

Las Amigas Celebrates 21st

Conclave In Philadelphia

"The Black Women" a multitude of Paradoxes" was the theme when Las Amigas members throughout the United States met recently at the Marriot Motor Inn in Philadelphia, Pa.

Activities throughout the five-day conclave included: Vesper Services, Registration, Board Meetings, Luncheons, a fashion show, Polynesian fling, memorial services, awards luncheon, and an Orchid Ball.

Mrs. Audrey Randell, National President of the Baltimore, Md. chapter, presided over the business session.

Addresses were presented by the following speakers: Luncheon speaker: Mrs. Rita Smith, Professor of Pan-African Studies, Temple University. Morning and afternoon sessions speakers were: Mr. George D. Johnson, Industrial Training Advisor. U.S.

Miss Jenisha

Shipman Weds

Anthony Pharr

Jenisha Stephanie Shipman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Shipman of 3721 Kendall Drive, was united in holy matrimony on November 18 to Anthony Jeron Pharr, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur J. Pharr of 2701 Ablewood Road.

The wedding took place at Nazareth Primitive Baptist Church at 3 p.m. and was officiated by Dr. J.A. Frierson, pastor of the church.

The bride is a graduate of West Charlotte High School and is employed by Richway Stores. The groom, a graduate of West Mecklenburg High School, is employed by Eckerd's Warehouse.

JCSU To Hear

Lectures On

Song Divine

Shankaracharya, Yogiraj Swami Swanandashram of Gangotri, Himalayas (India), the fifth Shankaracharya in the Hindu World and next in lineage to become Jagad-guru Shankaracharya (Pope of the Hindu religion) will be the guest of the Department of Religious Affairs at Johnson C. Smith University and of Dr. Surya S. Prasad of the Biology Department the week of November 27 to December 1.

His holiness will present a series of lectures on SRI Bhagavat (Song Divine) during the week at the Pritchard Memorial Baptist Church auditorium as well as scheduled talks at Johnson C. Smith, the University of South Carolina, Davidson and at several churches in the Charlotte area. A special convocation was held at the J.C. Smith University Church on Tuesday, November 28 at 10 a.m. with a press conference immediately following.

The overall purpose of his holiness' visit to the United States is to unify the existing divisive factions of yoga and the Hindu religion, to correct improper teachings and to reinstate the true knowledge of the Vedic scriptures as taught by Adi Guru Shankara (780-812 A.D.) Swami Swanandashram is only the second Shankaracharya to leave India on a designated mission in the history of the Hindu religion. A schedule of his activities is included. The public is invited to all events.



Deanie Maxwell was appointed Community Affairs Director at WGIV on November 20. Formerly, Deanie was employed by WAM-E radio station as a news reporter. A native of Charlotte, Deanie is married and is the mother of a teenage daughter.

Department of Labor, Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training. An informative question and answer period followed: Mrs. Viola Jordan, Health Initiatives Director of Philadelphia. Mr. Floyd Ruffin, I.R.S. Organization Specialist, U.S. Department of Treasury.

The following resolutions were accepted: that Las Amigas Incorporated institute a five point program in each local community and that this program include (a) Health Initiatives, (b) Employment, (c) Unemployment, (d) Education to financially assist predominately black colleges, and (e) Political awareness and involvement.

Las Amigas members approved the acceptance of two new chapters, New York City, and Rocky Mount, N.C. The Mooresville, N.C. chapter will become reactivated. The "D.R. Mason Award" was presented to Lola McDoo of the Greensboro, N.C. Chapter as "The Most Outstanding Member".

The "M.W. Moore Award" was presented to Greenville, S.C. Chapter as "The Most Outstanding Chapter."

An award in memory of a deceased chartered member

Bettie McNeil Long was presented to the Seat Pleasant, Md. Chapter for having the highest number of members present in attendance at the Conclave.

Delegates from the following chapters were in attendance: Atlanta, Ga., Baltimore, Md., Forestville, Md., Gastonia, N.C., Greensboro, N.C., Greenville, S.C., Jackson, Miss., Kannapolis, N.C., Charlotte, N.C., Newark, N.J., Newport News-Hampton, Va., Philadelphia, Pa., Portsmouth, Va., Raleigh, N.C., Red Springs, N.C., Richmond, Va., Salisbury, N.C., Seat Pleasant, Md., Suffolk, Va., Whiteville, N.C., and Wilmington, N.C.

Members of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Chapter, Las Amigas in attendance were: Betty T. Hairson, Evelyn Turner, Gerri W. Wiley, Arcasai Brewer, Theodora A. Witherspoon, and Dora R. Mason.

Los Bravos attending the Conclave were: James Turner, Robert Wiley, Ira Brewer, John Witherspoon, and David Hood.

The 22nd Annual Conclave will be held at the Omni Hotel, Norfolk, Virginia.



The "Celebrate Charlotte 1979" committee, headed by chairman L.C. Coleman met recently at the J.C. Smith Faculty Lounge to discuss plans for what action the northwest community can take to make the celebration a success. A weekend of festivities to focus on our identity as Charlotteans, according to Coleman, will be sponsored by UNCC. Each area of Charlotte will hold its own celebration

"to show where we came from, and the roots of our lives here in Charlotte," Coleman commented. The committee members made plans for what can be done by their neighborhoods to add to the festivities. Group reports were presented on recreation, drama, music, special events and budget. The celebration for the northwest Charlotte community will be held April 21-22.

Use Fall Clean-Up To Prevent Fires

Fall clean-up is a good time to rid your house and yard of fire hazards.

Accumulations of leaves, twigs and trash on the lawn are good candidates for accidental burning, say specialists

with the North Carolina Agricultural Extension Service.

Clean out accumulations of trash in the garage, basement or spare rooms and make sure you have covered containers in these areas to serve as

trash cans.

Store paints, paint thinners and solvents in a safe place, such as a garage, workshop or basement. Keep them closed in their original containers, away from fire sources.

Installation Is Key

To Safe Wood Heater

If you are among those who are becoming interested in wood-burning stoves and heaters, you should be aware of the fire risks involved and how to keep them to minimum. The key is proper installation.

Most building fires associated with wood heating are due to unsafe installation. Virtually all danger can be eliminated by complying with safety standards and building codes, suggest Agricultural Extension Service housing specialists at North Carolina State University.

When fires occur, they are usually started by one of five situations: 1. radiation from the stove, 2. sparks and glowing coals getting out of the stove; 3. flames leaking out of faulty chimneys; 4. conduction of heat from chimneys into combustible materials; and 5. burning or glowing materials coming from the top of the chimney.

There also is a small danger of chimney flow reversal. The National Fire Protection Association has come up with installation standards that should help to prevent these hazards. They include recommended clearances between various hot surfaces and combustible materials, safe ways

for stove pipe to pass through wall, and safety aspects of chimney design.

Clearances between stoves and unprotected surfaces are very critical for a safe installation. Radiant stoves—those that do not have a metal jacket surrounding the fire box—must have at least 36 inches between them and an unprotected wall.

Circulating stoves may have only 2 inches of clearance between them and the unprotected wall.

Several materials such as sheetmetal or asbestos millboard may be used to protect the combustible wall from the heat of the wood stove. When this is done, the asbestos or sheetmetal should be spaced about an inch from the combustible wall. This allows air to circulate between the wall and the wall protection device.

Smoke detectors are required in all new homes built in North Carolina. However, if you are putting a wood burning appliance in your home, be sure to check with your insurance company to determine whether or not your home will be fully covered in case of fire.

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