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With Special Services Area Churches To Observe Christmas

By Jeri Harvey
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"And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call His name Jesus; for He shall save His people from their sins." (Matt. 1:21).

With that quotation, Elder E. C. Cannon, pastor of Cannon Cathedral Church of God in Christ, reminds us of the real reason and meaning of Christmas.

Continuing, he said, "Therefore it is a time for rejoicing. Every person and family should be in church to worship the Lord on Christmas day, especially since it falls on Sunday this year."

There will be services at all area churches, though some will alter the format in recognition of the significance of the day.

The Members of Gold Hill Baptist Church where Rev. Johnnie Wallace is pastor, will have services at the usual time but there will be special music, poems, a brief sermon and exchanging of gifts.

Rev. Wallace feels that Christmas has become too

commercial and says the true meaning has been lost. "Most black people work hard all year round to give children gifts from a white Santa Claus," he said. "I do not personally teach my young daughter this. Attention should be focused on the purpose Jesus Christ came into the world," he concluded.

The congregation and Rev. Daniel O. Hennigan of Matthews-Murkland Presbyterian Church in Pineville will meet for breakfast at 7:30 a.m. At 8:30 a.m. there will be a worship program and members will then be free to return to their homes to continue the celebration of Christmas in their own way.

At Grace AME Zion Church the morning worship service will be at the usual time but will be somewhat briefer than usual and will feature a brief sermon, a period of meditation, and music by the young people. After the service members of the Sunday School will distribute baskets to the needy.

Rev. Turner observed that,

"Christmas is a mood of changing events. The first of which was the hope brought by the miraculous birth of Jesus Christ. Jesus came to find the lost, to heal the broken, to feed the hungry and to release the prisoners - to bring peace among brothers and sisters and to make music in the hearts of all people."

Mt. Moriah Primitive Baptist Church will hold worship services at the usual hour and the pastor, Rev. T.W. Samuels will deliver the sermon.

Rev. N.C. Calhoun will hold services at New Emmanuel Congregational Church at 11 a.m. and there will be a special program in the evening celebrating the "Birthday of Jesus Christ" and the birthday of Rev. Calhoun, who was born on December 25.

Rev. Morgan W. Tann will hold services as usual at Clinton Chapel AME Zion Church and Rev. J.B. Humphrey will do the same at First Baptist Church.

Rev. Battle and the members of Greater Gethsemane AME Zion Church and Rev. George Goodman and his congregation at C.N. Jenkins United Presbyterian Church will meet in their respective churches at the usual hour.

All ministers and congregations join in wishing the entire Charlotte community a Christmas filled with love, peace and hope.

FROM ALL OF US TO EACH
OF YOU BEST WISHES FOR A

Merry
Christmas
and a
happy
New Year



Post Office Will Close Monday

By Cynthia Bell
Post Staff Writer

Business goes on as usual as far as the U.S. Mail is concerned on Christmas Eve. Normal service will be provided on Saturday, December 24, with collections being made in main traffic arteries and in business areas.

On Sunday, Christmas Day, holiday schedules for receipt and dispatch of mail will be observed. Sunday box service will still be provided and special delivery service will be provided for all perishable goods.

All administrative offices will be closed on Monday, December 26 in observance of the National Legal Holiday, Christmas. There will not be any window service at any of the stations, and there also will be no regular delivery service. Again special delivery will only be made on parcels with perishable matter.

According to Willie Straford of the Post Office, collection will be made on Monday in designated residential and business areas. Additional collection will be made in these areas as needed.

A Self Service Postal Unit will be operating at Amity Gardens Shopping Center, American Bank and Trust's Fairview Road, Hickory Grove, and Delta Road Branches, Tryon Mall Shopping Center, Independence Shopping Center, Radisson Plaza Shopping area, and West Trade Station's lobby.

Stamp vending machines will be available at all postal stations.

President Calls For Part-Time Employment

Responding to the President's call for "innovative programs" to expand opportunities for men and women seeking part-time employment, the Civil Service Commission has instructed Federal agencies to place the policy into effect.

The President noted that "part-time workers are an important, but relatively untapped national resource," and emphasized that "Older people, those with family responsibilities, the handicapped, students and others who are unable to work full time can be valuable additions to an agency's permanent work force."

In his memorandum, the President directed the Civil Service Commission to coordinate and report on the progress of the part-time employment effort. Over the next year, the CSC will evaluate the progress achieved, problems encountered and the need for personnel policy changes. The Commission will also provide recruiting assistance to agencies, and sponsor pilot studies on various aspects of part-time employment.

As a first step in implementing the President's message, the Commission has directed agencies to develop and issue an internal policy statement on part-time employment. Other steps agencies should take include:

- o Surveying current functions to determine those which can be effectively performed by part-time employees.
- o Inventorying current employees to identify those interested in a part-time work schedule.
- o Restructuring jobs and work schedules where appropriate to create maximum opportunities for effective use of part-time employees.

There are currently approximately 39,000 permanent part-time employees among the more than 2 million Federal civilian (non postal) workers.



