

School Lunch Benefits To Black

Between 40 and 50 percent of all black and Spanish-origin households with school age children received free or reduced price school lunches in 1980, according to a survey conducted by the Department of Commerce's Census Bureau.

The school lunch program is one of four major non-cash federal programs to assist low income households.

All households with children receiving free or reduced price school lunches increased by 12 percent, from a 1979 total of 4.9 million to 5.5 million in 1980. About 45 percent of these 5.5 million households were maintained by women.

Black households with children receiving such lunches rose six percent between 1979-80, from 1.8 to 1.9 million. For families of Spanish origin, the increase was 15 percent, up from 700,000 to 800,000. White households with school age children receiving lunches in this category also jumped appreciably, 14 percent, from 3.0 to 3.4 million during the year.

The increases brought 1980 totals to about 50 percent of black households with school age children, 43 percent of Spanish-origin households and 16 percent of white households similarly situated.

The report also noted that black households receiving food stamps rose 11 percent, from 2.1 million in 1979 to 2.4 million in 1980.

Food stamp recipients among white households increased by 12 percent, from 3.8 million to 4.2 million, and 17 percent among Spanish-origin households, from 600,000 to 700,000.

Overall, 6.8 million households received food stamps in 1980, approximately 8 percent of all U.S. households. The majority of such households (about 65 percent) had incomes below the poverty level.

The report also showed an 8 percent increase in households residing in public or other subsidized housing. Black households residing in such housing rose from 1.0 million in 1979, to 1.1 million in 1980. Occupancy for whites rose from 1.5 to 1.6 million and remained the same for Spanish-origin households (200,000).

The report also includes data on recipients of Medicaid and Medicare, and notes that 53 percent of the Medicaid households (about 4.4 million) had incomes below the poverty level.

Medicaid covered 40 percent of all poor households and 52 percent of all poor households with children under 19 years old. About 24 percent of all U.S. households contained one or more members covered by Medicare during 1980. Eighty-two percent of those households had a household member 65 years old or over.

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The greatest undeveloped territory in the world lies under your hat.



ENERGETIC RENEE WIDEMAN
... "B" Honor roll student

Renee Wideman Is Beauty Of Week

Being a B Honor Roll student at Wilson Junior High School and a member of seven various organizations, is not an easy task, but somehow Renee Wideman musters up the energy to complete each mission successfully.

A ninth grade Varsity Cheerleader, a member of Project Aries, Student Council Alternate, a member of the YAC Club, Youth Advisory Council and celloist in the orchestra are all worthwhile pastimes to Ms. Wideman.

Even at church, Greater Mt. Sinai, where Rev. Norman E. Kerry Sr. is pastor, Ms. Wideman's talents are not stifled.

She is past president of her Sunday School class, ushers on the Young Adult Usher Board, is secretary of the Youth Group in the church and has enjoyed cheerleading on the squad of the church for the past two years.

"Live each day to its fullest," is the theme for life. Ms. Wideman takes seriously.

Born in Philadelphia, our Libra beauty moved to Charlotte in 1976. The granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. McKnight, who are her favorite people. She has two sisters, DeLynn

Post's Readers Are Thankful

Thanksgiving Is Time For Reflecting

By Loretta Manago
Post Staff Writer

Although Thanksgiving is traditionally the time families gather and eagerly devour lavishly prepared meals, it is also a time for reflecting.

During these unstable economic times we all may tend to forget things for which we are thankful; we at the Post thought we would share with you some of the feelings we received from a few solicited persons when we asked: "What are you thankful for?"

Jimmy Grier, owner of Jimmy Grier's Alter House: "All my family is with me. Both my health and business are good and that's beautiful to me. I couldn't ask for more."

Louvinia Floyd, assistant administrative specialist at IBM: "I'm thankful for my family (husband and two children), my parents, other relatives and friends. I'm thankful for my health and welfare and I'm thankful to be alive."

Bobby Lowery, president of Better Cleaning Maintenance Supply, Inc. and Better Cleaning Janitor Service: "I'm thankful to



Jimmy Grier
... Local tailor

be living in a place where I have the basic freedom to make the choices I want in my life, where I can make things happen for myself and enjoy them. Having been in other countries I have learned to appreciate the abundance of material things this country has to offer that are so desperately needed in other countries. I'm thankful for the opportunity we have to fight for a better way of life, but most of all I'm thankful for people."

Betty Potts, secretary of The Charlotte Post: "I'm

Holiday Period Is Dangerous

RALEIGH - Burley B. Mitchell Jr., Secretary of the N.C. Department of Crime Control and Public Safety, issued a reminder this week that the Thanksgiving holiday period is a dangerous time for travelers and asked all North Carolinians to be traffic safety conscious during the holidays.

"Last year, 25 people died on North Carolina highways during the Thanksgiving holiday period," Mitchell said. "The loss of a family member is tragic at any time, but it is especially poignant if it comes at this most family-centered of all our holidays."

"I ask all citizens of this state to join with me at this time in a concerted effort to make this Thanksgiving holiday period one of the most accident free in our history."

"The two leading causes of traffic fatalities are excessive speed and driving under the influence," Mitchell said. "If everyone would observe the 55 mph speed limit and let a friend - a sober friend - drive when the operator of the car is impaired by alcohol, I know we can have a much safer and happy Thanksgiving holiday."

Colonel J.T. Jenkins, Commander of the State Highway Patrol added his appeal to Mitchell's. "The Thanksgiving holiday period begins at 6 p.m. November 25 and runs until midnight November 29," he said.

