

Members of Mildred the Bear's famous family can be seen from close-up viewing

East Boulevard Closes

East Boulevard will be closed between Camden Road and South Boulevard Wednesday, April 14 to permit the repair of the Southern Railway Mainline Crossing at East Boulevard.

For Railway Repair

Traffic will be detoured around the construction site by way of Camden road, Park Avenue and South Boulevard. Local traffic will be maintained between South Boulevard and the Southern Railway.

areas which overlook two separate Environmental Habitats. Three tiny cubs born during the Winter will undoubtedly gain most of the visitors' prime attention this year.

The Mile-High Swinging Bridge is another fascination of the 5,964-foot mountain, and it allows visitors to reach a lofty peak which offers a spectacular 100-mile view of the surrounding hills and valleys.

The Visitor Center, also located at the crest of the towering mountain, houses a snack bar, gift shop, exhibits of minerals, plants and wildlife, and North Carolina's only native trout aquarium. Picnic facilities and numerous hiking trails are other popular features of the billion-year-old mountain.

At different times during the season, a brilliant color spectacle is offered throughout the

4,100 acre recreation preserve. From May 1 to May 25, such plants as Trillium, Vaseyi and Lady's Slipper bloom. The Red Rhododendron, Flame Azalea and Laurel are the best from May 25 to June 20. The White Rhododendron bloom during July's first two weeks, and the multi-colored foliage is at peak beauty between October 3 and October 25.



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BY THE WAY...
by Joe Black

Ever so often, I think it's wise to take a fresh look at some of the values, some of the areas we all have to deal with today. If we all really have our eye on tomorrow...

So, in this column today, I'd like to restate some of the comments, some of the concepts I keep weaving into the fabric of all the By The Ways.

Some things that have to do with the overall idea that Black is beautiful.

And how beauty can fade to ugly.

Simple things, for instance, like our Black neighborhoods and communities. Black isn't beautiful when our home grounds get all junked up with trash, bottles, and empty beer cans. That's an ugliness we, too often, do to ourselves. And, as they say when it happens, "There goes the neighborhood."

More important, there goes a sense of pride. And if we lose that, we've lost it all.

Another thing I lay on a lot is education. Good, complete education. The kind that helps prepare our young people to take a better place in the work world. And a stronger position in the Black community.

If we flunk out on education opportunities that are vastly more available today, then we flunk out on tomorrow's opportunities for all of us.

Then there's the insidiousness of Black-on-Black crime. Blacks ripping off other Blacks. Because of envy. Apathy. And false values—if any—that too often stem from a cancerous lack of caring.

If this kind of crime continues to destroy our faith and trust in ourselves, then what are we?

Last, but not least, is the strength of the home unit. The responsibility of both Mother and Father to work together, one as the other, to provide the best starting ground for our children as possible.

If home isn't where the heart is, then we're raising future generations with no heart.

Of course many of our problems still stem from discrimination. I don't deny that. But we're all going to be hard put to handle that problem if we don't take care of a few of our own first.

If we all believe that Black is beautiful, how can any one of us help make it ugly?

I don't believe we have the right.

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