

County Services Center Opens

Eight County government agencies and four Federal agencies will move into the County Services Center on N. Tryon St. during the next several days, and full operations in the new location will begin Monday, March 2, at 8 a.m.

The County Services Center is the former Sears-Roebuck property on N. Tryon St. and N. College St. All agencies relocating to the Center at this time will move into the County Services Center - N. Tryon St. Building, which is the large facility at 700 N. Tryon St., where the main Sears operation was housed. Renovation will begin shortly on a second, smaller building across the street, on N. College St., and this facility will be known as the County Services Center - N. College St. Building.

These County agencies will move first and will open for business at the new location Wednesday morning, February 25:

- County Credit Union, presently located at 316 E. Morehead St.;
- Fire Administrator's Office, presently located at 300 E. Seventh St.;
- Human Services Planning Department, presently located at 723 E. Trade St.;
- Women's Commission Office, presently located at 316 E. Morehead St.;
- Veterans' Service Of-

...fice, presently located at 723 E. Trade St.

In addition, the District Office of the Farmers' Home Administration, a Federal agency that leases space from the County, presently located at 723 E. Trade St., will move into the Center and open for business Wednesday morning.

These County agencies will move into the Center later in the week and will be operating at the new location Monday:

- County Building Standards and Code Enforcement Department, presently located at 1501 I-85;
- County Engineering Department, presently located at 1501 I-85;
- Emergency Medical Services administrative offices, presently located at 219 E. Blvd. (Mecklenburg County Ambulance Service - MEDIC).

Federal agencies that will move later in the week and open Monday at the Center are the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, the County Office of the Farmers' Home Administration, and the Soil Conservation Service, all of which are now located at 1501 I-85.

It is suggested that you call these agencies before visiting them this week, to determine which location is open, the old or the new. All telephone numbers will re-

main the same and are listed in the Southern Bell directory under City-County Government.

Ample free parking space will be available to all persons coming into the Center. As a temporary measure, the parking lot across N. College St. will be used, while work is completed on the lot adjacent to the main N. Tryon St. building. Signs have been posted to direct traffic to the correct place. Access to the lot is from N. College St.

Also a temporary measure, the entrance facing N. College St. - formerly the entrance to the Sears Garden Shop - will be used. This is the closest entrance to the N. College St. parking lot.

The County Police Department, Medical Examiner and County Morgue, and the Mecklenburg Ambulance Service (MEDIC) are slated to move into the County Services Center - N. College St. Building in early 1982.

The County Services Center includes 8.6 acres of land, two buildings with a total of approximately 193,160 square feet of space (149,200 in the N. Tryon St. building and 43,960 in the N. College St. building), and 620 parking spaces. The N. Tryon St. Building is brick and has three levels. All agencies moving into the Center this week will be located on the first level. The complex is adjacent to the Brookshire Freeway, making it convenient for the public and providing good accessibility for the service-oriented agencies.

The property was purchased from Sears-Roebuck for \$1,650,000 in 1979. The appraised value at that time was \$2,191,000. Cost of renovation of the N. Tryon St. building was approximately \$900,000. Plans for the renovation were drawn by Middleton, McMillan, Architects, and the general contractor has been Donald C. Neal Construction Co. Other companies involved in the renovation were Carolina Mechanical Systems, plumbing; Air Masters, mechanical; and E. & W. Electric Co., electrical.

Office landscaping has been used throughout the first level of the building as a cost-saving measure, and was designed by Design Environments.

All of the agencies relocating to the Center except the Fire Administrator's Office, Veterans' Service Office, and District Office of the Farmers' Home Administration are in rented buildings, and the County will thus save the amount presently going into rent.

Purchase and renovation of the County Services Center has enabled the County to consolidate in one central, easily accessible location a wide range of services which have previously been scattered across the County. The Center also provides an anchor for the north end of Uptown Charlotte and provides the County with one of the solutions to pressing space problems, while at the same time allowing ample time for both the City and the County to address their long-term space needs.



Ms. Springs, Ms. Stewart and their monstrous dinosaur. (Photo by kindergarten class pose proudly around Teresa Burns)

In Kindergarten Class

Elizabeth Traditional

School Puffs Enthusiasm

By Teresa Burns
Post Staff Writer

Dinosaurs, museums and children's fascinations usually can be found in a puff of enthusiasm, especially in the kindergarten class of Debbie Springs and Sharyn Stewart.

Their five- and six-year-old students at Elizabeth Traditional School have been studying dinosaurs - all sizes, shapes and breeds.

But everyone knows dinosaurs are extinct so what did the class do - what else but construct their own dinosaur?

"It took about 10 days to complete," Ms. Springs commented. "We used paper mache, card board for the head and tail and a tube we found in the parking lot for the neck."

Its legs are really egg cartons and the teeth are the plastic sticks from Q Tips, but with a little imagination the green dinosaur looks as if its ready to charge any minute.

The dinosaur holds a special aura, probably because each student contributed something to its existence.

"We wanted to give the children an experience and teach them that it is more to living and enjoying school than just store bought items," Ms. Springs stated.

Ideas such as this one enhances any child's creativity and it makes the classroom a place to participate and not a place to simply watch and listen.

The dinosaur is the main attraction in the class' museum. Other classes are invited to discover dinosaurs and to listen to the students explain each exhibit.

"This is a Brontosaurus... it is any dinosaur of the genus Apatosaurus," said one little student before a pictorial feature.

