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Christmas Lights Something To Behold

McCrorey Branch UMCA, 3801 Beatties Ford Rd., is holding a Holiday Disco, Friday, Dec. 21. You can get in for only 99 cents and dance the night away from 8 to 12 midnight.

It's something to behold - the Christmas lights in McAdenville that is. Each evening until Dec. 26 lights will come on Mondays through Fridays from 5:30 to 9 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays the lights can be witnessed from 5:30 to 10 p.m.

Today Steele Creek Elementary School PTA is sponsoring a Christmas bash for parents, teachers and students. From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Festivities will include an exhilarating session with well-known local storyteller, Jackie Torrence.

Disco skating...How about a nice evening of skating, or falling, at NCNB Plaza outdoor skating rink. Each night carolers and figure skaters will perform and afterwards the rink will be open for public use until Dec. 23. Cost for adults is \$1 an hour, children 50 cents. For reservations or details call 374-8359.

If you donated money last year for a worthy cause then it was part of \$39 billion contributed. Only 10.5 percent of the total came from corporations and foundations. That means \$32.8 billion was contributed by individuals. (According to 'Give USA').

He who is afraid to ask is ashamed of learning. -Danish proverb.

Just because the weather suggests big coats and sweaters doesn't mean people aren't noticing what is underneath. So the YMCA winter fitness program is available for body and weight watchers. They offer swimming, gymnastics and slimnastics for the entire family. Call 333-7773 for more information.

Competition for Sanford Scholarships to the N. C. School of the Arts will be held on the Arts campus in Winston-Salem Jan. 25 at 9 a.m. Junior high and high school students who are legal residents of North Carolina are

eligible to compete.

There is no fee to compete for the four scholarships offered in dance, drama, music and design and production or visual arts. The scholarships apply to tuition and fees at N. C. School of the Arts beginning September of the year awarded. It also covers basic expenses for one year in either NCSA high school or college programs.

For more information call (919) 784-7170, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Micro movie reviews: Since it's Christmas you might go out shopping and suddenly decide to go to a movie. Well, here's a few short descriptions.

"And Justice For All"-rates highly on a scale of one to ten. This movie hits the eight range because there's never a boring moment. If that's the way our judicial system works, let's hope we never get into trouble with the law.

"Alien"-It's been out for a while. And if you haven't seen it yet you'll like it if you like to be frightened. You'll love it if you like glimmy gooky things.

"Apocalypse Now"-Pretty good photography, but it's just another boring war movie. It does however, have some pretty deep questions raised and a bazaar plot.

"Ten"-It's a nice movie to go to if you don't mind your boyfriend or husband drugging through the entire film. The '10' is a beauty, 38-22-36 to be exact. It's a good movie, highly recommended only if you haven't got a jealous bone in your body.

"1941"-There's not a whole lot of the Saturday Night Live men, John Belushi in the movie, but if one or two good laughs are worth the entrance fee, then go. There's a black man in the movie who seems out of place at first, but later on he has one of the funniest lines in the movie.

If you indulge in self-pity, the only sympathy you can expect is from the same source. - Bill Copeland of Sarasota, Fla. Journal.

If your club or organization is having an event, feel free to contact me at 376-0496. Over 63,000 people will probably read about it.



North Carolinians plan strategies at the SCLC conference in Atlanta. Carrie Graves (Charlotte), Ruth Minter (Durham) and Rev. Leon White (Raleigh). (photo by Eileen Hanson)

Rights Groups Calling For Return To Greensboro

By Eileen Hanson

Special To The Post
Twenty years after the Greensboro sit-ins, religious and civil rights groups are calling for a return to Greensboro to launch a "new national offensive" against racism and reaction.

A national march to be held Feb. 2, 1980 in Greensboro will commemorate the 20th anniversary of the lunch-counter sit-ins which began in Greensboro in Feb., 1960. The march will also protest the murders of 5 anti-Klan demonstrators there last Nov. 3, and call for unity against the new wave of Klan and Nazi terror.

"The Klan is an open sore...of the inward cancer of racism, colonialism and political exploitation in the body politic," said Dr. Joseph Lowery, president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

Speaking at a national meeting in Atlanta Dec. 14-15 to plan anti-Klan strategies, Lowery called for a new movement, a new offensive for equality. "Any system that denies God's children equality needs to be destroyed," said Lowery.

