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Dr. Sutton  
Is Formally  
Installed

The Rev. Dr. Alan B. Sutton was formally installed as pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church during Sunday afternoon services conducted by denomination Moderator Dr. J. B. Humphrey.

After the "Administering Of The Charge" to the church congregation and pastor-elect Sutton by Rev. Humphrey, the former pastor of Union Baptist Church, Wilmington, N.C. officially became the successor of the late Dr. A.J. Ryans, who held the post 28 years before his death.

To mark the occasion, an Installation Committee, headed by Chairman Cesar Wallace and composed of Claude Boyd, William Byrd, Mrs. Warbirk Corley, Mrs. Bernice B. Douglas, Tennyson L. Johnson Sr., Mrs. Mary B. Maxwell, Ruben McKissick, and Mrs. Bertha A. Spencer, conducted two days of activities beginning on Saturday night, November 20, with a Buffet Supper in the Student Union Hall of Johnson C. Smith University.

Organist William Crowder and soloist James Nesbit furnished the music for the occasion which was attended by 225 guests including Judge Clifton Johnson, County Commissioner Robert Walton, Councilman Harvey Gantt, Dr. and Mrs. J.B. Humphrey, Rev. and Mrs. John Thomas, Rev. and Mrs. R.W. Dalton, Rev. and Mrs. Coleman Kerry, Jr., Rev. and Mrs. M.L. Dillingham, and the famous dancer, "Peg Leg" Bates.

The Rev. J.W. Baines, pastor of First Baptist Church, Roxboro, N.C. was the featured speaker for the Saturday Supper.

Guest speaker for the 11:00 a.m. Sunday Worship Service was Rev. M.L. Dillingham of Wilmington, N.C. and Rev. R.W. Dalton delivered the message at the Sunday afternoon Installation Service where Ebenezer's new pastor "was presented several beautiful paintings, by artist Preston Fair, for his office and home," according to church spokeswoman Mary Maxwell, who added, "A beautiful Reception in the church's Fellowship Hall (733 East Trade St.) followed the Installation Service."

Rev. Sutton has served as interim pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church since July. He and his wife live on Capps-Hill Lane Road and have three children: Pam, Alan Jr., and Rita.

## Gov. Holshouser

## Appoints 5 To

## Medical Commission

Governor Jim Holshouser announced this week the appointment of two new members and three present members to the North Carolina Medical Care Commission.

The members reappointed are: Dr. William L. Adecek, Jr., of Raleigh, Dr. David S. Nelson of Winston-Salem and Thomas R. Howerton of Durham. The new members are Mrs. Mattye M. Reed of Greensboro and Sister Mary J. Spradley of Charlotte.

## TURTLE-TALK



The EASIEST WAY to pick out the host at a COCKTAIL PARTY is to find the one who is MEASURING THE DRINKS.

DELIGHTFUL TARA BYRD  
...A very special person

## Miss Tara Byrd

## Is Beauty Of Week

By Melvetta Jenkins  
Post Staff Writer

The delightful 16 year-old Tara Byrd is featured as this week's Beauty.

Tara is the daughter of Mrs. Betty Goines of 402 Benjamin Street. She is a junior at Myers Park High School, where she is a member of the ROTC, the Project Aries Club, which visits area junior high schools to help them with their problems, the Upward Bound Program, which is located at Johnson C. Smith University, and the Distributive Education Club.

Tara says that English is her favorite subject and that Mrs. Mason, a history instructor, is her favorite teacher.

Among her various hobbies, Tara listed dancing, singing, and meeting new people as her favorites.

Presently Tara's future plans are up in the air, with joining the Navy, where she can implement the training she has acquired from ROTC and serve her country, or going on to college being her two main choices.

Our Beauty worships at Gethsemane Baptist Church where Rev. C.E. Dewberry is the pastor.

"I like Gladys Knight," Tara says, explaining the choice of Miss Knight as her favorite singer, "because of her dynamic voice and style. Her recordings are always 'right on time' and have a lot of meaning which is accentuated by her special style of singing."

Our 5'7" Beauty was born under the sign of Capricorn on January 13, 1960, so she is looking forward to her upcoming 17th birthday. Tara says that her knowledge of astrology is limited but that she has heard other people describe Capricorns as being stubborn. "But I'm not," Tara says, clarifying the point.

Tara recognizes her aunt, Mrs. Frances Debeuneure, as the person she admires the most, excluding her mother. "She's really special to me. Anytime that I want to go somewhere, she's the person who persuades my mother to let me go. She's just sweet," Tara smiled.

