

NAACP Sets Youth Council

Workshops

By Susan Ellsworth
Post Staff Writer

Five youth workshops will be held during the NAACP's 36th Annual State Convention that begins Nov. 8 in Greensboro.

"The NAACP has always had a youth convention during the state convention," says Kelly Alexander Sr., president of the North Carolina NAACP.

Two hundred youths are expected to attend a day of workshops on Saturday, Nov. 10.

"NAACP priorities in a time of economic crisis" is the convention theme.

Workshop areas will be: desegregation of the public university, problems of youth units, employment problems, making the political system work for you and political action.

Guests will include Mrs. Gerda Steele, Education Director, NAACP; Mrs. Janice Map, director of Community Youth Employment Programs, the U.S. Department of Labor and Joseph Madison, director of NAACP Voter Education.

Mrs. Diane Small is State Youth Advisor and Miss Brenda Alrich is president of the State Youth Division.

"The NAACP Youth Councils are a separate entity from the adult NAACP," Alexander said.

Delegates from more than 100 state branches will attend the four-day convention.

Natalie Cohen

Elected To

National Board

Natalie A. Cohen, former chairperson of the Mecklenburg County Women's Commissions, was recently elected a member of the board of directors of the National Association of Commissions for Women.

Ms. Cohen, the public affairs coordinator for Planned Parenthood, served as chairperson of the local Commission from 1976 to 1977. During her chairmanship, the Commission implemented the first phase of a career entry and re-entry assistance program and became involved in the implementation of Title IX regulations and the equal employment opportunity plan of the local school system.

Also, under her leadership, the Commission developed a computerized listing of child care centers in Charlotte-Mecklenburg and sponsored 30 informational programs to improve the status of women.

A native of New York City and a graduate of Hunter College, Ms. Cohen serves on the North Carolina Council on the Status of Women and on the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Council for Children. She has lived in Charlotte for the past 11 years, and she and her husband have two sons, 10 and 12.

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MRS. EDWARD HALCOMB JR.
...The former Miss Beverly Macon

Miss Beverly Macon Is

Bride Of Edward Halcomb

Wedding vows were exchanged recently between Miss Beverly Mae Macon and Mr. Edward Halcomb, Jr. The ceremony took place at Fifteenth Street Presbyterian Church in Washington, D.C., where the Rev. John Pharr officiated.

The bride was attired in a Cahill gown of white silk featuring an open neckline delicately etched with frostings of lace. Her bouquet was made of green, white and pink carnations. The bride is a graduate of West Charlotte Senior High. She attends U.D.C. and is employed by the Department of Recreation.

Her parents are the late Baxter Macon, Sr. and Mrs. Rebecca Anthony.

The groom is the son of the

late Mr. and Mrs. Edward Halcomb Sr. He is a graduate of D.C. Street Academy and is enlisted in the U.S. Army in Fort Myers, Virginia.

Ms. Ruby Darby was the Maid-of-Honor and Ms. Marthenia McCray, sister of the bride, was the Matron-of-Honor.

The bridesmaids were: Gwendolyn Epps, Kathy Halcomb, sisters of the groom, Yvonne Steel and Elaine Williams.

Ralph Wiggin, Sr. was best man. The ushers were: Leon Epps, Jr., nephew of the groom, Barry Macon, nephew of the bride, Michael Robinson, Larry Williams and James McCray, Sr.

After a wedding trip to Pocono Mountain, Pa., the newlyweds will reside in Washington, D.C.

Atlas Gives Facts, Explores Problems For The Elderly

Special To The Post

Chapel Hill-Between 1950 and 1970, the number of elderly persons in North Carolina grew from 225,297 to 414,120. It has continued to mushroom in the last decade.

And at a time when the proportion of the elderly in the population at large continues to grow, there is increased awareness of the problems facing older persons.

Three members of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill faculty recently completed a yearlong effort to compile statistics that identify these problems.

Their work culminated with the publication of the 81-page "North Carolina Atlas of the Elderly," a reference source showing, among other things, where the state's older population lives, where its income level is the lowest and where it is the most isolated.

The atlas contains 72 maps and 50 tables describing the elderly populations of each county.

"We really tried to meet three different goals in putting the atlas together," says Dr. Stephen S. Birdsall, professor of geography and one of the atlas authors.

"We wanted it to be a source of easy-to-find information compiled from a variety of scattered sources," he says.

"Then, we tried to put it together in a way that would stimulate further research on the state's elderly and serve as a guide for policymakers at the state and local level."

Working with Birdsall on the project were Shannon P. Hallman, a research associate in the UNC-CH social research section, and Dr. Richard J. Kopec, professor and chair- man of the department of geography.

Statistics in the atlas show where the elderly population lives, but some patterns are more apparent than others.

For example, most of the elderly population is clustered in the counties with the state's largest cities. But

tabulations showing what percentage of a county's population is elderly reveal that the mountain counties are the "most elderly."

"Although some shifts have occurred," the authors say in the atlas, "this section of the state has possessed an older population than average for at least three decades."

Another finding that proved interesting was the concentration of widowed persons near the coast. The authors found that a higher proportion of elderly persons living on the coastal plain are widowed, while both husband and wife are most likely to still be alive in mountain counties.

Migration of widowed persons to the coast does not explain the phenomena, the authors conclude, because many of the state's counties with high death rates among older persons are located on the coastal plain.

