

Celebration To Benefit Little Rock

Mayor Eddie Knox and Mayor pro-tem Harvey Gantt, honorary chairpersons, invite the public to attend a Charlotte Celebration at Christmas to share a plan about the restoration of the Old Little Rock Church.

The special guest speaker will be Julius LeVonne Chambers, internationally known civil rights attorney.

This luncheon event will be held Thursday, December 9, at noon in McDonald's Banquet Hall, located at I-85 and Beatties Ford Road.

Music will be provided by the West Charlotte Advanced Choir—director Frank Williams; and the West Charlotte Stage Band, under the direction of Marvin Davenport.

Reservations are \$10 each. Send checks to Afro-American Cultural Center, Celebration Luncheon, 110 E. 7th Street, Charlotte, N.C. 28202.

The Afro-American Cultural Center is an organization chartered to promote and to preserve Afro-American history and culture and to share these contributions with the Greater Charlotte Community.

For more information call the Afro-American Cultural Center at 374-1565.

Bob Walton

Appointed To National Post

The Rev. Robert L. Walton, Mecklenburg County Commissioners, was recently renominated to a position of leadership in the National Association of Counties (NACo).

Walton has been reappointed Chairman of the Subcommittee on Social Services of NACo's Human Services Policy Steering Committee. This is his second term as Chairman of the subcommittee.

NACo's 12 steering committees form the policy making arm of County government. Each committee is composed of approximately 40 County officials who meet during the year to examine issues critical to local government.

Walton was recently reelected to his third term as a Mecklenburg County Commissioner.

Bethlehem Center Plans Christmas Shopping Sprees

Bethlehem Center will conduct its annual Christmas Shopping Sprees for the Visually Handicapped and the Elderly on December 1st and 2nd.

The Center is assisted in this effort by the Empty Stocking Fund, which provides each needy participant with a donation to buy a Christmas present or two

for their loved ones, and by dedicated volunteers from local Methodist Churches.

Each spree will get underway at 9:30 a.m. when juice and coffee will be served at the Center. The volunteers and the participants will leave for shopping at SouthPark at 10 and are due to arrive back at the Center around noon for lunch and a Christmas program featuring Thomas Moore, local noted singer who is also volunteering his services for the two-day program.

A special highlight this year will be the presentation of a donation on December 1 by representatives from the United Methodist Women (UMW) of Myers Park Methodist Church. The UMW sponsored a Harvest of Blessings Luncheon on Sunday, November 21, at Myers Park Methodist; and the proceeds from this very successful event are being donated to Bethlehem Center to help the Center See BETHLEHEM Page 12



Karen Nicole Walton
...Hamburger lover

Karen N. Walton Is Beauty Of Week

By Teresa Simmons
Post Managing Editor

While Christmas lights and thoughts will be shining in our hearts, little six year-old Karen Nicole Walton will have an added gleam to her holidays as she celebrates her next birthday.

This Saturday, December 4, Miss Walton will be seven years of age. Her spirits soar as she looks forward to a new bicycle from her parents, Rev. and Mrs. Robert and Thelma Walton.

Now a first grader at Paw Creek Elementary School little Miss Walton has received "Very Good" marks since kindergarten. "I enjoy math, reading, writing, and physical education. My favorite story is 'The Three Bears,'" Miss Walton shared. She also received perfect attendance recognition during her kindergarten career.

Miss Walton can remember her teachers' names from kindergarten as well as first grade. "My kindergarten teachers were Ms. Chandler and Ms. Palmer. This year my teachers are Ms. Ingram and Ms. Grigg. My principal is Mr. Cline."

Playing hide-and-go-seek is a favorite game for Miss Walton. "I also take piano lessons from Ms. Oliver two days a week on Mondays and Thursdays," she continued.

She loves to watch "Diff'rent Strokes" on television because she labels it "funny." She en-

joys listening to a musician she calls "R.J." also.

There are two special people on earth to Miss Walton. "They are my daddy and mommy, because I love them."

But the most important person in my life is God," she added.