Our Beauty, in regards to being Beauty of the Week, says "It's a pleasure, really, because, like most people, I like to see my picture in the newspaper. It makes you

feel special."

Tara, who used to be a Candy Stripper at a local hospital, says that she still likes to go visit the elderly people there. "I like to visit them because a lot of them are without families and I believe that having visitors makes them feel like they are wanted and that they've got someone."

She says that she loves children and plans to adopt a child when she's in a better position to do so. "I think that there are too many unwanted children in the world today without parents," Tara says. "So, instead of bringing some of my own into this overcrowded world, I plan to help some of the children who are already here and need my help."

"I believe that you should 'do unto others as you'd have them do unto you,' because it's really true that what goes around comes around."

The POST urges all to take heed of Tara's refreshing, hope-giving philosophy of life and to enjoy this blessed Christmas season.

## December 19

## Joanne Little Eligible For Parole

(CCNS) - Joanne Little has won two recent battles which could have delayed her release from prison on parole later this month. The first battle was a hearing to determine if her 1974 probation from a shoplifting conviction should be revoked, thus making active a 6 month suspended sentence. The second was a charge of possession of items banned from inmate possession at the North Carolina Correctional Center for Women where she is incarcerated. She will be eligible for parole on December 19, at which time she will have served one-fourth of her sentence.

The hearing before Superior Court Judge Herbert Phillips to determine if Ms. Little's probation should be revoked. Officially designated as a court proceeding, it has been characterized by Ms. Little and her supporters as "one more way to keep me in prison." The heroine was charged with moving from her home in Beaufort County without notifying and receiving consent from her probation

## Examine

## Toys Before

## Buying

Toy-related injuries will wipe out the joy of the holiday season for thousands of youngsters this year. Many accidents can be avoided by heeding some common sense precautions—especially by hurried shoppers looking for children's gifts at the last minute.

The Dogwood Easter Seal Society serving Anson, Cabarrus, Cleveland, Gaston, Lincoln, Mecklenburg and Union suggests that shoppers take a few minutes to examine a toy before buying. That extra time could save a child from serious injury.

Although most toys on the market are safe for children, thanks to comprehensive safety standards developed by the American Toy Industry, there still are some that are potentially dangerous. The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission has banned some 1800 toys in the past three years, most of foreign origin.

Parents can help cut down accidents by providing safe storage space for toys suitable for older children that would be hazardous in the hands of young children. Most of the estimated 150,000 toy related injuries each year occur through misuse of the toys, lack of guidance and adequate instructions.

—Be sure your child is old enough or sophisticated enough for the toy you choose. Don't give a six-year-old shooting toys, or a pre-schooler a chemistry set.

—Beware of rough or sharp edges on toys and stay away from toddlers' toys that come apart easily—those tiny parts can choke a child.

—When shopping for an infant, be sure the toy is unbreakable and too big to fit in the child's mouth. A broken piece of plastic can do great damage to a youngster's eyes or ears.

—Check all electric toys to be sure that both the cord and the toy itself have UL (Underwriters Laboratory) approval. If not, don't buy it.

officer, Mary Moore, and with violating the terms of her probation when she was convicted in June, 1974 for a January 9, 1974 breaking and entering of a mobile home in Beaufort County.

It was following the Beaufort County conviction, while Ms. Little was in jail in Washington, North Carolina, that she was sexually assaulted by jailer Clarence Alligood. She killed Alligood and was later acquitted in a nationally publicized trial.

Jerry Paul, one of Ms. Little's defense attorneys, argued that the State had waited too long in bringing the charges, and that bringing the charges at that point would serve only to delay the parole for which Ms. Little will be eligible on December 19. "Why did the State wait until Ms. Little was ready to be paroled to bring this charge?" Paul asked the court.

"Your honor, I talked with you on three occasions about these violations and asked your advice on what to do," answered Ms. Mary Moore, Joanne Little's probation offi-



Photo by Peeler

JCSU ALUMNI PRESIDENT James I. Melvin, third from left, accepts gavel from past president Rufus D. Spears, left. Other officers

included: Myra Maxwell, Willie Walker, Jackie McKinly, Horace Gaines, and Julia Garvin.

## Chapter President

## Melvin Heads JCSU Alumni

By James Peeler  
Post Staff Writer

James I. Melvin, a native of Cayce, South Carolina, was installed last Wednesday night as President of the Charlotte Chapter of Johnson C. Smith University Alumni Association during the organization's regular monthly meeting at Excelsior Club.

