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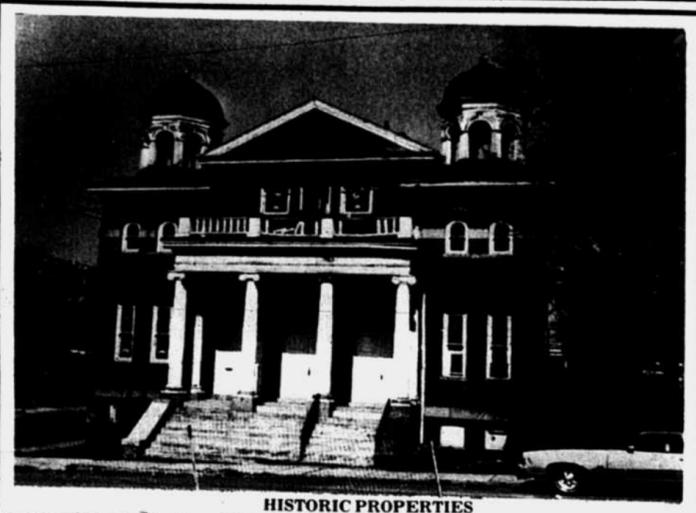
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HISTORIC PROPERTIES

The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Properties Commission has been awarded a \$2,000 grant from the National Trust for Historic Preservation in Washington, D.C. The matching grant from the Consultant Services category of the Preservation Services Fund will help to finance an adaptive reuse study of Little Rock AME Zion Church, chartered by Congress in 1949, the National Trust for Historic Preservation encourages participation by Americans in the preservation of this country's buildings, sites, objects, districts and structures. This is done, in part, through grants and loans to member nonprofit organizations and public agencies. The Preservation

Services Fund awards grants in three categories: consultant services (to fund outside professional help on specific projects); preservation education (to support program development at the elementary through post-graduate level); and co-sponsored conferences (to support conferences that address subjects of particular importance to historic preservation). "By this action the National Trust is helping to preserve one of the most magnificent buildings in the history of Charlotte architecture and the black community," said Dr. Paul Escott, Chairman of the Historic Properties Commission.

Census Bureau Reports:

1 Of 3 U.S. Households Gets Government Aid

FOCUS Sets People's Town Meeting Day

The Resource Development Section of the Mecklenburg County Agriculture Extension Agency is joining FOCUS on the Johnson C. Smith University Urban Studies Center in announcing People's Town Meeting Day Part II. The Town Meeting, the culmination of the second part of the Black Urban Symposium, will be held at the Johnson C. Smith University Student Union at 9:45 a.m. on Saturday, April 11.

Guest speaker will be Henry McKoy, assistant secretary for the Department of Administration, Governor's Office. His topic will be: "Responding to Today's Economic and Political Needs - A Challenge."

In the first part of the symposium, which started last fall, hundreds of Charlotte area residents met weekly at JCSU and drew up a document, identifying concerns facing the black community.

During part two of the symposium, residents drew up a more comprehensive document which lists suggestions and recommendations toward implementing solutions toward solving problems raised in part one. The document will be made public for the first time during this meeting.

The meeting will also include a leadership training and development seminar which will be a first step in the organization of neighborhood groups through increased citizen participation.

A schedule of the day's activities is as follows: 9:15-9:45 - Registration; 9:45-10:45 - Group Session; 10:45-11 - Break; 11-11:30 - Speaker (Henry McKoy); and from 11:30-1:30 - Leadership Training and Development.



JANICE ELAINE BROWN
...Rutledge College honor student

Janice E. Brown Is Beauty Of Week

By Tere Burns
Post Staff Writer
Janice Elaine Brown is among the top of her class at Rutledge College and recently was listed on the college's Dean's list.

"I believe I became an honor student because I pray a lot. It's due to the answer to my prayers and a lot of work behind them," Ms. Brown explained concerning her success.

Ms. Brown is completing her final quarter of Secretarial Science. "I'm studying to become a medical secretary. I like dealing with people and I've always liked learning new experiences."

