



The Charlotte chapter Lower and Upper Teen Group of Jack and Jill of America, pose after the planning session for the Teenage and Mother's Workshop which was held last week at the Holiday Inn on North Tryon Street.

## Jack And Jill Of America

### Holds Mothers, Teen Workshop

By Deborah Gates  
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Jack and Jill of America, incorporated recently held its Mid Atlantic Region's first Mothers and Teens joint workshop at the Holiday Inn North on Tryon Street.

The workshop which was themed "Togetherness and Progress: A community-Understanding," had leaders represented for mothers and teens from North Carolina and Virginia, structuring future service projects in this region. They include child care projects, reading labs, elderly and world hunger programs.

According to Ms. Lydia Pride, regional director of the organization, the workshop's main purpose was to structure an expansion of a reading program. Also, participants looked at programs, evaluated them, and made plans on their expansion for the future.

Guests at the workshop included Commissioner Robert L. Walton, Senator Fred Alexander, and President elect of National Optometric Association Dr. Raleigh W. Bynum. Dr. Bynum is also a member of the Charlotte chapter of Jack and Jill Inc.

"The outstanding thing about the workshop was that our own teens had the opportunity to work with the mothers in structuring future projects to various communities in the region," Mrs. Pride said.

Jack and Jill of America, Inc. also have foundations that fund reading projects all over the country, and presently they have two in this region. They are located at St. Augustine's College in Raleigh, and at the Baptist Children's home in Petersburg, Va. They also have a drama workshop for children of the inner city in Norfolk, Va.

Jack and Jill has contributed to mental retardation programs, cultural and educational activities, tutorial programs, projects in the home for children without parents, and has sponsored testing programs for high school seniors in preparing them for success when taking standardized tests.

Other officers of the organization are Esther Marionneaux, regional secretary-treasurer from Salisbury, and Helen Caldwell, national program director from Elizabeth City.

The teen regional leaders are William Clement, teen regional president from Charleston, S.C.; Lili Johnson, teen regional vice president from Greensboro; Pamela Powell, teen regional secretary from Charleston; and Danette McLaurin, teen regional reporter from Charlotte.

## National Council Of Negro Women Membership Increases

By Sandra Bowers  
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The Charlotte Chapter of the National Council of Negro Women (NCNW) has increased its membership to 110 since its beginning less than a year ago. Much of the success for this effort is due to the hard work of Chapter Chairperson, Mrs. Annie Jordan, the Executive Board and the membership committee.

The local NCNW chapter was formerly organized on May 19, 1976 under the legacy of the late Mary McLeod Bethune, one of the most outstanding Negro Women in America.

The organization has had three open meetings for all new and chartered members. "Our projects have been quite successful and those who attended their committee meetings have brought in good reports," Mrs. Ophelia Gray, president said. The organization urges all members to come and involve themselves in volunteering on completing committee reports. Mrs. Gray continued that, "It has happened on each open program, a choice of committees to which one would love to work with."

The NCNW Program Committee has planned a television program for April 17, on 'Quest,' WSOC Channel 9, to inform the public about the National Council of Negro Women, which was designed to forge new frontiers of aspiration and achievements for Black people and for Black women. And on May 21, the Social Committee has planned its annual dinner at the Radisson Hotel's Mecklenburg Room downtown Charlotte.

NCNW's Youth Group, headed by Mrs. Lola Blackmon, has been recognized by the national level and commended for the work it has done as well as a total group according to Mrs. Gray.

The organization is asking for participation of members in any position desired.

Five Charlotte members attended the Coalition of the Sections of National Council of Negro Women in the Red Room of Winston-Salem State University, Winston-Salem, N. C., March 19. They are Mrs. Nancy Gaston, Mrs. Lenora Sims, Mrs. Lola Blackmon, Mrs. Ophelia Gray, and one of the Youth Group, Ms. Vivian Johnson.

Local members that are temporary officers of the National Chapter are Mrs. L. Sims, Mrs. O. Gray and Mrs. L. Blackmon.

According to National by-laws, NSNW is only following the lead of the Founding Fathers who set the precedent two hundred years ago stating that organizing at the State level obviously makes political sense. At the meeting held in Winston-Salem, it was brought out that the State organization can strengthen local NCNW organizations by the following:

- State Mechanisms improve communications among NCNW local groups and reduce their feeling of isolation.
- State Mechanisms make it possible for NCNW local groups to support each other's functions.
- State Mechanisms help NCNW local groups to put aside old hostilities and jealousies and join together in a common cause.
- State Mechanisms enable some NCNW local groups to get involved in local projects never dealt with before.
- And State Mechanisms permit NCNW local groups to exercise more power than they could on their own.

Respectfully submitted by Mrs. Lavenia Young, secretary and Mrs. P. Ophelia Gray, president of local NCNW chapter.

"This is no one-man job. It takes the total cooperation of all who are interested in the National Council of Negro Women carrying out the 'Legacy of Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune,'" Mrs. Gray concluded.

The organization is urging complete cooperation with the NCNW and its five million women in the United States and several foreign countries.

## Blount, Manigault Among National Scholarship Winners

Karen M. Blount, of 4516 Roseridge Place, and Vanna M. Manigault, of 6316 Hidden Forest Drive, were among the 475 winners in the 13th annual National Achievement Scholarship Program for Outstanding Negro Students. The announcement was made recently by The National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC).

In addition to Achievement Scholarship winners named in 39 states, winners include high school seniors from the District of Columbia, U.S. Virgin Islands, and overseas schools that enroll U.S. citizens.

The recent announcement included 323 winners of National Achievement \$1000 Scholarships, of which Ms. Manigault was a winner, sponsored by International Business Machines Corporation.

Ms. Manigault, who attends Charlotte Catholic High School, now is a Notre Dame scholar ranking second in her class. She is the recipient of the Cougar Award for first honors each year. She is also a member of the National Honor Society, of the Annual staff, the organization editor, and of the French Club secretary-treasurer.

Also the 152 winners of Corporate-Sponsored Four-Year Achievement Scholarships included Ms. Blount, who was sponsored by Texaco Achievement Scholarship.

Ms. Blount is a graduate of Olympic High School and wants to pursue a career in electrical engineering. She was a member of the National Honor Society, Future Teachers of America, Student Red Cross, and the track team. She has received many awards including the Harvard Book Award, National Honor Society State Art Award, and the National Council of Teachers of English Writing Recognition.

Ninety-six percent of these awards, valued at over \$1 million, are underwritten by businesses, industrial firms, foundations, and professional associations that regularly participate as Achievement Program sponsors.

The remaining awards are funded by donor contributions.

All winners of National Achievement \$1000 Scholarships were chosen by a selection committee of professionals convened for this specific purpose. In making their judgments, the committee reviewed information about all finalists, region-by-region, and chose winners on the basis of students' academic and extracurricular accomplishments, test scores, and the recommendations of their high school principals.

Winners of corporate-sponsored four-year Achievement Scholarships receive between \$1,000 and \$6,000 for their college undergraduate study; the amount is individually determined and ranges from an annual minimum of \$250 to \$1,500 per year. Because confidential family financial information is used in determining each four-year award winner's stipend, the amount is not made public. However, the average stipend is more than \$1,000 per year or \$5,000 over the college undergraduate years.

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