Miss Stroud's Children Share Their "Feelings"

By Loretta Manago Post Staff Writer

Over the years few things remain unchanged, taxes get higher, living costs increase. But one thing that has not altered in 40 years for the children at Fairview Homes is the love and attention that Miss Anita Stroud has always given.

Today, like yesterday, "Miss Nita" has served as a symbol of hope for the young residents. And although Miss Stroud is no longer working with the program, she has left a very capable and dedicated woman in her place, Ms. Ethel Guest.

What has kept the children pouring in the trailer year after year? One answer could possibly be the different trips that the children take throughout the year or the fabulous parties during Christmas that produce food and gifts. Somehow those answers only partially tell the story. It's the intangibles...the idea that somebody cares, the idea that someone expects something out of them that complete the picture.

Present students of Miss Stroud - Lisa Brown, Ramada Wright and Kim Reid and former students Romia Williams and Dianne Moore share their feelings about the program



Ramada WrightLearns about the Bible

A sixth grade student at Druid Hills, Lisa Brown has been involved in the Anita Stroud program for four years. During that time Miss Brown has proven herself worthy of responsibility and now is an assistant. Surprisingly enough helping is what Miss Brown likes best about the program. "What I like best is helping Ms. Guest help the others to understand the Bible better," replied Miss

When it comes to activities, Miss Brown, the daughter of Barbara Brown, enjoys the parties at St. John's Baptist Church.

Brown.

"In the program we learn a lot of stuff; we learn about the Bible and how to act like ladies when we go out on trips," re-



Lisa BrownLearns to help others

called Miss Brown. 'What I've learned since I've been going to the program," commenced Ramada Wright, "is how to be kind to others, how to behave and I've also learned about the Bible."

A fifth grade student at Reedy Creek, Miss Wright gets the most fun out of going to camp each year. "At camp we go swimming, play games, and learn how to make things.' She has been attending the program since she was eight years old. The daughter of Joseph and Geraldine Wright, Miss Wright would like to be a teacher when she grows up.

Kim Reid's comments about Miss Stroud and Ms. Guest echoed the sentiments of both Misses Wright and Brown. "They're both very loving children turn out good that you never would have thought would amount to anything," she concluded.

Dianne MooreFormer student

and kind people; they do all they can to help."

A fifth grader at Reedy Creek Elementary Miss Reid has been attending the Anita Stroud Program since she was eight years old. Reading the Bible and going places are what she loves best about the program. The daughter of Sandra and Ricardo Reid, Miss Reid dreams of becoming a nurse when she gets older.

Not only do the present children of Miss Stroud have special memories, but former children of hers recall the times they spent

with "Miss Nita." "What stands out most in my mind

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the Civic Center, they will join in a toast to support larvey Gantt and the De mocratic candidates for City Council. This is also an effort to raise money, and the public is invited to attend. There will be a \$25 donation.

Supporting Harvey Gantt in his bid for mayor and supporting the other Democratic candidates for City Council is the reason the Mecklenburg Democratic Party wants you to join them on October 25 at the Civic Center. The Democratic leadership knows that the outcome on November 8 may well be asignal for things to come in 1984. In fact, in political terms, it may be a key to many races in 1984. With that in mind, the theme "Solidarity of Democratic Leadership" will be un-veiled on the 25th. The first exam will be on November

about Miss Stroud," commenced Romia Williams, a geric technician for the aging, "was her patience for us and later I would see

> Being involved with Miss Stroud as a child kept me from being in the streets and made me feel like I was a part of some-thing," reflected Ms. Williams. "She tried so

hard for us. Through the years Miss Williams has not been able to stay in direct contact with the program, but she does read any articles she can find on the program and because Miss Stroud now resides where she works, the Wesley Nursing Center, Miss self-help development." Williams has a chance to

see her all of the time. "I was glad she came to Wesley to stay. When I saw her she knew my name right events this year are faced away," revealed Miss Williams. "There are still a

Miss Williams is the mother of two sons, David Lee and Derrick and one daughter, Lisa.

lot of her children who visit

For Dianne Moore the unselfish, loving, caring manner that Miss Stroud has always displayed has stood out in Mrs. Moore's mind.

Mrs. Moore recalled, Growing up in Fairview Homes there weren't many positive outlets or tracurricular activities for us. Miss Nita kept us occupied and out of trouble," replied Mrs. Moore.

The owner of Styles By DyAnn and a consultant for Revlon, Mrs. Moore, in 1981, sponsored a Hair-A-Thon as a benefit for Miss Stroud. The weekend-long project yielded \$500 for the missionary.

Without these testimonies the years Miss Stroud has poured into this mission speak for themselves, but it is because of these testimonies that the work Miss Stroud started will not falter or subside.