The daughter of Irene Brown and Leonard Brown, our Leo beauty has two sisters and two brothers. To summarize her feelings concerning her

family she confessed, "I wish there were more!" She described her mother as being her "favorite person."

She helped to encourage me through school. At times I wanted to stop and get a job right away. Then she would encourage me to continue. She's always been there when I needed her."

Another friend of Ms. Brown's is Jerry Oates who showed her that people can be sincere. "I used to be mean," our beauty admitted, "and I had such a negative attitude. But when I talked to Jerry as a friend, he helped me to change and now we are the best of friends."

Ms. Brown believes that prayer is important. "I believe in praying and being faithful. I have always prayed...in the morning and at school. I've always done this, it has always been a part of me." Ms. Brown also feels that love is important in this world.

Today, our 20-year-old beauty describes herself as a nice person. "I like meeting different people and I like to keep people laughing by cracking jokes."

Green: Medicare Is The Single Largest Program

The Census Bureau, in its first look at who gets government help, reported Thursday, that federal benefit programs reach one out of every three American households.

The agency studied non-cash assistance programs as of 1979, reporting on the recipients of food stamps, school lunch aid, subsidized housing, Medicare and Medicaid.

According to the report, these programs reached 27,190,000 households out of a total of 79,108,000. Medicare is the single largest program, covering one or more persons in 18,526,000 households.

Gordon W. Green Jr., author of the report, cautioned that the large number of people covered by Medicare means the totals do not merely reflect a picture of assistance to the poor.

Medicare eligibility is based on age or being disabled, he noted, not income. Green said that people receiving only Medicare totaled more than half of those studied. Thus, those receiving assistance based on income level accounted for about one household in six.

Ninety percent of the people covered by Medicaid were white, 9 percent black, and the rest were listed as Hispanic.

According to the report, 15 million of the involved households included someone aged 65 or over.

A total of 49 million households have children receiving this assistance, about 16 percent of all households with school-age children.



Dr. Raleigh Bynum
Studies at Congress

Dr. Bynum "Hones" His Skills At SECO

ATLANTA - Dr. R. W. Bynum, O.D. of Charlotte, N.C., area practitioner of optometry, has just returned from honing his professional skills at the Southern Educational Congress of Optometry.

The optometrist attended educational courses at the Congress designed to enhance his proficiency as an optometrist and as a primary health care provider.

They also were aimed at bringing him up-to-date with the latest developments in the field of optometry and in the whole sphere of eye care.

While at the Congress, he took courses from among more than 170 hours of continuing education that covered everything from recognition of eye disease conditions to special care needed by people wearing contact lenses. The courses were taught by recognized experts in vision health from colleges and universities not only throughout the United States, but from abroad as well.

The Congress, one of the largest in the country, has been held annually for the past 58 years and has met in Atlanta since 1959.

The Congress is sponsored by the 4,000-member Southern Council of Optometrists, a 12-state regional group whose purpose is the advancement of optometry and optometric professionalism, and was centered around the theme of "Excellence in Education...Proficiency in Practice"

Supporters Of ERA Set March For Raleigh

RALEIGH - Supporters of the Equal Rights Amendment will march "Shoulder to Shoulder" in Raleigh, at noon on Saturday, May 2. The march is sponsored by North Carolinians United for ERA and 50 member organizations as a positive statement of the justice of equal legal rights for all people.

"This is an opportunity for men and women across the state to join together to express our commitment to the principles of justice and fair legal treatment represented by the Equal Rights Amendments," said Beth McAllister, president of NCUERA. "We are demonstrating that these issues will not disappear and our work will continue in the future as it has persevered in the past."

Participating individuals and groups will meet at the field in front of the Archdale and Dobbs Buildings, corner of Peace St. and Wilmington St. The "Shoulder to Shoulder" procession will lead to a brief program at the Capitol Building.