To calculate the poverty of the elderly, the authors compared the average per capita income of a county to the percentage of persons 65 or older living in substandard housing.

They found that, in general, fewer elderly persons live in substandard housing where a county's average income is higher. But in Yancey, Camden and Tyrell counties, large portions of elderly people lived in substandard housing despite a relatively high per capita income for the general population.

"Public policy-makers in these counties should be especially attentive to the housing needs of the elderly," the authors say, "because the relatively high average income levels for the total population may lend the general appearance of satisfactory housing conditions for those 65 or older as well."

The atlas contains a variety of other statistics on the elderly including the percent of elderly still in the work force, the number of nursing

care beds and the growth of the elderly population by county.

Also included are the number of elderly living in rural and urban sections of a

county, sex and race breakdowns and a review of elderly persons' own perceptions of social problems.

"By showing the where of things and by analyzing the

social implications attached to each mapped variable, we will provide information that should aid planning at a state level," the authors say in the atlas.

NGU Often Mistaken For Gonorrhea

John of the CDC.

"However, venereal-disease training centers are being set up in Seattle, Denver and Dallas, in connection with medical schools and local health departments, to help train medical students," Ross writes.

While much needs to be learned about the disease, there are protections against it. Diaphragms and condoms may block the spread of infection, and uninfected partners who are faithful to one another are safe from NGU.

With Christmas approaching, shoppers may frequently be tempted to park in spaces reserved for the handicapped. Drivers who acquiesce to this urge may find their cars cited for a violation that brings a \$10 fine.

Sergeant J.W. Templeton of the Charlotte Police Department reports that numerous complaints are received from handicapped persons. These people protest they are unable to park in the reserved spaces because the spaces are occupied by cars not having proper handicapped person identification.

People having physical disabilities—whether they are in a

wheelchair, use a walker or crutches, have acute emphysema, cardio-vascular disease or other restrictive ailments are eligible to use the special handicapped parking.

Only three kinds of labels are recognized: Sgt. Templeton said. They are the placard, special license plate or disabled veteran tag.

A doctor's verification is needed before a handicapped individual can obtain a placard or disabled person's license plate from the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles.

The placard, costing \$5, should be placed on the vehicle's dashboard.

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Violators Will Be Fined

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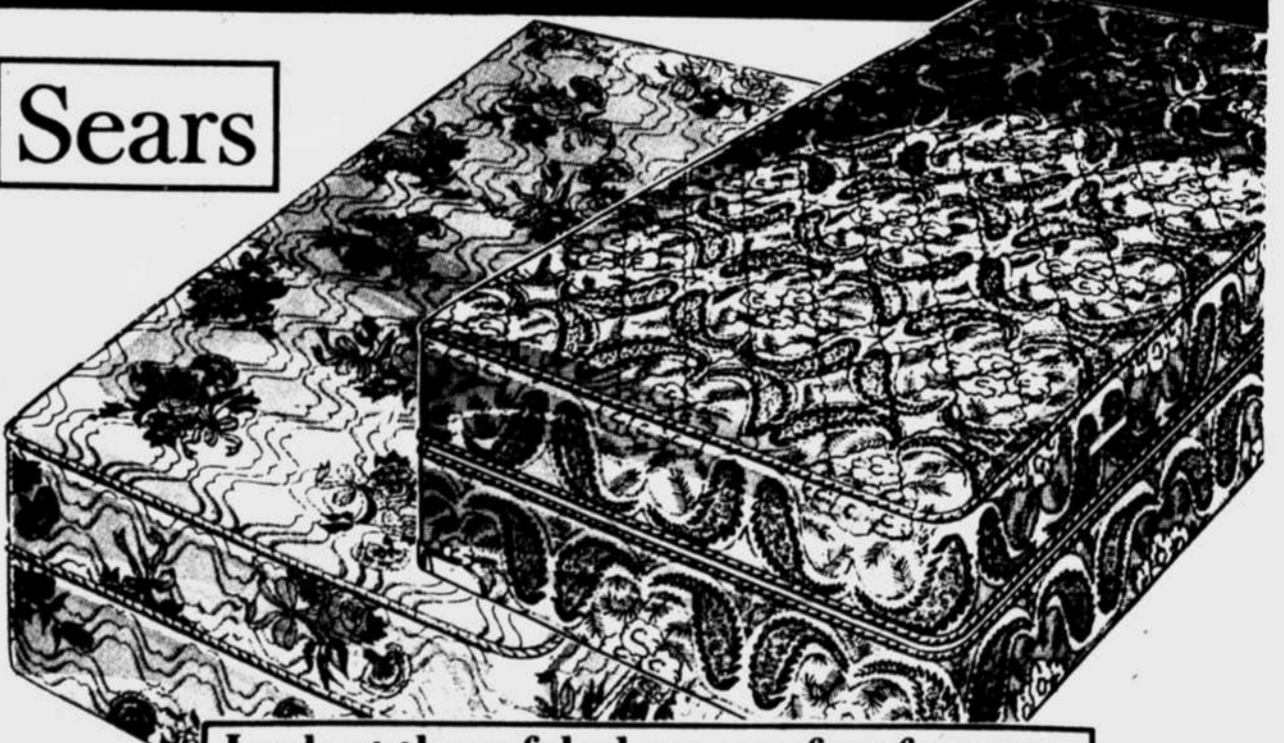
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