Miss Walton attends St. Paul United Presbyterian Church where her father pastors. "I am a member of the Sunday School where sometimes we color some pictures and I sing on the choir," Miss Walton related.

Miss Walton also has two sets of lovely grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Walton Sr. and Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Alexander. There is also a special great grandmother, Anna Bradford, whom Miss Walton can enjoy and talk with.

Ooops! Almost forgot two other statements made by Miss Walton. First she is a hamburger lover. "I love hamburgers from McDonald's, Hardees, Burger King..."

And finally even in the excitement of her upcoming birthday she hasn't forgotten what the Christmas celebration is about—the birth of Jesus Christ.

Issue Of Volunteer Prayer Is Not New

By Loretta Manago
Post Staff Writer

The issue of volunteer prayer in public schools is not a new one. For years, the issue of whether or not a law should be passed to set aside a specific time of the school day for group prayer has simmered on the back burner, experiencing heated and cooled spells of activity.

Once the courts had clearly stated "that according to the Constitution that permission of prayer in schools would be violation of separation of church and state," the matter was thought to have been settled. However during the past decade there seems to be a resurgence of this controversial issue.

Since 1965 parents of varying religions have appeared before federal court judges in an effort to preserve prayer in the public schools to no avail.

"According to a Gallup poll 79 percent of Americans favor a constitutional amendment to allow voluntary prayer in public schools."

Even more recent Senator Jesse Helms has proposed a law that would schedule time for prayer into the school day.

All of these factors tend to support the idea of prayer in public schools; as a matter of fact those who

On King's Birthday Greek Groups Asking Blacks To Leave Jobs

Jobless Rate Rose To 9.3 Percent

North Carolina unemployment rose to 9.3 percent in October. The chief contributor to the loss of jobs was the end of the growing and harvesting season.

In agriculture alone, 16,600 jobs were terminated. A total of 276,300 jobless people are in the state. Manufacturing jobs overall showed a net loss of 6,100. With the exception of lumber and wood, all categories in durable and non-durable goods registered losses. The most significant decrease occurred in electrical machinery, down 1,700 jobs, when some firms cut back on employment and temporarily laid off remaining workers.

In contrast, non-manufacturing jobs experienced a net gain of 11,800. According to Glenn R. Jernigan, chairman of the North Carolina Employment Security Commission, much of this increase was in the government sector. "State and local education systems registered increased employment due to the fact more students were working in colleges and more substitute teachers were added in the county and city schools," he explained.

The trade sector increased 2,400 jobs primarily related to back-to-school retail activity. An increase of 1,000 jobs in the service and miscellaneous sector could be associated with private school employment.



NANBPW NEW MEMBERS

Pictured from left to right are inductees JoAnn Daniels, Johnnie Collins, Maryees Marlese Bratcher, Ella Norman, Gill, Marlese Durr.

NANBPWC Inducts Eight

Eight charming ladies were recently inducted into the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc., Charlotte Chapter.

The home of member Clara Mitchell was the site of the Annual Induction Ceremony of candidates for membership into the club. The club's 1982 theme was: "Working to Realize Our Potential in Health, Education and Employment."

During an impressive candlelight service the following ladies were inducted: Shelby Bratcher, Johnnie Collins, Marlese Durr, Mary Gill, Sybil Morgan, Ella Norman, JoAnn Daniels, and Novella Townsend. These are seven new members and one transfer. Ms. Mitchell, first president of the Charlotte Club,

gave an overview of the history of the national organization which was founded in 1935 and evolved from the nucleus of three Black business and professional women's clubs.

The Matriarch of the club is Sojourner Truth who lived from 1797 until 1883.

The Charlotte Club was organized in 1977 by co-founders Peggy Beckwith

and Anna Hood. Members Dorothy Cherry introduced the new members which included biographical data, professions and current endeavors of each.

Covers were laid for 14 incumbent members in addition to the inductees. A lovely luncheon was served followed by a Fellowship Hour.

Deadline Set To Apply For Heating Assistance

It's later than you think. And if you don't take advantage of the Low-Income Energy Assistance Program's offer for stipends you may be left out in the cold.

