

Wilson Hosts Elks Mid-Winter Conference

By Jeri Harvey
Post Staff Writer

The Mid-Winter Conference of the Improved Benevolent Protective Order of the Elks of the World held their annual Mid-Winter Conference in Wilson with Lodge No. 297 and Ark of Covenant Temple No. 214 as host and hostess. Joseph Ward is the Exalted Ruler and Mrs. Annie Morgan is the Daughter Ruler.



Lem Long Jr.
...NCSA president

Elk's said the Temple was extremely proud of their representatives and termed the conference a "huge success." Those attending from Charlotte were as follows: Lem Long Jr., Eddie V. Long, Dorothy McMurray, Florence Burke, Shara A. Funderburke, Annie Lawrence, Ella Louise Baker, Edgar Stevenson, Mary Thompson, Janie Cochran, Frances Mobley, Eva Houston, Dolphus William, Mildred Glenn, Robert Glenn, Lorine Evans, Barbara Ocom

Fleta Alexander, Patricia Cohen, Amanda Adams, Margaret Carothers, Lucinder Blackmon, Lelia Drakeford, Minnie Williams, Hosea Williams, Theron Shoates from Gastonia, N.C., Thelma Ross, Betty Houston, Edward Hoque, Herman Rushing, James Cuthbert, Flexic Sims, James Steel, Carrie Grier, Marian Darby, Harriet Steel, Leroy Glenn, William Royster, Tommy S. Coleman, Bus Driver Lonnie Houston from Statesville, N.C.

Governor Hunt

Appoints Local

To N.C. Council

News Release

Three Charlotte citizens have been appointed by Governor Jim Hunt to serve four-year terms on the N.C. Council on Developmental Disabilities:

Felecia B. Greenfield, a teacher with the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools, who is actively involved in volunteer work with programs for retarded persons.

Marilea R. Grogan, a board member of Parents and Professionals for Handicapped Children. This is her second term on the council.

Albert J. Morton, Jr., chairman of the Epilepsy Association of North Carolina. This is his second term on the council.

The Council on Developmental Disabilities is composed of 36 members who are responsible for planning, influencing the development of and evaluating a statewide DD service system for autistic, cerebral palsied, epileptic and mentally retarded persons. The Council is part of the N.C. Department of Human Resources.

Bealer To Aid

King Statue Drive

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Wholesale and Anheuser Busch.

It is suggested that lounge and club owners might like to save their cans until the December 10 collection date, thus making a sizeable contribution. Other groups might like to do likewise, or come up with their own unique ways of gathering cans.

Bealer Wholesale distributes Michelob, Budweiser and Natural Light beers for Anheuser Busch, Inc.

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Las Amigas To Feed Family of 8

The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Chapter of Las Amigas, Inc. will purchase food and goodies for a family of eight, who reside in the Little Rock Home Apartments, for a Thanksgiving treat.

This is one of the many service projects which Las Amigas plans to execute this year.

Mrs. Bettye T. Hairston is president of the Mecklenburg Chapter, Mrs. Evelyn Turper

Patterson Foundation

Petitions Governor Jim Hunt

Joining the cry of thousands of Americans from every walk of life, the William L. Patterson Foundation last week called upon James E. Hunt, Governor of North Carolina, to act favorably on the Petition of Pardon now before him in the case of the Wilmington Ten.

In a letter dispatched to the Governor by Dr. Ewart Guinier Chairman of the Foundation's Executive Board, he was urged to act quickly. The Rev. Benjamin F. Chavis Jr., courageous leader of the Wilmington Ten has been chosen by the Patterson Foundation

is the service project chairman.

Other members include: Ethel Alexander, Barbara Atwater, Vertis Armstrong, Frances Tarpley, Frances Randolph, Arcasia Brewer, Gerri Wiley, Helen Price, Carol Williams, Sandra Murdoch, Dora Johnson, Lula Gaskin, Sarah Staten, Mollie Houston, Theodora Witherspoon, Minnie Allison, Mildred Grier, Margo Jones, Johnnie Young, and Dora R. Mason.

to receive its first Annual Merit Award at Luncheon on Dec. 11, 1977 in New York City at the Hotel Roosevelt. The Foundation would like Rev. Chavis to be present to receive this Award personally.

Reacting to the Foundation's offer, Rev. Chavis replied from his prison cell in McCain Prison: "I accept this most meaningful award with a solemn pledge...I will struggle with all my might and soul to combat racism in all of its manifestations...throughout the world."