CUTE LITTLE REBECCA MABRY
... "Symbol of holiday season"

Rebecca Mabry Is Beauty Of Week

By Jeri Harvey
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Little Rebecca Mabry was selected as The POST Beauty of the Week as a symbol of the holiday season and children all over the world who look to Christmas with joy and anticipation. It is our wish that she will always be as happy and loved as she is this Christmas 1977.

Rebecca is the four-year old daughter of Ms. Luana Mabry. She attends Kiddie Korner Day School, loves to "eat out" at McDonalds, read, write, go to the park and the movies, go visiting with her mother, and watch Happy Days and Wonder Woman on TV. Her favorite

rite records are Hotline and Disco Duck and she can finger pop with the best of them, according to her mother. She has an aquarium and loves animals but doesn't have a pet of her own.

As Rebecca sleeps Christmas eve, loving hands will heap presents beneath the tree in answer to her wishes and the delight in her eyes will be the nicest gift Ms. Mabry will receive.

If we could visit every child in all the world and leave gifts, we would first of all, leave the story of the first Christmas and the baby for which the holiday is named.

We would give them strong limbs and bright eyes which see only good things, and hearts filled with love for all mankind.

We would see that each child had sunny days and warm nights, stars to reach for and dreams to come true. We would leave love enough to last all their lives and faith enough to take them through the bad days that will surely come.

Finally, we would leave a promise that the grownups of this world will dedicate themselves to making it the kind of place where children may live without fear of war, crime and poverty and where the color of skin or national origin will not matter.

Anita Stroud Foundation Receives \$100

It was certainly in the spirit of giving during this holiday season, that the members of Expressions Social Club decided to make a special donation to one of Charlotte's most worthwhile causes - The Anita Stroud Foundation.

On Sunday, December 18, the one and one-half year old Expressions Social Club, worshipped at the Friendship Baptist Church, 3301 Beatties Ford Road, where a \$100 check was presented to one of Friendship's most adored members, Miss Anita Stroud, who has long since dedicated her life to children. The sixteen club members felt that Miss Stroud's untiring efforts to administer services to underprivileged children, should not go unnoticed by their club, and so decided that some sort of financial support and public recognition were in order.

Miss Stroud, totally un-See ANITA On Page 5

On Black Unemployment

NAACP Presses President Jimmy Carter

Special To The Post

Clarence Mitchell warned that blacks were not going "to stand for any full-scale cut" in the recommendations to the President by the Administration's urban team on ways to end the black unemployment crisis.

Reporting on the meeting that he and about 15 other black leaders had with Mr. Carter on Wednesday, December 14, Mr. Mitchell said that the President expressed his full support for reducing black unemployment, especially among youths. "However, he did not give a specific figure on how much he planned to include in the national budget to accomplish this purpose."

Mr. Mitchell's meeting with the President helped to further underscore the critical importance that the NAACP has placed on the black unemployment problem. On September 27, Executive Director Benjamin L. Hooks led an

NAACP delegation in another meeting with Mr. Carter. Accompanying Mr. Hooks were Mrs. Margaret Bush Wilson, chairman of the NAACP National Board of Directors, Dr. Montague Cobb, president, Jesse Turner, treasurer, Max Delson and William Oliver, vice presidents.

The key concerns on their agenda were jobs for black workers and the urban crisis.

Mr. Mitchell said that Mr. Carter promised to give "his full support" to the compromise Humphrey-Hawkins full employment bill. The NAACP has endorsed this compromise, recognizing that Mr. Carter in supporting it, has also endorsed the full employment concept. This the President had previously hesitated to do, expressing that the full employment concept would worsen the problem of inflation.

Mr. Mitchell said that Mr. Carter also stressed his intention to cut taxes. He said that

target of what needs to be done" to get the full employment bill enacted. Blacks should take their case to Congress if the President's funding proposals are considered inadequate.

Other issues that were discussed included urban policy and affirmative action. The meeting was attended by 16 leaders of black organizations and lasted for nearly three hours. It was divided into two sections. During the first period, which began at 9 a.m., the black leaders held discussions with several Administration officials, including Vice President Walter Mondale.

Other officials present were Mrs. Patricia R. Harris, secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, Dr. Sidney Harmon, Undersecretary of Commerce; Stuart Eizenstat, Presidential assistant for domestic affairs, Dr. George Johnson, Counsel of Economic Advisors; Charles Schultze,

chairman, Council of Economic Advisors; Howard Gluckstein, director, task force on civil rights reorganization, Office of Minority Business; and James McIntyre, acting director of OMB.

The President arrived at approximately 11 a.m. and led the discussions for another 45 minutes. Mr. Mitchell felt that the meeting was constructive and worthwhile. Most beneficial, Mr. Mitchell said, were the President's discussions on affirmative action, which he said he would support.

The black leaders who met with the President were: Berkeley Burrell, president, National Business League, Washington, D.C.; Julius Chambers, president, Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Charlotte, N.C.; Richard Hatcher, Mayor, City of Gary, Gary, Indiana; Dorothy Height, president, National Council of Negro Women Inc., New York, N.Y.



Benjamin L. Hooks
...Executive Director NAACP

TURTLE-TALK

The EASIEST WAY to pick out the host at a COCKTAIL PARTY is to find the one who is MEASURING the DRINKS.