"I urge every motorist to observe the posted speed limits and comply with all the rules of safety."



Mrs. Betty Potts
... Post's secretary

thankful for life. I'm thankful for each day because it represents another opportunity to uplift and make a contribution to the lives I touch. I'm also thankful for the opportunity to work and to have a job. Fellowship with my Creator and realizing that that touches everything else."

Gary Mumford, drummer for local band, Force: "I'm thankful for life, health and strength. If you have that, you have everything."

Clennie Gholston, retired nurse: "I'm alive. That's



JERRY'S SUPERMARKET

... Popular neighborhood grocery

Statesville Road Widening Threatens Jerry's Market

By Chavance Post Staff Writer
Nestled in the beautiful pines of Statesville Road is Jerry's Supermarket, a weekend retreat for grocery shoppers in the Beaties Ford-Statesville Road area.

Jerry's has been a community store since settling in the area in 1967. "We try to be a community store doing a community job, getting good food to people who have no other way to get it," said general manager Ben Hinson.

Jerry's is threatened. The State Highway Department is going to widen Statesville Road. The addition will bring the ditch at the side of the road up to the front of the Supermarket, taking away parking space.

"This will affect our 31 employees," said Hinson. "They will pay us for the amount of land taken, but that's like cutting off our head. Nothing lives with

the head cut from the body."

The construction will begin in October 1982, with a center turning lane on the road. It has already been approved.

"This is the new arm of Interstate 77 and Interstate 85," said Hinson, adding that Jim West of the Department of Transportation talked to him last week.

Hinson considered opening a new place but the cost of \$200,000 to \$350,000 makes this option prohibitive.

All Title Applications Require Odometer Reading

RALEIGH - "Christmas will arrive early for consumers purchasing cars. Starting December 1, 1981 no longer will consumers be swindled out of the true worth of the car which could have been caused by tampering automobile

titles and by altering odometer readings. Officials at the Division of Motor Vehicles explained that North Carolina title applications must now show the accurate odometer reading on the vehicle. This reading had not previously been required in North Carolina and now applies to both consumers and auto dealers who wish to obtain car titles. From December 1 and thereafter, vehicles will have a history of the odometer reading each time it is transferred.

Until new title application forms have been printed indicating the place for odometer reading, it will be necessary to enter the reading on the present documents. When applying for a title, citizens are requested to contact their local branch office or Division of Motor Vehicles personnel for information. On new titles and application forms, the odometer reading will be recorded inside a heavily outlined rectangular box that appears on the form.

Since this procedure is a new requirement, the chances may increase that the odometer readings might be inadvertently omitted by the public on the title form. Therefore, during the beginning stages of implementation the Department of Motor Vehicles will work closely with the public in returning the documents if this omission should occur. This new requirement is completely separate from federal and state disclosure requirements.

City Offices To Close For Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving, 1981 only comes once. What do you have to be thankful for?

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All offices of Charlotte City government will be closed on Thursday, November 26, for Thanksgiving. Regular business hours will be resumed on Friday, November 27, at 8 a.m.

Due to the holiday the City Sanitation Division will collect backyard garbage on Monday-Wednesday for regular Monday-Thursday service and on Tuesday-Friday. There will be NO curbside trash collection during the week. Leaves in bags or cans will be collected from curbside on Wednesday or Friday.

The York Road Landfill will be closed on Thanksgiving Day. The landfill will resume a regular business schedule on Friday, November 27, and remain open from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. and from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday.

"Thanks" Has Explosive Meaning

While most give thanks to the Trinity throughout the year, Thanksgiving is a national holiday where even those who have to search for something to be thankful for mutter, "Thanks."

This word has an explosive meaning and many churches have geared their services towards showing their appreciation. Many have planned programs where food will be donated to families during this holiday.

Clement Memorial AME Zion Church Junior Department sponsored a Thanksgiving Program Sunday, November 22.

Proceeds from this service will be used to help a needy person in the city.

Contributions of non-perishable foods were also accepted. These products will be given to a family during the Thanksgiving season.

Their Thanksgiving service begins at 8 p.m. and featured as guest speaker Brother Glenn Gerald Clement Memorial is located at 2207 Newland Road, Rev. Ell Price, pastor.

A spiritual joint service will be held at Ebenezer Baptist Church, 733 East Trade Street, Rev. A. B. Sutton, pastor, Thanksgiving morning at 10 a.m.

Joining in this worship will be members of Shiloh Institutional, New Hope and Ebenezer Baptist Church members.

Rev. B. R. Moore, pastor of New Hope Baptist Church, will deliver this message of praise to God.

More people than just the members of these three churches are invited, however. This service is open to anyone who wishes to join in prayer during this holy day.

Grier Heights United Presbyterian Church will reveal their good will during the week by collecting and distributing foods.

Members and friends who have donated the non-perishables will certainly be blessed, for many families will reap from their generous offerings.

New St. John's Baptist Church will have a pre-Thanksgiving service November 24. Rev. David Miller will be the guest speaker.

New St. John, pastored by Rev. Robert Leak is located at 2000 St. John Road.

A joint service will be held at Greater Gethsemane AME Zion Church, 531 Campus Street, Rev. George E. Battle Jr., pastor.

Memorial United Presbyterian Church, Rev. Edward Newberry, pastor, and Mt. Carmel Baptist Church will join Gethsemane in a 10 a.m. service Thanksgiving morning.

Rev. Leon Kiddick, pastor of Mt. Carmel, will be the distinguished speaker. Music will be rendered by choirs from each church.

Silver Mount Baptist See AREA on Page 7