

# Ninety Percent Of AFDC

## Recipients Are Black

by Susan Ellsworth  
Post Staff writer

Charlotte-Mecklenburg welfare caseloads presently total 43,800 recipients or 10 percent of the county's population, according to Ed Chapin, Director of Social Services.

Welfare is divided into three income maintenance programs: AFDC (Aid to Families with Dependent Children), Medicaid and food stamps.

Ninety percent of AFDC recipients are black among the 65,000 households obtaining financial assistance.

Comprising the 11,950 AFDC recipients, all but 189 are under 18, Chapin said. Children embody the bulk of AFDC group with 6,004 female, and 5,946 male recipients.

Within the adult population 5,040 women receive AFDC payments compared to 91 men, Chapin emphasized.

The number of food stamp recipients, 35,000 representing 12,000 families, is slightly higher than last year's number, Chapin said. He emphasized, however, that the numbers "are lower than during the peak recession in 1974."

Medicaid costs have increased 20-22 percent over last year with inflation and greater usage of services as the contributing factors.

Fifty-five percent of Medicaid recipients are black along with 70 percent of food stamp recipients.

Chapin said there is a smaller percentage of the three income maintenance programs in Mecklenburg County than in other areas of the state.



William J. Kennedy III  
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### William Kennedy

#### To Chair SBA

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Special to the Post

William J. Kennedy, III, President and Chief Executive Officer of North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company, Durham, North Carolina, has been appointed Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Small Business and Minority Business Ownership by President Carter.

"Kennedy's appointment and the selection of Committee members represent a cross-section of well-qualified business executives from both small and large companies, who will lend their expertise in helping us to promote Capital Ownership Development, and strengthen our Business Development programs," stated William A. Clement, Jr., SBA Associate Administrator for Minority Small Business.

Kennedy, as head of the Committee, is mandated by law to report annually to the President and to Congress on the activities of the Committee.

Creation of the prestigious Committee and the appointment of members was designated by Public Law 95-507 which significantly changes the direction of SBA's 8(a) Business Development program.

#### Fund Drive To

#### Climax Friday

In 1977 Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, the nation's oldest and largest predominantly black scholastic and service organization, announced its campaign to raise \$1 million to benefit the NAACP, the United Negro College Fund, and the National Urban League.

In Charlotte, Beta Nu Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha will conclude its efforts with an evening of pageantry and music, Friday at 8 p.m. in the auditorium of West Charlotte Senior High School. Students from several area high schools also will compete for cash prizes and scholarship awards.

Raymond Allison is chairman for the chapter's fund raising efforts and coordinator of the "Black and Gold Pageant." Group leaders for the event include: Verlon Anderson, Lesley Bellinger, Dr. E. Grier, Faimadge McDow, Clayton Reid, James Rogers Jr., Mack McKrae, Jim Heath, and Dr. A. Rudolph Hendricks.

Local participation in the "Million Dollar Fund Drive" and the scholarship fund has come from several corporations and citizens throughout Metrolina. These projects are among several community programs being implemented by the chapter through concepts and ideas of its current president, George Dunlap.



MAY DAY COURT AND STAFF

Pictured above are members of the staff and members of the May Day Court. They are left to right: Mrs. Hattie Brown, directress; Ms. Florence Henderson, Ms. Sarah Hall, Ms. Alberta Dunbar, Jay McLaughlin, Ms. Carolyn Teasley, Jeffrey Brown, Ms. Alice Conner and Ms. Ruby Gabriel. (Photo by Jerry Curry.)

## Greenville Memorial AME

### Stages Its May Day Festival

Greenville Memorial AME Zion Church's Child Development Center held their first annual May Day Festival last Saturday afternoon at the church.

Approximately 300 persons attended this fun-filled event, according to Mrs. Hattie Brown, Director of the Center.

Children, 1 thru 5 years of age, participated in dances, dramatizations, gymnastics and wrapping the Maypole.

The presentation of the king and queen for the May Day festivities was made by Mrs. Brown.

NKenge Wright, queen, raised \$154; Victor Witherpoon, king, raised \$94. They were crowned by Stephen Brown, a parent.

Natasha Nimmons, second runner-up, raised \$87; Troy Wright and Michael Kimble tied for third place, each with \$73.

Parents helped the students by selling cup cakes, cakes, hot dogs, punch, cookies, etc.

A total of \$1,294.24 was raised, which will be used to purchase playground equipment.

The Center has a maximum enrollment of 65 day care students and 23 children in the after-school program.

Staff members are: Mrs. Cassie Davis, Mrs. Alberta Dunbar, Miss Carolyn Teasley, Mrs. Sarah Hall, Miss Alice Conner, Mrs. Ruby Gabriel, Mrs. Florence Henderson, Miss Brenda Edwards, Mrs. Hattie Brown and aides, Jeffrey Brown and

Jay McLaughlin. Members of the Parent Committee are: Mrs. Mary Appiah, Mrs. Doris Young, Mrs. Linda Burton, Mrs. Faye

Wright, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Brown, Mrs. Gwendolyn Wright, Mrs. Gerry Wilson, Mrs. Johnnie Brown and Arthur Moore.

## Rhoer Club Presents

### "A Summer Affair"

The Rhoer Club sponsored by Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority held its first annual fashion show and luncheon on May 26, at the Quality Inn on I-85.

It was a summer experience which defined fashions of all aspects in today's world. The audience experienced many unique styles of clothing in many colors and soft flowing fabrics. All of these could fit a great sensational wardrobe for anyone with matching accessories that will make you look unique in ones own life style.

The models were: Michelle Martin, Daphne Burke, Renee Davis, Sandra Johnson, Denise Bolton, Tammy Roseborough, Kim McGriff, Veronica McGriff, Anita Bolton, Shawn Gormley, Annetea Mitchell, Crystal Johnson, Sabra Smoot, Cina Mac, Vanessa McKinnon, Angela Spaulding, and Melonie Davis.

The fashion show director was Soror Louise G. Dean, fashion co-ordinators were Kim McGriff and Denise Bolton. Club commentators were Sandra Johnson, Annetea Mitchell. Hair stylist, Michelle Martin.

According to a spokesman of the club, a special thanks is extended to Lucille Vogue, Downtown Charlotte, West Charlotte Senior High School Audio-Visual Department and Beta Omicron Sigma Chapter.

After the fashion show, the club members were presented with certificates, awards, pictures of special activities, special key chains, and jewelry.

Club members are Renee Davis, Sandra Johnson, Annetea Mitchell, Denise Bolton, Tammy Roseborough, Kim McGriff, Sabra Smoot, Vanessa McKinnon and Angela Spaulding.

With J.R. Away, Sue

#### Is Ready To Play

With J.R. out of town, Sue Ellen continues her romantic encounters with Cliff Barnes, Pam's brother, only to surprise everyone, including herself, with the news that after seven years of marriage she's now pregnant, on "Dallas," to be rebroadcast Friday, June 1, at 10 p.m. on WBTV, Channel 3.

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