

Black Caucus To Host Family Day

Special to the Post

The North Carolina Black Leadership Caucus will host a "Family Day" of activities at Soul City, N.C., on Saturday, August 25, beginning after its regular bimonthly meeting, announced Clarence E. Light-

The Steering Committee of the Caucus voted to hold its regular meeting at Soul City to further show its support for the project. The Caucus previously adopted resolutions on June 16 and July 7 hailing Soul City as a viable, successful project that not only Blacks but all North Carolinians could be proud of. In previous actions, the Caucus had transmitted its concerns about and support of Soul City to former Housing and Urban Development Secretary Patricia Roberts Harris; President Jimmy Carter; Governor James B. Hunt, Jr.; Senators Jesse Helms and Robert Morgan, and other members of the NC Congressional Delegation; and other national and state-wide governmental and political leaders. Representing the leadership of the major state-wide minority organizations, the Caucus strongly urged these key state and national leaders to assist in soliciting HUD to reconsider its decision to negotiate terminating funds to the Soul City project.

Based on its research, the Caucus officials were extremely distressed that ONE report - done by AVCO Developers of California - could seemingly cause a successful project to end, particularly when other reports by nationally renowned economists had claimed the project to be successful. "We can find no data - including that distributed by HUD - that conclusively substantiates that Soul City should be foreclosed. The developer has not defaulted in repayments; the infrastructure vital for industrial and residential development is in place, making the area most attractive; all of the ingredients except for the proposed regional wastewater treatment plant - which was the last phase of development needed to proceed full steam ahead - are there. It seems illogical to pull the plug on the project just at the moment all of the elements are ready to come to fruition. Until we can find reasons to the contrary," Lightner continued, "we shall continue our support of the only experimental freestanding new town in the nation."

When asked why the meeting was to be held in Soul City on August 25, former Mayor Lightner responded, "Many of our members across the state have not had the opportunity to see Soul City firsthand; all they have to go on is previously published information, which naturally limited their exposure. We feel that anyone who has a chance to actually see the health clinic, the recreational facilities, Soultch I, the residential neighborhoods, the industrial development, and the businesses there, can intelligently judge for himself or herself whether or not Soul City is successful."

Some of the activities planned after the 12:00 business meeting (for Caucus members only) include a cook-out, tours of Soul City, tennis, swimming, volleyball, and other recreational activities. Caucus members, their families, and guests are invited to participate in "Family Day"; \$5 per family will be assessed to cover the use of reserved facilities.

"We have several key business items to resolve at our business meeting," Lightner concluded; "But we plan to adjourn as soon as possible to join all of our members and friends in a fulfilled afternoon and evening at Soul City."



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MRS. DONALD BOYD
...The former Miss Doris Perry

Perry-Boyd Vows Spoken

Doris Perry and Donald Boyd exchanged wedding vows recently at the University Park Baptist Church. Rev. James Palmer officiated at the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Helen Perry and the late Herman Perry. The bridegroom is the son of Mrs. Mary Daisy Redfern and the late Jackie Redfern.

Given in marriage by her uncle Izey Moton, the bride wore a long white gown of crystalline organza, with empire waistline, v-neckline, and long puff sleeves with deep cuffs. The bodice and sleeves were enhanced with appliques of Venice lace daisies and petals. The skirt was designed with a chapel length train and deep flounce.

A camelot cap headpiece trimmed in Venice lace complemented the gown. The bride carried silk roses, carnations and baby's breath in apricot and seaforn.

The matron of honor, Sylvia McClinton wore a seaforn-colored gown and carried silk flowers. Six bridesmaids, Diane S. Stevenson, Elizabeth Thomas, Deborah Cunningham, Marcia Greene, Anita Barnette and Marilyn Redfern were dressed in apricot-colored gowns. Flower girl Raquel Perry wore a white gown as did

Tanya Humty who carried the bride's train.

On the groom's side Luther Leary was best man and Donald Boyd Jr. was the ring bearer. Ushers were Halphonsa Perry, Jerry Redfern, Frederick Scott, Donnie Hunter, Kenneth Boyd, and Walter Wood. Rodney Perry assisted Tanya Huntley carrying the bridal train.

