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A fund has been established to aid Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Gregory to purchase a much needed well. Here, they are shown with their visiting grandson as they prepare to haul more water to their home from a nearby service station hose. (Photo By Teresa Simmons)

Insurance Problems Unraveling

Thanksgiving Will Be Happier For The Gregorlys

By Teresa Simmons
Post Managing Editor

As I walked for the second time towards Sadie and Charlie Gregory's small framed home I felt a tinge of happiness for them. At least they were warm, I thought...there's nothing like being cold and not knowing when you'll ever be warm again.

Just as I was approaching the house, out of the corner of my eye I spotted a gentleman. "Are you from the media," I asked. "No, I'm one of the big bad insurance men you've been writing about," he replied sarcastically.

Arriving at the same time, both the insurance man and I walked into the heated living room of the Gregorlys and sat down. "You didn't tell me that you were paying \$190 a month in insurance, Sadie," he declared. He still didn't have his figures correct. Mrs. Gregory and the Information Referral Service relayed that each month their insurance bill came to \$112.78 and each third month \$125.78. "We pay a cancer insurance policy...\$13 every three months," Mrs. Gregory informed.

urance. Last week she cashed one of those in, she stated. The insurance man presented her with a check for a little over \$200. "It didn't take as long as I thought it would," the insurance man spoke.

Actually it has taken too long...too long for the poor and needy, black or white, to take advantage and benefit from the knowledge insurance people possess.

"Many people in earlier days paid by the week," an anonymous insurance man stated. "When the income became better and insurance more affordable the payments were then made by the month."

With anyone who plans to purchase insurance isn't it normal policy for the insurance agent to explore whether or not the clients have other insurance policies or not? "Everyone has a different way," yet another anonymous insurance lady commented, "We do financial analysis and go over the insurance they already have. We determine what they need. You can't base insurance on income. What we can do

is recommend a policy within their means which may be close to what they need and later be converted."

Before the Gregorlys dropped one insurance policy she stated that they were paying \$67.78 in burial insurance. Five \$1,000 policies.

Is \$5,000 needed for burial of two people. According to Lem Long of Long and Son Mortuary, "...an extraordinary good funeral for one person could be arranged for \$2,500. You can be buried a lot cheaper and it would be a decent burial."

Robert Dawson of the Beasley Funeral Home quoted an average amount of \$2,000. "But that's not the very cheapest. One can get buried for \$1,000 and have the grave space free. Spaces range from \$150 to \$200 each."

Currently the Gregorlys are being advised about their financial situation. Whether Mrs. Gregory was advised to cash in one policy is unclear. "I cashed in that policy because I See Thanksgiving Page 6A

With Special Services

Local Churches Will Observe Thanksgiving

Patrol Expecting Safe Weekend

According to Highway Patrol Commander Col. D. L. Matthews, the highways of the state are expected to be safer during this year's Thanksgiving holidays.

"Alcohol abuse has always been a major factor in many fatal traffic crashes, especially on holidays, but with the 'Safe Roads Act' of 1981 dramatically reducing the number of alcoholic-impaired drivers on the highways, we are anticipating fewer fatal accidents this holiday period," Matthews said.

Figures released by the Highway Patrol showed that 19 people died in 18 fatal traffic crashes during the long holiday weekend in 1981. The Patrol reported that 10 of the fatal accidents involved alcohol-impaired drivers.

"The Thanksgiving holiday," he continued, "is the final long weekend for travel by most families before the winter season. All available Troopers will be out in force to protect highway users from traffic law violators. Troopers will also be on the look out for motorists in need of courtesy assistance."

Matthews concluded, "I encourage motorists to use their seat belts and suggest they insist that their passengers also buckle up. I know of no greater protection for otherwise safe drivers and passengers, as they are often innocent victims in traffic accidents."



Katrina McCullough
.....Grasps spiritual meanings of life

Katrina McCullough Is Beauty Of Week

By Teresa Simmons
Post Managing Editor

Even though our beauty is a tenth grader at North Mecklenburg she seems to have passed that uncertainty period most of us experience. With maturity she has grasped many spiritual meanings of life, a token by which she claims a special sort of success in her life.

As a member of Salem Baptist Church where Rev. Anthony Jinwright pastors, Ms. McCullough feels her philosophy stems around the verse of the Bible, "Be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord."

As a member of Salem she is active in the Young Adult Choir, the Usher Board, the Steering Committee and serves as second vice president of the Missionary Department and as Director of the Children's Choir.

At North Mecklenburg Ms. McCullough is also actively involved in the FHA and DECA. "My favorite subject in school is history. It's a very enjoyable subject."

Career wise however, Ms. McCullough would like to invest her time at a modeling school and prepare herself for a career in cosmetology.

"I'm interested in modeling and cosmetology. I like clothes and I like to dress up. I like for people's hair to look nice and I like to experiment on different hairstyles on myself also."

