

Baha'i Community To Mark Founding Of United Nation

The Baha'i Community of Charlotte will join people around the world in marking the 37th anniversary of the founding of the United Nations.

The local Baha'i community's observance will consist of a talk and slide presentation entitled "Encountering the World in Charlotte" presented by Marian Beane, Chairman of the Coordinating Council for International People. It will be held at the YWCA at 3420 Park Road at 4 p.m. Sunday, October 24. The program will be followed with discussion and refreshments.

United Nations Day was established to foster our awareness of the interdependence of the world's many nations and of the pressing need to seek global solutions to the unprecedented and complex array of problems that face mankind at this time—human rights, population growth, environmental

Winn Dixie Reports Sales Increase

Following a record year in sales and earnings, Winn-Dixie Stores, Inc. reported an 8.0 percent increase in sales and an 8.6 percent advance in earnings during the first quarter of New Fiscal Year 1983, the shareholders were told at the Annual Meeting this week.

A. D. Davis, Vice Chairman of the Sunbelt's largest food retailer, said overall sales during the quarter ended September 22, 1982 amounted to \$1,582,824,000 compared with \$1,465,356,000 during the same period last year, a gain of \$117,468,000 or 8.0 percent earnings per share were 84 cents vs. 77 cents, while total earnings increased to \$20,773,000 from \$19,133,000 achieved during the comparable period last year.

"The first quarter results were on top of 48 consecutive years of sales increases," Mr. Davis explained, "with earnings having increased 32 out of the past 34 years."

Commenting on first quarter results, Mr. Davis said, "Although our new store program has slowed down due to tight money, we have aggressively enlarged and remodeled proven store locations to increase sales per square foot in our retail store facilities. Of 1,228 stores, 953 have been enlarged or remodeled in the past seven years."

quality, food distribution, energy production, nuclear proliferation, and the maintenance of peace. Each year, Baha'i communities across America join their fellow citizens in marking this day by sponsoring special events in their own communities.

The Baha'is of Charlotte hope that you will join the, in marking United Nations Day.

"Charlotte is a microcosm of the world. Included in our community are people from over 70 countries speaking over 90 different languages. These people come to Charlotte to work, to study, to live and to participate in our community. This United Nations Day program is designed to give the participants an overview of the international community in Charlotte and the programs and services available to meet the needs of our international citizens. This program outlines how all members of our community can get involved from an international perspective," Ms. Beane said.

Since its beginning in 1844, the Baha'i Faith has supported every effort to unify the nations of the world, including the League of Nations and the United Nations. Baha'u'llah, the Prophet-Founder of the Baha'i Faith whose Name means, "The Glory of God," has made the need for a world commonwealth a cornerstone of His teachings. In His numerous writings, He characterizes this new era in humankind's continuous spiritual evolution as the Dispensation of Unity, the age in which the human family will achieve its maturity through the establishment of a world civilization and the unification of the diverse peoples of the human race. Baha'u'llah has said,

"So powerful is the light of unity that it can illuminate the whole world"; in another passage, He has written, "That which the Lord hath ordained as the sovereign remedy and mightiest instrument for the healing of all the world is the union of all its peoples in one, universal Cause, one common Faith."

The Baha'i Faith teaches the oneness of God, the oneness of religion, and the oneness of humanity. In His writings, Baha'u'llah promulgates the equality of men and women, the essential harmony of science and religion, the independent investigation of truth, economic justice based upon spiritual principles, the urgent need for the elimination of all forms of prejudice, universal compulsory education, an international auxiliary language, and a world government for the maintenance of a lasting peace.

The Baha'i Faith currently holds "consultative status" with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, with UNICEF, and with several other committees of the U.N. The Baha'i International Community maintains an office at both the United Nations and its regional offices, and Baha'i representatives are sent to many international conferences and gatherings that address themselves to the complex problems facing mankind. The Baha'i Faith is an independent, world religion with adherents in more than 330 countries and territories of the world. Its sacred writings have been translated into over 660 languages and dialects. The World Centre of the Baha'i Faith, with its Holy Shrines, is located in the Holy Land (Akka and Haifa, Israel).



ELDERLY MEMBERS OF EAST STONEWALL A.M.E. ZION CHURCH who have been Sick and Shut-in were picked up and brought to church last Sunday by members of East Stonewall's Sick Committee, headed by Ms. Alice Tinsley, coordinator. Sick members, seated left to right, are: Mary Stitt, Mattie Black,

Mattie Perry, Margaret Wray, Maggie Pierce, Ethel Golman, and Essie Davidson. Sick Committee members, standing left to right, are: Hattie Walker, Teresa Fox, Rena Blake, Alice Tinsley, Evelyn Garrett, R.N., Brenda Pegues, nurses' aide, and Charlie Mae Gill. (Photo: Peeler's Portrait Studio)

Whitley Announces Significant Accomplishments

Cornell "Chuck" Whitley, director of BATCH Racquet Association is proudly announcing three significant accomplishments for the tennis organization.

"This has been a very good year for our club," Whitley said. "Eric Abrams, our number one ranked junior was ranked number eight in the new 14 and under rankings of the North Carolina Tennis Association."

"In doubles, he was ranked number two with his partner, Rod McGeahy of Winston-Salem," Whitley continued. "That's a significant advancement for a black youngster in the North Carolina tennis circles."

Abrams, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Abrams is a ninth grader at Cochrane where he also plays football for the Colts.

"Secondly," Whitley said, "We won the prestigious

team trophy at the Southeastern Regional Tournament at the Blue Ribbon Classic in Durham for being the club with the most wins."

"Thirdly," Whitley continued. "We won a nomination by the North Carolina Tennis Association as the Membership Organization of the Year, a national competition for our outstanding work with minorities in tennis in the state."

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