The bride's mother was attired in an off-white dress, gold jewelry, and a corsage of green silk roses. The bridegroom's mother wore a light green dress and yellow silk flower corsage.

A reception for 150-200 guests from Charlotte, Baltimore, Maryland, and Chicago, Illinois was held at the Charlotte Inn on Kings Drive.

Doris Boyd is a graduate of West Mecklenburg High School and studied liberal arts at Central Piedmont Community College. She is currently employed as a data processor technician at Charlotte Memorial Hospital.

Donald Boyd was graduated from Myers Park High School. He is presently a television projectionist at WSOC-TV.

After a week-long honeymoon in New Orleans, the couple now resides in the Roseland Apartments here in Charlotte.

McDowell-Townsend Vows Spoken In Kings Mountain

Galilee United Methodist Church provided the setting recently for an exchange of wedding vows uniting Miss Theresa Marice McDowell and Bennie Townsend.

The couple pledged vows before Dr. T. A. Powell, minister of the church, in a background setting of southern palms, seven branch candelabra and baskets of white carnations, mums, and glads with greenery.

Carl Bennix was pianist for the program of nuptial music and vocal numbers were by Treda Berry-Shadd and Willie Flemings.

The bride, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William McDowell of Kings Mountain, is a graduate of Kings Mountain Senior High School, and a graduate of Appalachian State University in Boone, where she also received a Masters degree in Middle School Education. She is now employed as a teacher in Gaston County.

The groom, son of Mrs. Bernice Townsend and the late David Townsend of Candor, N.C., is a graduate of East Montgomery High School. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in Printing Production Management with a minor in Commercial Design from Appalachian State University, Boone, N.C., and is currently employed by Screencraft Printing in Charlotte, N.C.

William Ray McDowell escorted his daughter to the altar and gave her in mar-

riage. The bride's wedding gown was a formal design of ivory Sata Peau and imported cluny lace fashioned in Victorian silhouette with scalloped lace Victorian collar. Matching lace scallops defined the raised waistline. Full Bishop sleeves had deep lace cuffs at the wrists. The column skirt had a wide hemline flounce topped with lace scallops. Panels of scalloped lace extended from the back waistline to the end of the Chapel length train. Her Chapel-length mantilla veil of imported ivory English tulle and cluny lace was caught to a lace bandeau and she carried a cascade of yellow roses, white carnations, and baby's breath.

Miss Phyllis Adams of Gastonia attended the bride as maid of honor, and bridesmaids were: Mrs. Earlene Luckey of Gastonia, Mrs. Jacqueline Anderson of Kings Mountain, sisters of the bride; Mrs. Brenda McDowell of Kings Mountain, sister-in-law of the bride; Miss Gladys Adams of Gastonia, Miss Serrie Moore of Boone, Miss Loretta McCaskill of Candor, Vanessa Taylor of Raleigh, Miss Cassandra Villines of Greensboro, Miss Dorothy Jefferies of Winston-Salem, and Shawn Chambers, Junior bridesmaid, of Candor.

All the attendants wore long

gowns of yellow silk organza with flared short sleeves. They carried single yellow mums and wore yellow hair ribbons holding a miniature yellow mum.

Michael Stencil of Candor was best man for the bridegroom. Ushers were: Danny McDowell, brother of the bride; Frankie Thompson, William Anderson and Michael Adams, all of Kings Mountain; Lorraine Luckey of Gastonia; Kenneth Petty of Shelby; Donald Townsend, William Martin, Robert Martin, all of Candor; and Aaron Anderson, junior usher, of Kings Mountain.

Lavonne Chambers of Candor, who was the flower girl, was dressed in a white silk organza gown.

Ringbearer was Jermaine Hardy of Gastonia.

After the ceremony, the bride's parents entertained at a beautifully appointed reception in the church fellowship hall. A green and yellow color theme was carried out. A three-tiered wedding cake with a center fountain was served from one end of the table with punch. Silver appointments held cake squares, nuts, mints, ham biscuits and fruit from a fruit bowl. A white damask cloth covered the bride's table.

The newlyweds will make Charlotte their home.



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