"The march is also a celebration of the hard work of North Carolina's grass roots supporters over the past eight years, and the benefits that have already come about as a result of their hard work," McAllister said. "We are celebrating the time, the energy, and the gift of themselves these people have given in order that men and women might have justice."

Bett Hargrave, coordinator of the N.C. Council of Churches' Religious Com-

mittee for ERA, added, "This is a matter of simple justice. It is right, and we are going to continue to work for the ideal of equality for all people."

A planning committee appointed by NCUERA is coordinating arrangements for the "Shoulder to Shoulder" march. McAllister said initial response has been enthusiastic, with local groups spreading the word and beginning to organize transportation to Raleigh.

Promotional materials - including T-shirts, buttons, and posters - will be available to commemorate the event. The promotional items carry a quote from Susan B. Anthony summarizing the purpose of the march: "Never another season of silence until women have the same rights as men have on this green earth." Funds generated from sales will be used toward ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment, in North Carolina and other states.

For further information, contact NCUERA, 5 W. Hargett St., Raleigh, 919-828-0568.

State's Infant Mortality Rate Declines 30 Percent

Special To The Post
RALEIGH - Dr. Sarah T. Morrow, Secretary of the N.C. Department of Human Resources announced today that the state's infant mortality rate declined by 30 percent between 1973 and 1979.

The infant mortality rate is the number of babies who die before reaching their first birthday. "This is a clear indication that North Carolina's pregnant women and infants are getting healthier," Dr. Morrow said. "And I think that the decline can be attributed to better overall general health care, better nutrition and improved care during pregnancy and childbirth. Two other significant factors have made this possible. One is the growing and closer partnership between public and private health care providers and the other is increased legislative support

since 1974 to improve services to high risk mothers and their babies." The death rate of babies from 20 weeks of pregnancy through the first 28 days of life (the perinatal period) declined by 30.7 percent; fetal mortality (20 weeks of pregnancy through birth) declined by 27.6 percent and neonatal mortality (from birth through the first 28 days of life) declined by 33.3 percent in the same time period.

From 1973 to 1979, the death rate of infants at birth weighing three pounds (1501 grams) and less declined by 14.1 percent while the death rate at birth for those weighing between three pounds and five and a half pounds (2500 grams) declined by 32.5 percent. The death rate of infants at birth born at normal birthweight also declined by 33.3 percent.

The decline in the death rate for low birthweight infants during the first 28 days of life was even more pronounced with those under three pounds showing a 26.2 percent decline in the death rate, those from three to five and a half pounds showing a 53.7 percent decline and infants or

For Community Hospital

WGIV Radio Will Host Rally And Picnic Sunday

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By Susan Ellsworth
Post Staff Writer
"People think of Charlotte Community Hospital as a black hospital, a free nursing home or a place to die..." according to Terri Byrum, public relations spokesman for CCH.

To combat that image the hospital along with WGIV Radio will host a rally and picnic on Sunday, April 12, from 1-5 p.m. complete with live music, clowns, balloons and prizes.

Speakers Jim Black of WGIV and Ms. Byrum, the rally organizer, will present arguments on why the hospital should be saved.



Jim Black
...Guest Speaker

Episcopal Church, this was the only black hospital in the country then. "If you were black and born in Charlotte up till 1958 you were born in Good Sam," Black said. When it was sold to the

City in 1963 it became Charlotte Community Hospital which houses a general care facility. Surgery and emergency are the only facilities not available.

Poor image and lack of funds are the major handicaps the hospital faces. Up till March 81, Charlotte Community Hospital didn't have a public relations spokesperson. Many of the patients are indigent. Closing the hospital would move them and responsibility for the poor to Charlotte Memorial - the other county hospital, Ms. Byrum said.

Although it has 143 beds, only 30-40 patients use Charlotte Community Hospital now. Two wings have been closed at the hospital located one block of Morehead at 801 S. Graham near Third Ward. One hundred twenty employees are on See WGIV on Page 10

TURTLE-TALK

The salary we used to dream of is the one today we can't live on.