

An Analysis

1982 Congress Reneges On Federal Relief Programs

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marked the eventual close of the 97th Congress. Following is an analysis of major legislative issues:
In 1932 when jobs were scarce and the United States was suffering from a Depression, President Franklin D. Roosevelt believed the government should assume more responsibility for the welfare of the nation.

grams like building roads, highways, buildings and parks were established to provide jobs until employment rose. In October 1982, unemployment in the United States skyrocketed to 11.6 million, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. President Regan in a recent statement at the White House, declared, "If there's one lesson we should have learned over the last two decades, it is that focusing totally on government as

a vehicle for social improvement is the least effective method of improving the lives of our people."
Shortly thereafter, Congress killed a legislative bill that would have created emergency jobs for the millions who are unemployed in this country. Now unemployment statistics may continue to stagger unless some people with labor skills will be able to work when the massive highway and transit projects are underway.

Emmanuel Cheek Heads

Northeast Optimist Club

The Northeast Optimist Club of Charlotte was officially organized recently with 36 men as charter members.

Emanuel Cheek, 6701 Cardigan Avenue, was elected president of the new club. It will meet at 10 a.m. on the first and third Saturdays of every month at St. Paul United Presbyterian Church. The Northeast Optimist Club was sponsored by the East Charlotte Optimist Club. James Ross, president of the sponsoring group was present for the establishment of the Northeast Optimist Club.

Both clubs are affiliated with Optimist International, an association of more than 3,600 service clubs in the United States and Canada. The total membership is more than 135,000 men. They operate

NEW ST. JOHN'S
New St. John's Baptist Church, pastored by Rev. Robert Leak, will hold Sunday service January 2 with the theme "Spiritual Security in 1983." This service begins at 11 a.m.

You are cordially invited to attend. The church is located at 2000 St. John Road.



Emanuel Cheek
...New president

under the slogan, "Friend of Youth," and conduct a wide variety of youth activities and projects in their communities.

Officers are Louis D. Rudisell, secretary-treasurer; David W. Hughes and Columbus O. Gillespie Jr., vice presidents; Donald M. Kincaid, George J. Morris, Shedrick E. Williams Jr., Lathan B. Phillips, Vonnice Brown and Charles C. Cathey, board of directors.

The Northeast Optimist Club is also affiliated with the North Carolina District of Optimist International. Dr. J. C. Boone Jr. of Albemarle is governor of the district.



Attorney and Mrs. Thomas Henry Wyche, of Charlotte, announce the engagement of their daughter, Gwendolyn LaNelle, to Randy Gene Harris, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Ernest Harris of Marshville, N.C. Miss Wyche is a graduate of Clark College. Harris is a graduate of Johnson C. Smith University. The wedding will take place in June.

Anderson Wins Top Prizes

There were many people who felt lucky the day of the Southwest Charlotte Optimist Club raffle ticket drawing. But only Charles W. Anderson would walk away with two all expense paid tickets for a trip to the Bahamas.

Anderson was one of thousands who contributed to the raffle which in turn helped buy 40 turkeys, 10 hams and fruit for needy families during the holidays.

Some of the proceeds were used for a Senior Citizens Dinner sponsored jointly by the city Housing Authority and the Southwest Optimist Club.

"These were attempts on the part of the club to take care of the needs of some families," according to Calvin Harris, president of the club. Vice president is Alvin Woods, and Charlie Mitchell is secretary-treasurer.

Members of the Optimist Club realize the many problems and despair hunger

can bring about. Mitchell emphasized, "We like to think of it as giving of cheer from the people in the community who gave donations."

From Charles Anderson and others who donated by buying raffle tickets over 400 were served at the Senior Citizens Dinner and 50 families received food during the holidays.

RCH Day Care

Respite Care Homes of Charlotte, Inc. is now providing before and after school services for developmentally disabled children and adults. RCH Day Care operates from 7-9 a.m. and from 2-5:30 p.m. in school days.

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