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rottis McCullough our beauty has three sisters-Rosalyn, Janis and Viki; and one brother, Raynard.

"My mother and my sister Vicki are my favorite people. My mother is always there when I need her and she tires to always See BEAUTY On Page 18A

Rev. Marion Jones Is Greater Bethel Speaker

"Two men went up to the temple to pray, the one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood up and said this prayer to himself, 'God, I thank You that I am not like the rest of men-robbers, cheats, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes on everything I get. But the tax collector standing at a distance would not even raise his eyes toward heaven, but struck his chest and said, God, be merciful to me, the sinner, I tell you, it was he who went home forgiven, rather than the other; for whoever exalts himself will be humbled but he who humbles himself will be exalted,' Luke 18:10-14.

At times knowing what to be thankful for is more important than being thankful. Perhaps it is you who has to scuffle to find something to be thankful or are you on the other end of the spectrum? Whatever your case may be the scripture above reveals that each man, as different as they were, had something to be thankful for. The emphasis, however, is how we thank God - not with a boisterous spirit but with one of humbleness.

Various churches in Charlotte will hold Thanksgiving Services scheduled around and on the holiday. First Mt. Calvary Baptist Church held a service November 20. Rev. Waylon Wallace delivered the special message during the 11 a.m. worship hour.

St. Luke Baptist Church will hold its Annual Thanksgiving Day Service Thursday, November 24, at 11 a.m.

Rev. L. D. Parker will deliver the message. The public is cordially invited. St. Luke Baptist is located at 1109 Rodey Avenue.

Belmont Park United Methodist Church and Kilgo United Methodist Church will hold a joint Thanksgiving Service Thanksgiving Eve, 7:30, at the Belmont Park United Methodist Church, 1303 Hawthorne Lane.

Rev. Michael Leatherwood, pastor of Kilgo, will preach. Rev. John A. Lowder of Belmont Park Church will preside. Music will be by the Belmont Park choirs.

An offering will be taken for the Charlotte Crisis Assistance Ministries. The public is warmly invited. A nursery will be provided for pre-school children.

Thanksgiving morning services will be held at Greater Bethel AME Church at 10 a.m.

Participating churches include Grace AME Zion, Moore's Sanctuary AME Zion, Metropolitan AME



Rev. M. L. Rich
.....Metropolitan pastor



Rev. Abraham Lockhart
.....To be honored
Zion and Greater Bethel AME.

Rev. Marion Jones, pastor of Grace AME Zion, will deliver the Thanksgiving message.

The public is invited. Greater Bethel is located at 201 Grandin Rd.

Morning Star Baptist Church, 5623 Phillips St., Rev. A. Lockhart pastor, will hold a Thanksgiving Service November 24, from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. The public is invited.

A Thanksgiving service will be held at Gethsemane Baptist, 2670 Dr. Carver Road, November 24, beginning at 6 a.m. Breakfast will be served at 7:30 p.m. Senior citizens and those not employed are cordially welcome. Rev. C. E. Dewberry is pastor.

As Thanksgiving arrives and leaves us it is important to take the lesson the scripture reveals to us. It is just as important to know how to be thankful as it is to be thankful to God.

Planning Commission To Meet At East

Planning for the future East Mecklenburg will be the focus of the Charlotte Mecklenburg Planning Commission's final quarterly meeting of the year to be held Tuesday, December 6, 7 p.m. at Independence High School, 1967 Patriot Drive.

An informal session is scheduled for 7-7:30 p.m.

Jesse Jackson Stirs "Deep And Justifiable Concern" Among Jews!

Special To The Post
A national Jewish leader says that while Jesse Jackson stirs "deep and justifiable concern" among Jews, his presidential candidacy should not be turned into a Black-Jewish confrontation.

Albert Vorspan of New York, vice president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, told the organization's biennial assembly in the Western Galleria last Monday with 3,000 delegates in attendance:

"Jesse Jackson will probably infuriate us, but his candidacy may just help to expose the American people to the real world and the real conditions of our cities, our minority families, our youth, our elderly and our future." The Reform Jewish leader



Jesse Jackson
.....Presidential candidate

er said Jews should "refuse to turn the Jackson campaign into a Black-Jewish confrontation." He added:

"We and the rest of the

responsible Jewish community should repudiate and condemn the vigilante campaign of the Jewish Defense League thugs who have announced they will

disrupt Jackson's political rallies.

"Does that mean we should ignore his views and his record, especially his unconscionable theatrical embrace of Yasir Arafat and his ties to Arab groups, which stirred deep and justifiable concern among thoughtful Jews?"

"Jesse Jackson should be subjected to tough and sharp scrutiny, exactly like all other candidates, and on issues across the board, not only on the Middle East. To exempt him from judgement because he is black would be supremely patronizing."

"If he can articulate the pain in the streets and the desperation of those blacks and others who feel rejected and outcast in our society, America will gain even though Jackson loses.

TURTLE-TALK



Experience is something you would like to have if you didn't have to live through it.