

Some Solicitors Are Not Legitimate

RALEIGH-- It's that time of year again when emotions are running high, and organizations throughout the United States are playing on these emotions to gain monetary support for so-called charitable purposes.

Beware! Some of these soliciting organizations are not legitimate, and they are not licensed to solicit in North Carolina.



Miss Martha A. Cook

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick J. Cook of 324 President Street in Charleston, S.C. announce the engagement of their Miss Martha Anne to Second Lt. Aaron L. Richardson Jr. of the United States Army. The ceremony will be held at the Central Baptist Church in Charleston on June 11, 1977, with the Rev. Jack DeLong Dash and Father Lennard J. Tuozzo officiating. The bride is employed as a kindergarten teacher in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg School System.

Kimberly Burns

Heads UNCC

Freshman Class

Kimberly Gayle Burns, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. H.O. Burns of Route 9, Charlotte has been elected President of the Freshman Class at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

A graduate of West Mecklenburg High School, Ms. Burns is an honor student involved in the student government.

At UNCC she is majoring in humanities and plans to be a journalist, perhaps in the field of television.

Animal Shelter Has

Bumper Crop Of

Healthy Puppies

You maybe can't buy love, but you can surely come close to it at the County Animal Shelter. You can buy puppies.

There's a bumper crop of warm, cuddly, healthy puppies at the Shelter this Christmas season, according to Harry J. Overcash, Shelter Superintendent.

The puppies sell for \$4 and dogs over four months old sell for \$5. Kittens--and there are plenty of those, too--are free.

The Shelter is located at 102 Lancaster Street. Hours Monday through Friday are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Ed Edgerton, head of the Solicitation Licensing Branch of the North Carolina Department of Human Resources, estimates that close to one-third of the giving occurs during the last two months of the year. "This would be due to more appeals being made for support and our response to the needs of others is greater during the holiday season. Lastly, there are those who wish to take advantage of the close of the tax year with additional deductions," stated Edgerton.

Before making a donation to a so-called charitable organization, find out where the sponsoring organization is located and the street address, what specific charitable group the money is going to, how much the charitable group will be receiving and where the salesman is from. Do not be fooled by T-shirts and emblems or an ID card with the salesman's name printed in magic marker.

In order to gain a tax deduction for your gift, the organization must be ruled tax exempt by the Internal Revenue Service. Gifts to individuals do not qualify as a tax deduction.

If you suspect that a solicitation is not legitimate, contact your local Better Business Bureau or the Solicitation Licensing Branch, P.O. Box 12200, Raleigh, North Carolina 27605, telephone 919-829-4510.

YWCA To

Celebrate Its

77th Birthday

The Charlotte YWCA program of winter classes, just out, reports that the local YW celebrates its 75th birthday in 1977.

The YWCA was founded in 1902 to provide a home for young women from the outlying farm country who came to the big city of Charlotte to enter the new world of business just opened up to women workers. They were pioneers in their day, as was the YWCA.

Today, the Charlotte YWCA houses 75 young women, besides giving classes in everything from Tahitian dancing to drama, tumbling to playing the guitar. The winter program for 1977 lists classes in 20 different categories, costing from \$11 to \$25, at either the Park Road or Trade Street centers. Registration starts January 8th...at the Charlotte YWCA.

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ST. MICHAEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH'S MEN'S CLUB held its Annual CHRISTMAS DINNER last Tuesday night at Excelsior Club, 921 Beatties Ford Road, with Mrs. Madie Smith, right Nursing Supervisor with the Charlotte-Mecklenburg County Health Department, as guest speaker. Mrs. Smith's speech, entitled "Family Unity" was heard by

approximately 60 persons in attendance at the fried chicken dinner. Men's Club President Jack Moore, center, introduced speaker Smith during a brief program of Carol singing presided over by John L. Southerland, left, Chairman of the Annual Christmas Dinner Committee.

Delta Sorority Sets 1977 Cotillion Ball

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority held a PAJAMA PARTY last Friday night at the Downtown East Motor Inn on McDowell Street for the 26 Debutantes who will be presented in their 1977 Cotillion Ball at Park Center on April 1, 1977.

An informal session concerning Cotillion Ball attire and deportment was conducted by Lucille Batts of the sorority.

According to sorority Publicity Chairwoman Daisy Stroud, "An entire night of fun, games, frolic, and refreshments," organized by Magnolia Pickens and Barbara Warren, Co-chairpersons

of the Pajama Party Committee, was enjoyed by the 26 Debs."

The next planned activity for the young ladies is a rehearsal session to be held at University Park Baptist Church on December 19 where Johnnie Young, of Young's School of Dance, will be in charge of practice of choreography for the ANNUAL COTILLION BALL.

The Pajama Party and the December 19 rehearsal are only two of a number of activities planned and executed for the debutantes during the 1976-77 year.

Mrs. Eula Chandler and Ms. Doris Guess are co-chair-

women of the 1977 Cotillion Committee.

TV-9 To Televis

"Christmas Around

The World" Sunday

"Christmas Around the World," a festive holiday entertainment special depicting in words and music how Yule celebrations in many lands have become woven into the American tradition, will be colorcast on Channel Nine Sunday night, Dec. 19 at 8 p.m.

Cultural Background May

Determine Survival In Prison

If you have to go to prison, your cultural background may determine how well you survive there.

This finding is revealed in a new book by Dr. Robert Johnson, assistant professor of criminal justice at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

In the studies Dr. Johnson made for his book, "Culture and Crisis in Confinement," he found that ghetto blacks had a better survival rate in prison than Latin and semi-middle-class whites.

The ghetto blacks found in prison some of the same characteristics of their streets: it was dangerous, unpredictable, male centered, and to survive one must be alert, somewhat suspicious and have the support of his peers.

The crisis factor for Latin inmates was being separated from their family oriented homes. This separation resulted in breakdowns.

Dr. Johnson said that the Latins had a strained relationship with guards and prison doctors because essentially they were trying to force those people into parental roles of support and caring. This he found was self defeating, because the guards and doctors wouldn't play the roles.

"For whites who feel that they should make concrete achievements in life, going to prison is not a middle class thing to do," Dr. Johnson said. "It represents failure."

"Whites can't say the system is unfair." They blame themselves and say, "I blew it." This sometimes leads to emotional breakdowns, Dr. Johnson said.

To gather material for his book, Dr. Johnson, interviewed 325 inmates who had experienced psychological breakdowns in the New York State prison system. These were in-depth psychological interviews exploring the per-

sonal crisis from the standpoint of the individual.

Dr. Johnson said that urban black inmates made up 60 percent of the prison population but only 20 percent of the crisis population. Latin inmates were over-represented in the crisis group. They made up only 13 percent of the prison population but 26 percent of the crisis population. Whites made up 27 percent of

the prison population and close to 50 percent of the crisis group.

Dr. Johnson holds the B.A. in psychology from Fairfield University and the M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from the State University of New York at Albany.

He is in his second year at UNCC. One of the courses he teaches is called "survival in prison."

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