Thousands To Walk For Hunger

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"The Davidson (North Mecklenburg) effort will involve both a 'Fun Run' and a walk," said Beth Meczka, this year's event coordinator. "The Fun Run is 5 km. and the walk-run is 10 km. This year's effort is a real partnership between the college and the community." Locally, the walk will benefit the Hot Meals Program to enable the

program to expand.
"There is a special urgency in this year's Walk Effort due to the Global Food Crisis," said Rev. Phillip Grigsby of CROP. "Twenty-six countries face severe food deficits due to weather and catastrophe. We urgently need funds just to keep people alive, and then provide for

"We all know the needs locally to feed the hungry. Everyone of the programs supported through CROP

with greater levels of need. We feel a special effort is needed this year to provide aid both locally and over-

In Charlotte, many new groups are involved in the

effort this year. In Gastonia and Gaston County, the walk was spurred by Chris Loftis' walk through Gastonia last summer as part of his trek across the state for CRQP.



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Black Media Association Sets Career Day Workshops By Karen Parker production; Loretta

Post Staff Writer The Black Media Association (BMA) of Char-

lotte will host the third annual media Career Day workshops at Johnson C. Smith University Saturday, October 22. President Dave Porter, assistant city editor of The

Charlotte News, expects this year's Career Day will be "bigger and better than ever." With registration beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday, the president of the mass media organization expects more than 100 students, counselors and instructors from nearby high schools and colleges to be in attendance.

According to Porter students from Johnson C. Smith University, UNC-Charlotte, East Mecklenburg and Olympic High Schools who have an interest in the media are already expressing their anticipation of the event.

Various means of mass media will be represented including television, public relations, advertising sales, radio and newspaper. A special session about getting prepared for a job in the media will also be presented.

Several professionals in the Charlotte area will appear as the workshop leaders; they are Karyn Chalmers of WPCQ, television production; Joe Epley, president of Epley Associates Public Relations Firm, public relations; Dave Parker of WSOC, advertising sales; Sharon Waters of WPCQ, personnel; State Alexander of WPEG, radio

Bridge Club

The Metrolina Duplicate Bridge Club holds duplicate bridge games each Tuesday at the Greenville Community Center on Spring Street at 7:15 p.m.

The winning pairs for Tuesday, October 11, were: Charles Bost and Mable Williams; Rose and Julian Pyles; Marion Boyd and Letha Caldwell; and Magretta Rainbow and John Cutliff for the North-South. Sudie Goins and Samella Twitty; Wilhelmenia White and Mildred Grier; Dorothy Johnson and Rosalie Durante; and Louis Hughes and Walter Byers for the East-West.

Engagement

Announced Mr. and Mrs. Allen Love Jr. announce the engagement of their daughter, Pamela Teresa to Olie Bernard Baxter. Miss Love is a Purchase Representative at DuPont. Baxter, the son of Sarah Watson, is employed with Florida Steele. The wedding date has been set for November 12 at 4 p.m. Rev. L. D. Parker of St. Luke Baptist Church will officiate at the ceremony.

Manago of The Charlotte Post, weekly newspaper production; Al Johnson, The Charlotte Observer, daily newspaper production.

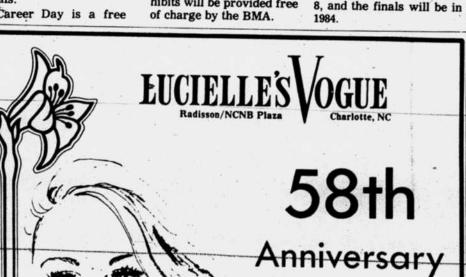
The Career Day is Ken Koontz, formerly of WBTV news and the president of Ken Koontz and Associates Public Relations. Monica Kaufman of Atlanta's WSC-TV will be the keynote speaker. Kaufman is considered one of the most vivid anchor persons on Atlanta television. Her progress has been rapid. She will speak about her career and how she achieved her

Career Day is a free

event designed to attract people who are interested in pursuing a career in some phase of mass media. The BMA is a nonprofit organization committed to enhancing the role of moderator for blacks in the media and committed to fair, balanced coverage and portrayals of the black community, according to the organization's written purpose.

Over the past three years BMA has sponsored Media Career Day to inform students of various career opportunities in the media, and what it takes to reach and hold the positions.

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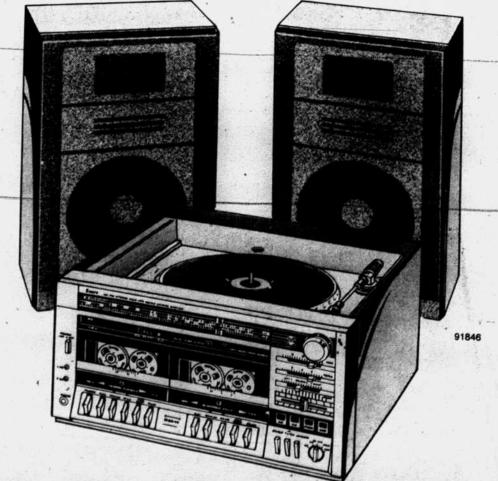
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