December 10 marks the

final day for applications to be completed. You may be eligible for assistance in paying winter heating bills.

Emphasis must be placed on "completed" applications. All information required must be turned in before the applications are sent to Raleigh.

If you or your family is ineligible for the assistance you will hear from Raleigh within two weeks. If you qualify, however, payment will be made in February.

The Low-Income Energy Assistance Program is headquartered in Charlotte at the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Youth Council, 501 E. Morehead Street. From

December 1 until December 10 the council building will be open from 8 a.m. until 8:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday; and on Saturday from 9 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Applications will be taken at this time.

Other sites to apply for assistance are as follows: Amay James Neighborhood Center; Belmont Regional Center; and Gethsemane AME Zion Church. All of these areas will be open from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m.

If you would like to apply for a payment, contact the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Youth Council or the above placed BEFORE December 10th.

If you are shut-in, elderly or handicapped, you may send someone to apply for you or you can call the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Youth Council and request that an application be taken in your home.

For more information call 334-3035 weekdays or 334-2982 for 24-hour information.



Ella Scarborough
...Supports law

she opposed to the law supported the idea of prayer, but rejected the idea of the conformity that the law presents.

Bertha Maxwell, director of the Afro-American Studies at UNCC is one person who finds difficulty with the proposed law. "Without a doubt the law of the land states that no prayer be in public schools; therefore, I see this issue as the political tool to stir other issues," she began. Continuing Ms. Maxwell emphasized, "Anybody who chooses to pray can do it whenever they please. To me it is more of a violation of a person's individual rights to say that you must pray at a certain time than saying not to pray at all. The conformity that is imposed with everyone praying and kneeling at the



Phil Berry
...Supports prayer

same time contradicts the multi-religious and personal preferences of individuals.

Supporting the passage of the law, Ella Scarborough, a political activist, stated, "I think it's wonderful. Although I don't feel that the idea of a set time per se is important, I do think that the prayer law is an excellent way of systematically instilling the concept of prayer for children."

That idea of getting children to embrace the concept of prayer in county commissioner Bob Walton's opinion, belongs to the church and the home - not the schools. "As a minister, I advocate all avenues that promote prayer. But I must admit that my feeling are not yet crystallized on whether or not a law is



Rev. Dr. George Battle
...Voices concern

needed. I do feel that certain opportunities should exist for young people to pray in school. That responsibility falls on the parent. If parents do a better job in teaching prayer to their children, then the issue of prayer would be taken care of."

School board member and newly elected N.C. House representative, Phil Berry, supports prayer in school, but not the proposed law. He informed, "People have the right to pray now in school." From what Berry has concluded, the proposal of the law to put prayer back in the school is an issue that plays on the emotions of people. "No one has said that an individual cannot pray, it is just that the group connotation and the fixed time that See ISSUE on Page 14

Holiday To Honor King's Memory

Special To The Post

Presidents of eight black Greek-Lettered organizations have called upon their combined membership of more than 50,000 to observe Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday as a holiday by taking leave from their jobs on January 15.

These unique organizations of college-trained individuals with chapters nationally and internationally, have been asked to recognize this date as a holiday each year beginning January 15, 1983.

The council, which represents graduates of the nation's colleges and universities, as well as student sorority and fraternity members met in Atlanta the weekend of November 19-20, to consider ways to make Dr. King's birthday a national holiday. Dr. King, leader of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference at the time he was assassinated in Memphis in 1968, was a member of one of the eight organizations (Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.;

Ozell Sutton, president of the Council of Presidents and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., said, "This declaration of a holiday in honor of Dr. King comes at a time when all of the things for which he stood are under attack. We are taking this vital and necessary step to preserve his memory and the things for which he fought and died." Sutton added that the Council of Presidents is aware that there are others who share the same concern for an appropriate national memorial in honor of Dr. King and requested that all persons, without regard to race, creed, color or national origin join in observing Dr. King's birthday as a holiday.

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TURTLE-TALK

Good eye sight is a good thing to have, but wisdom is a good thing to be sought... If you are truly wise you possess good vision and the wisdom to know that true vision is not short sighted.