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BISHOP WALTER MCCOLLOUGH
...Delivers epitaph

Elder Wilkinson Dies:

Baptizing, Band Parade Highlight Convocation

The second day of the United House of Prayer's Convocation brought many members, choirs and bands from various states. Their intended plan was to arrive on the weekend, but the funeral of Elder C. L. Wilkinson, the first North Carolina senior minister, appointed by Bishop McCollough, was held Monday, September 22, at the House of Prayer, 2321 Beatties Ford Rd. Bishop W. McCollough delivered the eulogy. Elder Wilkinson pastored in Philadelphia, Washington, D.C. and recently at the Beatties Ford Rd. sanctuary here in Charlotte, and Newport News, Virginia.

Elder Wilkinson was extremely active during his years as pastor. In addition to an Elder's duties he was also a member of the General Council, appointed Judge of the General Council.



Elder C. L. Wilkinson
...An outstanding leader

and participated in various other dimensions of the United House of Prayer. Survivors include his wife, Mrs. C. L. Wilkinson, and son Claude Wilkinson Jr. The Convocation continues despite the loss of a

well-known and loved Elder. Thursday, September 25, the young people of the state will perform and deliver salutes to Bishop McCollough.

On Saturday, September 27, special salutes to the Bishop will continue. A multitude of churches from various states will participate. Preaching and singing in celebration of Bishop McCollough's 20 years of outstanding leadership will occur. Citations from mayors of different cities, the governor, and the City Council will be presented to Bishop McCollough also. Earlier Saturday afternoon at 2 p.m. a softball game will be played at West Charlotte Senior High School.

Baptismal Services will be held at the House of Prayer, 2321 Beatties Ford Rd., Sunday, September 28, at 11 a.m. and a band exhibition, including bands from a number of states will follow at 2 p.m.

In the past 20 years, under the leadership of Bishop McCollough, the House of Prayer has grown in number, adding 70 churches and more members. To date there are over 4 million members, 4,500 locally.

National Family Sex

Week Will Be Celebrated

Planned Parenthood of Greater Charlotte is celebrating National Family Sex Education Week, October 5-11, by holding a workshop for parents and teenagers on human sexuality.

Research shows girls who have an open relationship with their parents are less likely to become pregnant than girls who cannot talk with their parents, according to Lorena Page, the workshop coordinator.

Set for October 10-12 at the Park Road YWCA, the workshop is open to boys and girls ages 11-14 and one or both parents. Fees range from \$20-\$50 depending upon weekly family income.



REMEMBER when the pay check deduction was the one slipped out for a BEER on the way home from work?

This workshop is designed to enhance communication between teens and their parents and peers.

By Eileen Hanson
Special To The Post
Charlotte postal workers will celebrate 67 years of progressive black unionism on Saturday, October 4. The National Alliance of Postal and Federal Employees (NAPFE) will hold its annual Awareness Week Dinner at the Park Road S&W (Park Rd. and Woodlawn) beginning at 5 p.m.

City Councilman Ron Leeper (Dist. 3) will be the featured speaker. Also on the program will be George Lacy, NAPFE attorney from New York; Oren McCullough giving the Alliance's history; and Connie Berry giving the welcome. Freddie Dewalt will serve as toastmaster. The national theme for this year's Awareness

Week will be "The Sands of Time: A Look at NAPFE's Roots," with a special focus on the contributions of the Alliance's oldest members and retirees to



Ron Leeper
...guest speaker

Employers Urged To Seek Alternatives To Layoffs

Competency Tests Await

Our Students

Mecklenburg County students will be taking the state's competency test on September 30 and October 4 at each senior high school. Students are required to meet minimum competency standards in basic skills to receive a high school diploma.

Tenth graders will take diagnostic tests while 11th grade students take the competency test and the 12th graders who failed the competency test at previous attempts will take it again.

Most tests will be given in the morning with reading in the first three hour block on September 30 and math on October 4.

Make-up tests for students who missed school on these two days will be held October 2-8, depending on which school the student attends.

The testing is a result of 1977 legislation passed by the General Assembly to make sure high school graduates possess the skills and knowledge necessary to function successfully in society. The program is intended to identify strengths and weaknesses in the education process and make the education system accountable to the public for results.

State Competency Test results for last spring's session showed that 71,795 North Carolina seniors (class of 1980) took the test. Of the seniors, some 70,814 (98.6 percent) successfully passed the reading portion; 70,565 (98.3 percent) passed the math portion. Some 981 (1.4 percent) of the senior class did not pass the reading portion; 1,230 (1.7 percent) did not pass the math test. These students continued to work in remediation programs and had an additional opportunity to pass the test the last month of school.

The class of 1980 was the first class issued graduation certificates rather than diplomas to those failing the test.

black unionism. Dinner reservations are due Monday, September 29, by calling Tom Thompson, 523-3384 or Dewalt, 523-9197, 527-2946. Tickets are \$10.

The Alliance claims 126,000 members in 127 locals throughout the United States and the Virgin Islands. According to Dewalt, some 130 Charlotte postal workers are members.

The Alliance was founded in 1913 when 35 black railway mail clerks met in Chattanooga, Tenn., to form a union to prevent the elimination of blacks from the railway mail service. For 67 years the union has continued to fight against discrimination of all kinds in federal employment and

Special Attention Focused On "Worksharing"

Beauty Of Week



STUDIOUS BRENDA MCKOY
...Wake Forest University senior

Brenda McKoy Is Beauty Of Week

By Teresa Burns
Post Staff Writer

While most people shy away from the difficult majors in universities, our beauty, Brenda McKoy, decided to plunge into a subject she believed to be a challenge.

"I decided to major in mathematics. It's one of the few challenges I've had. It's not something to just memorize and repeat - it's something you have to understand and I enjoy it," she remarked.

Now a senior at Wake Forest University, Ms. McKoy has had time to narrow her future down to two paths. "I will either continue in graduate school or enter the business world in accounting."

But for the present she is actively involved in Wake Forest's Student Government, Poetry Reading, Afro-American Society, and Intramural Sports where she plays softball and volleyball.

Her beauty is energetic mentally as well as physically. She doesn't have

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The Pi Phi Ensemble of the Pi Phi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity will give a benefit concert at 7:30 p.m. in the University Church at Johnson C. Smith University.

Voters are encouraged to register before the October 6 deadline.



Bob Walton
...political candidate

Marshall Park Rally Kickoffs Walton Campaign

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