The Atlanta conference was called by SCLC and the Inter-Religious Foundation for Community Organizations (IFCO) to formulate new strategies against the rise of the Ku Klux Klan. "We see the Klan coming back all over the country. They are threatening minorities, labor unions and all progressive forces," said C. T. Vivian, conference chairman and a member of SCLC. "If it was communists a few weeks ago, it will be blacks next week and then another group."

The call for the Greensboro march issued by the conference says that the shots that killed 5 anti-Klan demonstrators in Greensboro Nov. 3 "were aimed at all blacks, working people regardless of class and color, and all who desire justice in America."

According to the call, these murders were encouraged by the Bakke and Weber cases against "reverse discrimination," legislation like Proposition-13, new attempts at union busting, inflation and high unemployment. The call blamed the powerful and wealthy for trying to create

scapegoats, "to turn our frustration towards everything but the real source of our problems."

An Interfaith Service called by Greensboro ministers was rescheduled for Dec. 2, attended by some 600 people.

Speaking on the history of the Klan, Ann Braden of the Southern Organizing Committee, said, "The Klan grows during periods of economic and social turmoil." She pointed to the post-Reconstruction and post-World War I periods, and the 1960's as times of increased Klan activity.

"The Klan presents itself as a stabilizing force in periods of uncertainty," said Braden. "Today our economy is again in trouble. Society is falling apart. The power structure must devise means to keep people under control."

Braden commented that putting minority groups up as scapegoats "lays the base for mass fascist movement."

"The best way to stop the Klan is to form a strong movement of black and white for economic justice," she said.

Deaths & Funerals

SAMUEL GIVENS
Samuel Givens, 61, of 1523 Wilmore Dr., died Thursday, Dec. 13, and his funeral was held Thursday, Dec. 20 at Griers Funeral Home Chapel.
Survivors are wife, Darcus; son, Samuel Givens Jr.; daughters, Mrs. Julia Walker of Brooklyn, N.Y., Mrs. Mary Ann Conners, Mrs. Betty Neal, Mrs. Evelyn Fewley, Miss Dorothy Givens; brothers, Ernest Givens of East Orange, N.J., Arthur Givens; sister, Mrs. Mary Reid of Providence, R.I.

son, 84, retired Holiness minister of 1827 Luther St., died Thursday. Funeral services were held Tuesday, Dec. 18 at Beasley's Funeral Home Chapel.
Surviving are his wife, Sarah; daughter, Mrs. Mabel Ross; sisters, Mrs. Bessie Flowers, Mrs. Calbertha King, both of Philadelphia.

MRS. LEARLENA MILLS
Funeral services for Mrs. Learlena Mills were held Tuesday, Dec. 18 at Alexander Funeral Home Chapel, Mills, of 836 W. 4th Ave., Apt. 3, died Dec. 10.

Surviving are husband, Richard; father and stepmother, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Barnett of Columbus, Ohio.

LONNIE GARRIS

Funeral services for Lonnie Garriss, 66, of Monroe, were held Tuesday, Dec. 18 at Langford Chapel CME Church, Garriss, formerly of Charlotte, died Friday, Dec. 14.

Surviving are wife, Florence; son, Charles Garriss; daughter, Mrs. Havella Allen of Monroe; brothers, John Garriss of Kannapolis, Manuel Thompson of Monroe, Isaac Thompson of Washington, Bishop L. B. Thompson; sisters, Mrs. Connie Patterson of Monroe, Mrs. Willie Alsbrooks of Goldsboro, Mrs. Lila Joseph, Mrs. Hattie Gallo-way, Mrs. Tommy Harris, all of Reidsville; stepson, Hazel Cureton of Newburgh, N.Y.

FOSTER GREGORY
Funeral services for Foster Gregory of 1716 Beatties Ford Rd., was held Wednesday, Dec. 19 at C. N. Jenkins Presbyterian Church. Gregory died Friday, Dec. 14.
Survivors are wife, Ruth; sisters, Mrs. Laura Rogers of Union, S.C., Mrs. Mary Sims of Philadelphia. Alexander is in charge.

JAMES W. SMITH
James W. Smith, 67, of Chester, Pa., formerly of Charlotte died Wednesday, and his funeral was Thursday at Thomas and Thomas United Presbyterian Church, Chester.
Surviving are his wife, Myrtle; brothers, Robert Smith, Excell Smith; sister, Mrs. Mattie Anderson of Brooklyn, N.Y., Mrs. Annie Pride. Grier is in charge.

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