

## Grier Heights United Presbyterian Church Sets Financial Goal For 1977

By James Peeler  
Post Staff Writer

Rev. Raymond Worsley, pastor of the 299-member Grier Heights United Presbyterian Church, USA, since April 1971, conducted the 325 Skyland Ave. Church's annual Commissioning Of Stewardship Commitment Visitors Service last Sunday following their Morning Worship.

The service signals the beginning of annual visitations to members' homes by Calling Agents of The Stewardship Task Force who interpret and reiterate the need, mission, and work of the church and take pledges of financial support toward the church's annual budget.



GRIER HEIGHTS STEWARDSHIP TASK FORCE

...with Steering Committee and Ruling Elders

The 300-seat Grier Heights Presbyterian Church, situated on land donated by the late Arthur Grier and his wife, has made its presence felt in the Griertown Community.

According to Rev. Worsley, the church has two sections of Headstart Programs for three and four year olds, it feeds 200 Senior Citizens five days a

week in its Fellowship Hall, rent-free. It has a Girl Scout Troop, conducts a Summer Youth Program, assisted by a \$1,000 Scholarship from Sardis Presbyterian Church; and conducted a Special Program for 50 piano student which was directed by Mrs. Bettye C. Walker, Minister of Music at Grier Heights.

According to Rev. Worsley, the church owns a 100 x 300 corner lot across the street from the sanctuary and hopes to construct a Community Center.

The church's next project will be a Christian Education Seminar for young people to last 8-weeks in May and June of 1977.

## Happiness Through Health

# New Strain Of Gonorrhea

By Otto McClarrin  
Special To The Post

Health authorities are on a world-wide alert for a new strain of gonorrhea resistant to penicillin, the antibiotic used successfully since World War II to treat the venereal disease.

They fear that if the new strain becomes widespread, it could deal a severe setback to the national venereal disease control program. The National Center for Disease Control (NCDC), which issued the alert, said that several additional cases of the new type of gonorrhea have come to its attention since the discovery of two cases (one in Maryland and one in California) at the end of August. Both of the earlier cases are believed to be the result of sexual contact made in the Philippines.

Dr. Ralph Henderson, director of the center's venereal disease control division, said "We have instituted a world-wide search for additional isolates through the World Health Organization, and we've alerted all state laboratories and health departments of this finding."

He stated that the center has recommended that all patients with gonorrhea be checked seven to 14 days after completion of treatment to confirm cure. He added that if the penicillin-resistant gonorrhea strain becomes widespread, it could mean a severe setback to the venereal disease control program.

A comparatively new antibiotic, spectinomycin, was used to effect an apparent

cure in the first two cases of the new strain, and tetracycline was used effectively in another case. Gonorrhea has been classified as a national epidemic for the last four years.

**KICKING TOBACCO HABIT**  
Some heavy smokers in Great Britain have been able to kick the habit by stubbing out their cigarettes and chewing a stick of "nicotine gum" instead. Doctors at an anti-smoking clinic there have been testing the gum, which contains the nicotine that occurs naturally in tobacco leaves, on smokers who want to give up cigarettes.

Many scientists believe the nicotine in tobacco causes the stimulation that smokers seem to crave. By taking the nicotine in gum form, the smoker can get his satisfaction without all the health hazards of smoking.

The trials have been going on for four years at the Addiction Research Institute at London's Maudsley Hospital under the direction of a team led by Dr. Michael Russell. Of every 10 smokers who tried

the gum, four have remained non-smokers for at least a year after the "treatment," according to Dr. Russell.

"Of all the methods we've tried so far to help smokers give up, this seems to be the most successful. By next year, doctors should be able to write a prescription for nicotine gum. It's quite a breakthrough," he said.

The gum is only a temporary substitute, to be used for a month or two, to help smokers over their withdrawal symptoms while giving up. It is considered safer than tobacco because it contains neither tar nor carbon monoxide, which collect in the lungs.

Chest and lung infections, cancer and heart disease are the most serious illnesses widely believed to be caused by smoking. Cigarette smoking during pregnancy is associated with an increased risk of stillborn or undersized babies.

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### JAMES (COSS) DAVIS DAVIS AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE



## Mrs. Ophelia Gray ...Section president NCNW To Sponsor Banquet

### Here November 16

A banquet will be held Friday, November 19 by the local section of the National Council of Negro Women, an organization founded in 1935 by Mary McLeod Bethune.

Robin Sadaukai of Greensboro, the regional director of the southeastern district of the council, will be the guest speaker for the banquet. It will be held in the Wagoner Room of the Heart of Charlotte, 3815 N. Tryon St., from 7 to 9 p.m.

Over 80 enthusiastic women hold membership in the local section of the council, said section President Ophelia Carson Gray. She said the members are professional, non-professional and para-professional. All women are encouraged to associate with the council, said Mrs. Gray.

The Charlotte section of the council was formed in May. It received an official charter in August. Mrs. Gray said the membership goal is 200.

"These women are trying to promote an awareness of the great opportunities that are theirs in our changing society," said Mrs. Gray. She added that the council seeks to "carry out the legacy of Mary McLeod Bethune."

Key ideals of the council are faith, love, hope, racial dignity, confidence, respect for the use of power and a thirst for education, according to Mrs. Gray.

### Uptown Pedestrian

### Signals Reactivated

Beginning Wednesday, November 10 pedestrian signals at 22 uptown Charlotte intersections will be reactivated. The signals have been adjusted to coordinate pedestrian movements with the new computerized traffic signal system.

Citizens are advised that the adjusted signals will operate somewhat differently than before. When the signal displays:

--"WALK" - It is safe to enter or be in the crosswalk.  
--Flashing "DON'T WALK" - It is safe to be in the crosswalk but it is not safe to begin crossing.

The Stewardship Steering Committee, headed by Mrs. Ruth E. Kennedy, wife of the church's former pastor Rev. C.M. Kennedy, "worked three straight weeks and held 4 Workshops" in preparation for last Sunday's Stewardship Sunday Service, according to pastor Worsley.

Chairperson Kennedy was assisted in her Stewardship Steering Committee tasks by Rudy Nance Graddy, Assistant Chairperson; Obie Blackwell, Mamie Davis, Ethel G. Wallace, George P. Wallace, and Mary J. Wallace.

This year's Stewardship Task Force is composed of Sarah Allison, Willie Blackwell, Katherine Childs, Dorothy Ellis, Johnnie M. Evans, Genora Fant, Ellen Gamble, Louise Harris, M.J.B. Henderson, Lillian Hendricks, Calvin Lewers, Patricia Looper, Thelma Miller, Mamie Moore, Helen Montgomery, Dorothy Polk, Marvin Price, Amanda Russell, Elbie Wallace, Henry Furman Wallace, Sophia Wells, Walter L. Wallace, and Annie Christine Williams.

A delighted Rev. Worsley said last Tuesday that this year's visitations were "the best educational program on interpretation of the work, need, and mission of the church ever."

### County Offices To

### Observe Veterans Day

All Mecklenburg County Offices will be closed Thursday, November 11, in observance of Veterans Day.

This will include all branches of the Public Library and all units of the Health Department and the Social Services Department except the day care centers operated by Social Services. The Food Stamp Office will be closed.

All district and superior courts will be closed for the day.

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