



MRS. LILLIE SHANDS BLAKELY

Surrounded by children and off-springs

## Mrs. Blakely Is 91 Years Old

By James Peeler  
Post Staff Writer

Mrs. Lillie Shands Blakely, of 2225 English Drive, was 91-years-old last Saturday, December 11, and her 5 living children, eight grandchildren, 16 great grandchildren, and two great great grandchildren gathered, as they do annually, to celebrate the occasion.

Last Saturday's celebration was held in the Fellowship Hall of Zion Primitive Baptist Church on Sugar Creek Road beginning at 4:30 and lasting until 7 p.m.

A spry Mrs. Blakely, native of Laurens, S.C. and widow of the late Ben Blakely, enjoyed the company of her brood and a dinner of Baked Turkey with all the trimmings - col-

lard greens, string beans, yams, a variety of cakes and pies and her THREE-TIERED BIRTHDAY CAKE.

"She really had a good time," said her daughter, Mrs. Addie Belle Carr, who was among the 45 family members and friends attending the affair.

Mrs. Blakely received a number of monetary gifts, a bed spread, drapery, and a white shawl, that "she is especially fond of," said Mrs. Carr.

Mrs. Blakely's children who attended this year's Birthday celebration included: David Blakely, 72, of Laurens, S.C.; Mrs. Almer Neville, 59, of Braddock, Pa.; Rev. Bennie Blakely, 55, of Spartanburg,

S.C.; Mrs. Addie Belle Carr, 52, of Charlotte; and George F. Blakely, 50, of Trenton, N.J.

Honoree Blakely has lived in Charlotte since 1934 and is a member of Zion Primitive Baptist Church, pastored by Rev. O.J. Hatcher.

She is an Honorary Deaconess, an Honorary member of the Usher Board, and a member of the Senior Circle.

Mrs. Carr said, "Before her (Mrs. Blakely) eye sight failed she liked to read and make quilts" as hobbies.

Ms. Johnson

Hosts Alpha

Christmas Party

A delightful evening, spent in the lovely home of Mrs. Margaret Johnson provided, the highlight for the annual Christmas Party of the Alpha Chapter of Alpha Pi Chi Sorority here last Saturday night.

The well-planned program, put together by the Christmas Program Committee, included group singing, poems, expressions of Christmas, Christmas presentations and summations and evaluation. Mrs. Johnson is chairman of the program committee. She was assisted by Ms. Roberta Lyles, Ms. Clyde Johnson, Ms. Ruth Johnson and Ms. Mae Williams. Ms. Marie Adams is the organization's educational director.

Ms. Ethel Maxwell, Ms. Doretha Davis, Ms. Margaret Harris, Ms. Bessie Simpson, Ms. Lyles, Ms. Sadie Grigg, Ms. Lucille Witherspoon and Ms. Ethel Haynes gave impressive presentation under the theme "Symbols of Christmas." Ms. Haynes was most hilarious as "Santa Claus."

Other participants on the entertaining program were Ms. Ruth Johnson and Ms. Lula Brown.

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## To Black American Cuisine

## Yams Are Important Ingredients

By Deborah Gates  
Post Staff Writer

"Roots" are not only found in Alex Haley's new book, but also in Yams. Yes, "Yams", which means to eat, was designated by African slaves years ago when they saw them nated by African slaves years ago when they saw them for the first time in the West Indies. Today approximately half of the yams produced in the world are grown in West-Africa.

This then is evidence why yams and sweet potatoes are important ingredients to Black American cuisine. Another reason for the vegetable's popularity is that it is so versatile. Yams can be used in soup, like mashed potatoes, mashed and then fried, or boiled or baked, cooked with meat in stews, or cut into slices and fried.

Yams are also a popular dessert. How about mashed in pies or chuck-style in cobblers? Combining yams with spices and fruits such as pineapple, oranges, and cranberries, is still another way the vegetable is often served. During the winter holidays, when cranberries are so plen-

tiful, is the time to try the universally popular side dish in Yam Berry Bake.

This recipe developed by the Home Economists in the Kraft Kitchen is a great side dish accompaniment to serve guests or for special family meals.

Toasted marshmallows, cranberries, pecans and a marmalade glaze add holiday spirit to this casserole and provide a unique sweet-tart flavor which complements almost any entree. It's so delicious and festive, no one will guess how easy it is to make. Just assemble the ingredients, bake and for the final finish,

sprinkle with marshmallows and broil until lightly browned.

To make this delicious Yam Berry Bake for the holiday season, first you combine 2 17-oz. cans yam halves, drained, 1 cup cranberries, 1/4 cup chopped pecans, then add 1/2 cup Kraft orange marmalade, 1-1/2 cups Kraft miniature marshmallows.

Arrange yams in 10 x 6-inch baking dish. Top with cranberries and nuts. Dot with marmalade. Bake at 350 degrees, 30 to 35 minutes. Sprinkle with marshmallows. Broil until lightly browned. 6 to 8 servings.

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