

Council Approves Winter Crisis Assistance Program

The Charlotte City Council has approved a \$48,000 Winter Crisis Assistance Program to provide fuel and home weatherization for low income families in Charlotte's nine Community Development areas. In a similar program last week, \$50,000 was allocated to purchase fuel or pay heating bills for 433 households; 228 of those were winterized also.

Charlotte Community Development Department and its contracting agencies will provide fuel and weatherization services on a priority basis. The first priority under the emergency fuel program will provide fuel and-or electric service to heat up to 500 homes at no more than \$50 per home. Residents must be financially unable to pay fuel bills. The program is different from the

one last winter because this assistance will be available only after the resources of other agencies have been exhausted.

The weatherization program will provide first priority to those dwellings occupied by residents who have received fuel and-or electric service under the program. The second priority will provide weatherization to those residents for whom arrangements have been made for the purchase and delivery of fuel but who are unable to properly weatherize their dwellings. Weatherization will include weather-stripping around doors and windows and plastic film on windows.

Persons with questions or requests for assistance should contact Family Housing Services, Inc., 403 N. Tryon Street, telephone 375-4489. To be eligible for aid, citizens must live in a Community Development target area. The areas include Grier Heights, North Charlotte, Cherry, Third Ward, West Morehead, First Ward Extension, Southside Park, Five Points and West Boulevard.

Planning

Commission To

Meet Monday

The Board of Education has invited members of the City Council Planning Commission to a luncheon meeting on Monday, Dec. 12, noon in the Board Room of the Education Center. The meeting is a step toward better serving the community through cooperation of governing boards and agencies. Last month, the Board met with the Park and Recreation Commissions of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County.

A work session on the revised pupil assignment plan will be held Monday, December 12, 7 p.m. in the Board Room. The session will be televised on WTVI, Channel 42. The Board will take action on the plan Jan. 24.

The Board of Education will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 13, 8 p.m. in the Board Room of the Education Center. The meeting will be televised on WTVI, Channel 42. Among the items on the agenda is a progress report from the Businessmen's Review Committee studying the management of the school system.

Births

- Mr. & Mrs. William Dozier 2301 Julia Ave...A girl
- Mr. & Mrs. Junius R. Miller 216 Gene Ave...A girl
- Mr. & Mrs. Clyde R. Spencer 4800 Cinderella Rd...A girl
- Mr. & Mrs. Curtis J. Bennett 121 Orange St...A girl
- Mr. & Mrs. Walter R. Eury 3434 Meredith Ave...A boy
- Mr. & Mrs. Joe White 401 Yuma St...A girl



Mr. and Mrs. Walter Cuthbertson of 1408 LaSalle Street celebrated their 52nd wedding anniversary Wednesday, December 7. They are the proud parents of two boys (Walter, Jr. and Kenny), two girls (Mrs. Carolyn Neal and Ira), and two grandchildren. The Cuthbertsons are members of Matthew-Murkland United Presbyterian Church where Mr. Cuthbertson serves as the assistant superintendent of the church school and as an active elder. Mrs. Cuthbertson serves with the pastor's aid group.

Application Sought For Recreation Fields

If you are interested in working for the Federal government as a recreation specialist or therapist or in a related occupation, the U.S. Civil Service Commission will be accepting applications from December 1 through Dec. 23.

The principal Federal employers of recreation specialists and therapists are the Veterans Administration -- in VA hospitals -- and the Department of Defense -- in military base recreation facilities or service clubs.

According to the CSC, there is particular need for qualified applicants in music therapy, dance therapy, golf, and service club activities, but opportunities in general recreation, therapeutic recreation, music, art, sports, and theatre are extremely limited.

Qualified applicants may be considered for jobs at grades GS-5 and GS-7 (\$9,959 and \$12,336 a year).

Applicants for these jobs do not have to take a written test; they will be evaluated on the basis of education and experience. To qualify for most jobs a degree in recreation or therapeutic recreation or 3

Level Of Business

Activity Rises

0.6 Percent

The level of business activity in North Carolina rose 0.6 percent in October, according to the Wachovia Business Index. The Index has registered gains for the past three months.

The October increase was broad-based, with gains in all major sectors contributing to the brightening economic picture. Non-farm employment and manufacturing manhours were up 0.3 percent each for the month. Bank debits, a measure of checkbook spending, rose 2.3 percent during October.

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"MR. AND MISS ST. MARK" ...Deneak Walls and Sean Nelson

Nelson, Walls Win

St. Mark Church Honors

By Cynthia Bell Post Staff Writer

The third Annual Mr. and Miss St. Mark Pageant was recently held at St. Mark's United Methodist Church of 917 Clanton Road.

"Mr. St. Mark for 1977" is Sean Nelson and "Miss St. Mark" is Deneak Walls. These hard working winners were selected on the basis of the amount of dollars that they raised prior to the pageant. This year's youthful contestants were from the six to twelve year age group. First runner up for Mr. St. Mark was Cortez Ashbury with Aubrey Witherspoon as second runner up. Teila Hand and Melinda Neal were first and second runner ups, respectively for Miss St. Mark. All winners were awarded identification bracelets for their dynamic display of salesmanship.

The pageant was first held in 1974 as a project of the church's Finance Committee. Annie Little, Bessie Miller, and George Thompson were the originators of the pageant, according to Frances Harris of the Church. Proceeds from this year's pageant just as in the past will go toward the church's building fund whose goal is to erect a sanctuary.

A ham, a fruitcake, and a hair-do by church member Julia Ashbury were the three door prizes given away. As the big social event for

the year, the pageant provides an excellent way for the youths of the church to expell their marvelous talents. This year's program was in the form of a Gong Show. "Diana Toss and the Dupremes" consisting of Doris Gillan, Francena Gillan, and Gail White were winners.

Bed Wetting

Is Unpleasant

Problem

Bed wetting is an unpleasant problem for a youngster but it is certainly not an uncommon one. About one fourth of all children under the age of five experience this difficulty along with, perhaps, three percent of the adult population.

There are many causes for bed wetting, both physical and psychological. Often in the child under six it may be a simple matter of normal nerve and muscle maturation. No two bodies grow and mature at the same rate.

The problem of bedwetting usually clears up by the time the child has reached the age of six.

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