It was amazing how

many of them could take those difficult names and pronounce them so easily. But Ms. Springs says they have no problems with pronunciation or qualms about speaking before a crowd.

"We have invited classes to see our museum - nine classes have been here so far. This gives the students a chance to explain the topic and practice public speaking," Ms. Springs continued.

The project brought enjoyment to the classroom teachers, children and even the children's families. Just the thought of reviving something ancient was enjoyment enough for many. And now the dinosaur has become an actual look into the past.

"God Planned For Me

To Serve In The Restaurant"

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satisfying his patrons with delicious home-cooked foods - like short ribs, mashed potatoes, greens, baked chicken and peach and apple cobblers.

It is a "happy romance" that McDonald has had being in the restaurant business and partly because of his love of what he does, he along with his nephew Arthur Miller, owner of McDonald's Cafeteria, will become partners in a new business venture, McDonald's Restaurant No. 2.

Taking a less active role

in the new cafeteria, scheduled to open in August, will mainly be handled by Arthur Miller and McDonald's daughter, Brenda Allen.

God said, Be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, for as much as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord."

11 Corinthians 15:58

For strength and peace of mind, read your King James Bible and pray to God everyday.

Public Hearing Set

On Ambulance Fees

What do you think about ambulance fees in Charlotte-Mecklenburg? Are they too high? Too low with too much government subsidy? A fair price for the service you get? Would you be willing to pay higher taxes for better service? Higher ambulance fees?

These are some of the questions that will be addressed during a public

hearing at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 3, in the County Office Building. If you have an opinion about ambulance fees and ambulance service in this community, you are urged to attend the meeting and speak out.

The meeting will be held by the Mecklenburg Emergency Medical Advisory Council (MEMAC), the official advisory body to the Board of County Commissioners in the area of emergency medical services. MEMAC has been asked by the County Commissioners to study and make recommendations on ambulance fees, and before developing its recommendations MEMAC is seeking input from the public.

The current ambulance fee in Charlotte-Mecklenburg is \$75, and County government is subsidizing the annual emergency services budget by more than 50 percent. The 1980-81 budget for these services is approximately \$1.8 million.

Person who wish to speak at the hearing are asked to call Kathy Lineberger at 374-3401 and put their names on the agenda. Each speaker is requested to limit his or her remarks to five minutes.

The meeting will be in the fourth floor Board Room of the County Office Building, 720 E. Fourth St. For more details call the Mecklenburg Ambulance Service, 374-3401.

"Roses For Rosie" Honors

Working Women

"Roses for Rosie" will be the theme of this year's International Women's Day, a day to honor all working women, to be held in Charlotte, Saturday, March 7.

The program will feature the film "The Life and Times of Rosie the Riveter," an award-winning documentary by Connie Field about the experiences of women workers during and after World War II.

Charlotte's local "Rosies" - the women who worked in the Shell Plant, Quarter Master, Camp Greene, Union Carbide and other factories - will speak after the film, and will be honored at an evening reception and ball.

The afternoon program, to be held at the Greenville Neighborhood Center, 1330 Spring Street (off Oaklawn Ave.), will begin at 12:30 p.m. with a reception and children's art contest.

"Rosie the Riveter" will begin at 1 p.m., followed by a series of workshops on issues of concern to working women: 1) How to Have a Safe and Healthy Workplace, 2) So You Want To Form a Union, 3) Quality Day Care: A Working Woman's Right, 4) Reproductive Rights and Hazards, and 5) Working Women, Then and Now.

The afternoon program is free. Child care will be provided. Local organizations that provide services for women will have display booths.

The evening program will be held at the Quality Inn, 201 S. McDowell St., beginning at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$5 in advance, \$7 at the door, with Patron Tickets selling for \$15.

Ruth Sloane-Dew will present excerpts from the play "For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide When the Rainbow is Enough." Ms. Dew is a member of the Performing Arts Guild Ensemble.

Guest speaker will be Geraldine Sawyer, the first black woman mayor in Alabama, and the second in the South. She is mayor of McMullen, in Pickens County, Ala.

Local "Rosies" will be honored guests at the reception and ball.

Carolina Chargers

The Carolina Chargers Booster Club will hold a business meeting Tuesday, March 3, at Papa Doc's Pig Palace, 215 West 2nd St., in Charlotte at 7 p.m.

Featured guest will be Reggie "Super Gnat" Smith formerly with the Chargers, now with the NFL Atlanta Falcons. All Boosters and interested persons are urged to attend.

For further information, call 704-373-3204.

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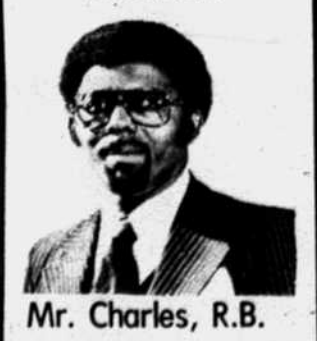
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TRICHOLOGY CORNER



Mr. Charles, R.B.

QUESTION: Mr. Charles, what shampoo do you recommend for the curl look? Some I have tried leave my hair brittle and hard.

ANSWER: Most commercial shampoos have hydrolyzed protein reconstructors, detergent tars, sulphurs and other chemicals too numerous to name. The Trichologist or stylist is wiser to stay with the ones that have been tested and monitored for side effects and reliability. In testing products, we find that some have terrible results. The one I recommend mostly is our Wunderlust shampoo; unless, of course, there are other problems to be considered.

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