

## Family Members, Friends

### Honor Lillie Drakeford

By Teresa Burns  
Post Managing Editor  
About 150 family members and friends gathered to honor Lillie M. Drakeford on her 80th birthday May 9 at East Stonewall A.M.E. Zion Church.

Actually Mrs. Drakeford was 80 on May 6 but the three-day wait wasn't so bad. The glorious cake made by Mrs. Drakeford's niece, Elmira Henderson of Salisbury, was enough to bring tears of love to the birthday lady's eyes.

But there was more love shared during the birthday party.

The mistress of ceremony was Lelia Drakeford.

**FIRST BAPTIST-WEST**  
Interested in taking a trip to the World's Fair in Knoxville, Tenn., Friday, July 9?

If so contact First Baptist Church-West. The round trip fare for this 460-mile adventure is only \$35 which also includes one ticket to enter the Fair.

You must write your check before June 15. About 25 seats are available on the third bus. Rev. Dr. J. B. Humphrey Jr. is pastor of First Baptist-West located at 1801 Oaklawn Avenue.

Prayer Meeting is held Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. You are invited to come and worship with the First Baptist-West family.

**SECOND CALVARY**  
The Missionary Group I of Second Calvary Baptist Church will present "Fruits of the Spirit" Sunday, May 16 at 6 p.m.

There will be messages to learn from and beautiful inspirational gospel music rendered by the Senior Musical Choir of the church, under the direction of Ted Martin.

The Young Adult Choir will celebrate its anniversary Sunday, June 6, with a program.

#### PEDIATRIC NOTES



Dr. Deborah Scott, M.D.

Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever (RMSF) is a disease caused by the organism *Rickettsia rickettsii* which is transmitted by the wood tick and the dog tick. Although RMSF occurs throughout the United States, it is most prevalent in the southeastern and south central states. North Carolina and Virginia lead the nation in numbers of reported cases. The occurrence of RMSF is greatest during the spring and early summer.

The disease begins with a tick bite. The time span between the tick bite and appearance of symptoms ranges from two to fourteen days, but a period of four to eight days is most common. The illness begins with flu-like symptoms, such as headache, fever, decreased appetite, restlessness and muscle aches. The rash that accompanies RMSF is a fine, red rash, which usually appears on about the third day of illness, and begins on the ankles, wrist and lower legs, and then spreads to cover the entire body, including the palms and soles of feet.

If you find a tick on your child, watch him closely for these symptoms. Even if your child has the above mentioned symptoms, without evidence of a tick bite, notify your doctor early in the illness, before symptoms last too long, so that treatment can be given.

Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever is a dangerous disease, and should be taken seriously. The disease can be fatal, especially if it is left untreated.

ford. There was a short devotional period and greeting followed by Mrs. Lelia Drakeford. Friends and relatives sang "What A Fellowship" and a scripture was read by Rev. Walter Pegues. Rev.

Walter Huggins gave a warm prayer, followed by expressions of welcome from Valerie Drakeford. Susie Lawing sang "How Great Thou Art" accompanied by Rev. Walter Pegues.

Remarks were given by Mrs. Lillie Drakeford and her daughter-in-law Helen Drakeford.

Mrs. Drakeford was married to the late John H. Drakeford. They reared three children, Johnnie Mae Drakeford Flowers, Andrew James Drakeford and Willie Drakeford.

Today there are five generations in the Drakeford lineage including about 14 grand children, 16

great grands and one great-great grand.

The multipurpose room of East Stonewall was decorated in yellow and gold, representative of Mrs. Drakeford's Golden Years.

There were two birthday cakes. One with 80 in big, bold print on top and one sent to Mrs. Drakeford

from her friends in Philadelphia. This cake was in the form of L and D.

Dinner was served to the guests. Mrs. Helen Drakeford read a befitting poem for the occasion and, of course, the gang sang "Happy Birthday" in a moving fashion.

Many gifts were unwrapped by Mrs. Drakeford. But the biggest gift of all was the one she received when she first walked into the door. And that was the gift of love her family and friends surrounded her with.



Mrs. Lillie Drakeford  
...Going strong at 80

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For May 15

### UNCC Sets Commencement

Commencement ceremonies for the University of North Carolina at Charlotte at 10 a.m. May 15 at the Charlotte Coliseum will feature Illinois Congressman Paul Simon, former domestic worker Miss Anita Stroud, and some 1,800 graduates.

Congressman Simon,

who will give the commencement address, is considered one of the best friends of higher education in the Congress and its most scholarly member.

Miss Stroud will be presented an honorary doctor of humanities degree in recognition of her more than 40 years of providing

story hours, Christmas parties, and summer camps for deprived inner city children.

#### Pork Consumption

Pork consumption increased from 59.4 pounds per capita in 1977 to 73.5 pounds in 1980.



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