

MRS. KATIE RANKIN ...Active church worker

## Mrs. Katie Rankin Has Seen "Lots Of Changes"

By Loretta Manago Post Staff Writer

The turn of the century produced an age of innovation, exploration and modernization. For those who witnessed history in the making it was a great time to be alive.

Katie Rankin is one such person. Born in 1900 in Fort Mill, S.C., Ms. Rankin has witnessed the age of automation, the birth of civil rights, survived the Depression and watched America engage in four major wars. At age 82 she remarked, "Although I cant remember them all I've seen a lot of changes."

Despite those changes one thing has always remained constant in her life, her love for God. "I've been a Christian since I was 12," reflected Mrs. Rankin. Such a long life in the Lord is what she accredits to her many years

on earth. "I've always been obedient to the will of the Lord," commented Mrs. Rankin. Wanting to spread the peace and happiness to others Mrs. Rankin advises young people "to get to church and serve the Lord." She is a member of Greater Galilee Baptist Church and sings every first and third Sundays on Choir No. 1.

When not in church Mrs. Rankin takes an active part in Charlotte's Senior citizens group. Each day a bus picks her up where she spends time with friends making handy items, enjoying hot meals and outings and meditating at prayer service.

Among other joys in her life is her family. Mrs. Rankin, along with her brother Willie Williams, are the eldest members of a five-generation family. The mother of four child-

ren, Amy Lanier, Laura Rankin, Lon Rankin Jr. (deceased) and Lester Mc-Coy, Mrs. Rankin has 19 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and one great, great grandchild, Sharihh Ingram, who is 14 months old. For 28 years she was the wife of Len Rankin who died in 1951. Since his death Mrs. Rankin has lived with her daughter Laura.

On April 17 Mrs. Rankin will mark another year in life. Like most of her birthdays she will spend it with her family sharing ice cream and cake, singing happy birthday and opening gifts. No gift, however, will be as great as the gift during the meeting. of turning 83.

vice at designated points. Bumper stickers, posters and lapel buttons are being distributed by NCDOT to publicize the litter cleanup effort, according to Cy Lynn, Special Assistant for

Raleigh - Governor Jim

Hunt has proclaimed April

17-23 and September 19-24

as Clean-Up Litter Weeks

During these two desig-

nated weeks, the North

Carolina Department of

Transportation (NCDOT)

will again implement a

concentrated effort with

the public to clean up lit-

ter along highways across

In his proclamation, Go-

vernor Hunt noted that the

state spends approximate-

ly 2.2 million dollars annually for litter control.

The litter problem still exists and controlling it is a

high priority in this ad-

ministration. The litter

campaign is a partnership

between state and local government and is a good

way to involve people to accomplish a goal in a

statewide effort, the pro-

During the April clean-up

campaign, at least three transportation crews will

be assigned to each of

North Carolina's 100 coun-

ties and pick up litter on the

days of April 18-22. NCDOT

will again provide large lit-

ter bags and pick-up ser-

NAACP To Hold

Monthly Meeting

MOORESVILLE, N.C.

of the NAACP will hold its

regular monthly meeting

at 5 p.m. April 10, at the

Reid Memorial United

Presbyterian Church, 336

N. Broad Street. The youth

group will also meet at the

same church at 4:30 p.m.

All members of each

The vice-president and

group and all interested

people are asked to be

the others who attended the

workshop in Raleigh, N.C.

will make their report

on the same date.

present and on time.

The South Iredell Branch

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clamation notes

in North Carolina for 1983.

Public Affairs. State Transportation Secretary W. R. Roberson Jr. said, "With the public's cooperation, we will be able to divert some of the annual litter pick-up costs to higher priority items such as patching and other maintenance of our highway system.

Roberson continued,

## Delectable Barbecue Planned

April 15-16 will be exciting days at Myers Park High School and athletic director Ron Wright, wants you to participate.

Beginning at 11 a.m. and lasting until 6 p.m. on Friday, the public is invited to indulge delectable barbecue. A barbecue plate may be purchased for \$3.50 or three barbecue sandwiches may be purchased at the same price.

Barbecue will also be sold Saturday, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. as the Queen City Relays take place. For more information concerning the events and purchasing tickets in advance, call 525-2821.

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"We feel it will take the combined efforts of volunteer organizations and all levels of government to effectively reduce litter on our streets and highways. We urge local groups that want to participate in the litter clean-up effort to contact their division or district engineer. From our past experience with this program, we know that by working together, we can accomplish just about anything we focus our combined energies upon ."

clean-up program in 1979, NCDOT with the help of citizens across North Carolina, has been responsible for removing 19,860 truckloads of litter from nearly 42,000 miles of the state's highways. In 1980, North Carolina

was presented the "Distinguished Service Citizens Award" from Keep America Beautiful, Inc. for the clean-up litter campaign of

The April clean-up litter

Since the inception of the campaign is the first phase of a two-part program. The second phase of the program will be held September 19-24. In the fall campaign the Governor's Office of Youth Involvement will coordinate the campaign by youth groups. As part of this effort, the Governor has proclaimed September 24 as "Youth Involvement Day in North Carolina" to recognize the participation by various youth groups across the





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