Black Caucus Urges Massive

National Full Employment Efforts

WASHINGTON, D.C.--- "Jobs must be available for every person willing and able to work," stated Congressman Parren J. Mitchell, (D. Md.), Chairman of the 16 member Congressional Black Caucus, "and the Administration's endorsement of the Humphrey-Hawkins Full Employment and Balanced Growth Act is a key step in achieving the goal. The Caucus is pleased to see that the legislation which it has championed for several years is now a national priority."

"It must be followed, however, by a national effort to mobilize massive support to pass this legislation when it is considered by the Congress in 1978," the Caucus Chairman urged.

"We do not view Administration endorsement of the bill as the end," he said, "but rather as the beginning of a long struggle. Even as the bill has been debated for three years, unemployment has remained at intolerably high levels, and the nation must now focus all of its resources on this single pervasive and heretofore uncontrollable problem."

Congressman Augustus F. Hawkins, a member of the Caucus and co-author of the bill, said that "with Administration endorsement of the Full Employment Act, we must now mobilize our efforts to produce a groundswell of support in every congressional district across the country to ensure enactment when the new session of Congress convenes in January 1978."

The legislative proposal agreed to by the President mandates the achievement of 3 percent adult, and 4 percent overall, unemployment within five years. These figures are clearly set forth in the legislation as an interim goal, with the movement to full employment levels to follow as soon as practicable thereafter. In addition, all efforts are to be made to reduce and then eliminate the differential unemployment levels which exist for teenagers, minorities, women and other labor force groups.

Congressman Mitchell said that the bill "would make a

matter of law and national policy economic policies that would concentrate on economic growth and job creation while guarding against excessive inflation. We cannot afford to take the attitude that gradualism in economic growth will solve the most serious social ill facing the nation today," Congressman Mitchell continued, "and the policy goals of this bill would benefit the consumer and the businessperson as well as those who are unemployed."

The Humphrey-Hawkins bill provides a mechanism to coordinate the various economic policies such as interest rates, tax policy, job creation programs, overall budget policies and national priorities so that they will be focused on producing a national effort in that direction and are fre-

quently subject to political and economic forces adverse to the full employment goal.

Congressman John Conyers, who along with Congressman Hawkins co-chairs the Congressional Black Caucus Full Employment Subcommittee said that "we recognize that there is a diversity of thought as to what should be embodied in full employment legislation, but he urged that the debate focus on how to ensure economic, URBAN AND SOCIAL policy that will result in full employment, rather than in POSSIBLE flaws in the bill."

The bill makes clear that job expansion shall take place primarily in the private sector, but is unwavering in the commitment to provide a last resort job through the public sector to meet employment goals established in the act.

Congressman Mitchell called on the business community to join in a major cooperative effort to create jobs at every level.

"The continuing rate of excessively high unemployment," Congressman Mitchell concluded, "demands the comprehensive approach envisioned by the Humphrey-Hawkins bill."

The Caucus members urged all groups committed to the ideal of a peaceful, productive and fully employed society to join with them in working for passage of the Full Employment Act.

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Harvey Gantt
...City Councilman

Charlotte Host

Meeting Of

State Planners

The North Carolina Chapter of the American Institute of Planners will hold its bi-monthly meeting in Charlotte on Dec. 1 and 2. The meeting, to be hosted by the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Commission staff, will be held in the 12th floor auditorium of the Jefferson-First Union National Bank Building.

The two day meeting, focusing on theoretical approaches and practical application to growth management issues, will feature several prominent local professional and civic leaders who have contributed to an orderly planning process. The public is invited to attend.

Charlotte City Councilman Harvey Gantt of Gantt-Huberman Associates and a member of the AIP will be the featured dinner speaker on Thursday evening, Dec. 1. Other panelists and speakers include William H. Trotter, president of William Trotter Company and past president of the Charlotte Home Builders Association; Eugene B. Graham, III, head, General Mortgage Loan Department, First Union National Bank; Mrs. Kimm Jolly, commissioner, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Commission; J. Norman Pease, Jr., president, J.N. Pease and Associates; Harvey C. Wolf, III, president of Wolf and Associates; Robert L. Kitterman, administrator, First Union National Bank and past president of the Central Charlotte Association and William E. McIntyre, planning director of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Commission.

The North Carolina Chapter of AIP has a membership of approximately 250 professionals. An arm of the national organization, the state chapter is concerned with the needs and problems of the practicing planner at the local level. It encourages good planning through increased professional skills and research. The membership includes professionals from federal, state and local governments, the private sector and academic community.

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