New President Melvin is a 1969 graduate of Johnson C. Smith University. He also has an M.A. degree in economics. He is married to the former Joyce Johnson, a student in the School of Nursing at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. They have one daughter, Kerin, age 5.

He is a member of Mt. Carmel Baptist Church and sing on the church's Senior Choir.

Melvin is also Second Vice Polemarch of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity.

The 30-year-old Melvin succeeds R.D. Spears who has served at Alumni President since December of 1974.

During his administration, President Melvin says he "has a strong desire to increase the chapter's revenue so that larger amounts of money can be given to the University." He also "hopes to increase active participation in the operations of the chapter and form a better liaison between the chapter and the University."

Other officers installed at Wednesday's meeting included Joe Majors, Second Vice President; Glynda Pyant, First Vice President; Myra Maxwell, Secretary; Jackie McKinly, Corresponding Secretary; Horace Gaines, Treasurer; Willie W. Walker, Sgt.-At-Arms; and Julia Garvin, Historian.

## City Announces

## Holiday Schedules

Charlotte City Government announces the following schedule for Christmas and New Year's holidays.

Due to the four-day work week, the Sanitation Division will provide service to each residence in the city on a Monday and Wednesday and Tuesday and Thursday schedule for backyard garbage collections. There will be no curbside trash collection dur-

ing the week. Therefore, the city officials are asking that no trash be placed at the curb. A spokesman for the city said the York Road Landfill will be open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. from December 20 through December 23. It will also be open until noon on December 24. The landfill will be closed on Christmas Day.

City employees will also get a holiday on Monday, December 27. Collection services for the week after Christmas will be on a Tuesday and Thursday and a Wednesday and Friday schedule, with two backyard garbage pickups during the period.

Special curbside trash service will be provided during the week. Residents north of Wilkinson and Independence Boulevards should place their trash at the curb by 7 a.m. Thursday, December 30 for collection the same day. On the southside, residents should place items at the curbside by 7 a.m. on Friday, December 31 for pickup the same day.

The York Road Landfill will be open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. from December 27 through December 30 and until noon on December 31. The landfill will be closed New Year's Day.

All City government offices will be closed on Monday, January 3 in observance of New Year's. Sanitation Division will provide two backyard garbage collections during the week on a Tuesday and Thursday and Wednesday and Friday schedule.

No curbside trash will be collected during the week. However, trash at the curb will be collected on Tuesday, January 11 and on Wednesday, January 12.

## Delegation

## Ejected

## From Court

SALISBURY - (CCNS) - A delegation from the Ronnie Long Defense Committee was ejected from the Rowan County Court House in Salisbury as they attempted for the second time to present petitions calling for reduction in Ronnie Long's \$100,000 bond to Superior Court Judge William Z. Wood.

Wood, the judge that sentenced Long to two life terms after an intense week-long trial in Concord in September of this year, had set Long's bond at \$100,000 pending appeal.

The delegation had in their possession petitions containing the signatures of over 1000 persons calling for reduction of the bail. They had been waiting at the Rowan County Court House to present the petitions to Wood, who was scheduled to begin holding court there. Wood a source said, spotted the delegation and entered the court house from another entrance. The delegation then attempted to present the petitions to Wood, but were prevented from doing so by the Rowan County Sheriff's Department, which refused to allow them into the courtroom. They were then told to leave the courthouse and were escorted out by several armed deputies.

Long, age 20 of Concord, N.C. was convicted by an all-white jury of the rape of Sarah M. Bost, the widow of a Cannon Mills executive. Seven of the jurors were Cannon Mill employees. Cannon Mills is one of the major industries in North Carolina, and in the Concord area in particular.

This was the second time that Wood had refused to accept the bail petitions. Earlier an attempt was made to present them to Wood when he was still holding court in Concord, but he refused to accept them. He told the committee that they would have to present them through the lawyer, which the committee said appeared to be an attempt to divert and delay the presentation.

## Mrs. Staley To

## Attend White

## House Conference

Mrs. Hazel Staley of Charlotte has been appointed by Governor James E. Holshouser, Jr. to be one of the sixteen delegates to represent North Carolina next year at the White House Conference on Handicapped Individuals.

The appointment took place in Raleigh at a luncheon meeting on Friday December 10, where delegates were presented their commissions by the Governor.

Six regional North Carolina Conferences of the White House Conference have been held throughout North Carolina during the past several months providing North Carolina's handicapped individuals an opportunity to speak out on their needs and problems.

The White House Conference will be held May 23-27, 1977 at the Sheraton-Park Hotel in Washington, D.C. Total attendance at the conference is estimated to be 2,500 persons and at least fifty percent of these will be handicapped.