

# CPCC And CAF Will Sponsor Classes At Double Oaks

Carpentry, bricklaying and parenting classes are being held at the Double Oaks Community Service Center, 1326 Woodward St., sponsored by the Central Piedmont Community College and Charlotte Area Fund; the classes will begin the week of February 12, and will hold registration from February 13-16.

The Charlotte Area Fund, a service organization for low-income families, will sponsor adults for the Carpentry and Bricklaying classes. The sponsorship includes the \$10 registration fee for people who sign up for the agency's program.

For more information about these and other classes, call Carol Kilgo, training coordinator, at 372-3010, week-days, or Barbara Brown, CPCC night director, week-



nights at 372-3738.

The West Charlotte High School National Alumni will meet Sunday, January 29, at the Greenville Center, 1330 Spring St., at 5 p.m.

Women in Communication's first annual \$300 scholarship is open to all

Mecklenburg High School seniors, class of 1984. The Women in Communication scholarship will be awarded annually to a high school senior who plans to pursue a career in communications, journalism, publishing, broadcasting, advertising or public relations. The scholarship recognizes achievement in



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communications, activities and academic studies.

To apply, ask your guidance counselor or student publications advisor for an application form. Or send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Women in Communications, Inc. (WICI) Scholarship Committee, 1923 Dilworth Rd. East, Charlotte,

N.C. 28203. Deadline is March 1, 1984.

The scholarship winner will be announced at the annual WICI Matrix Luncheon in May, 1984, before an audience of many of Charlotte's top professional communicators.

If you are living on a fixed income or simply tired of spending too much money, the Charlotte Area Fund, Inc. has budget counseling for you. It includes home repair workshops and food buying clubs information. These are just a few ways the CAF can help. For more information, call Mary Staton at 372-3010 and see what the Income Management Unit has to offer.

Presbyterian Hospital's Night Nursing supervisor, Martha Mitchell, recently retired. A retirement party

was held in the cafeteria dining room in her honor. She has worked at Presbyterian for 18 years. Mrs. Mitchell's official retirement party will be held February 1 from 2 to 3:30 p.m. in the dining rooms I and II. All employees have been invited to attend.

Some parents by now may have cursed God because of unhappy situations, but not Shakeeka Richardson's mother. Even though one Sunday night her little daughter was on the verge of death, Mrs. Richardson still thanks God - and that takes a lot of faith. If you would like to contribute to the Richardson Fund, send donations to Mechanics and Farmers Bank, 951 E. Independence Blvd., Charlotte.

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord - Romans 6:23.

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## Gary's Column Angers Black Community

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A bazaar and bake sale in Shakeeka's behalf brought \$27. "Only 15 people were present at a fashion show held at Queens College. That project went in the hole, too," Mrs. Funderburk added.

Though the money continues to dwindle, the bills continue to mount. "Community Health Services has agreed to provide the jet," Mrs. Richardson stated. But with the succession of letdowns recently, she isn't 100 percent sure the flight will be paid for when the time arrives for the trip.

In his final column about the Richardsons, Gary may have relieved some minds when he mentioned "Major medical insurance coverage was finally resolved."

"I don't know where he got that from," Mrs. Richardson expressed with concern. She explained, "The City insurance papers which state the Richardson will be provided 80 percent coverage in medicine and 100 percent coverage in surgery are being disputed."

According to Mrs. Richardson, Providence Insurance Company bought the insurance plans from Pilot Life which was previously handling the Transit System's insured employees.

"I don't have anything in writing (from the new company), but they keep talking about Shakeeka's case being pre-existing," Mrs. Richardson claimed. The insurance companies are arguing Shakeeka may not qualify for coverage since she was sick before the insurance policy was

created.

"Also when Shakeeka first started receiving treatment for biliary atresia, the tests then were considered experimental and void of any insurance benefits."

Whether the insurance policy favors the Richardsons or not, they must be prepared for take-off when a doctor calls with news that an appropriate liver is waiting for Shakeeka. That won't mean the end of the nearly \$700 for anesthesiologists, \$1,400 previous transportation costs, thousands of dollars for a two- or three-week stay in intensive care after the transplant, hundreds of dollars for medicine, \$15 each for the lounge chairs each night the Richardson parents will sleep on while waiting for their daughter to recuperate, and the standard monthly house and utility payments.

Nevertheless, the Richardsons are most concerned about Shakeeka liv-

ing an active life again. Her condition worsened drastically January 22. Described as a real fighter by her mother, the candidate in dire need of a liver is in stable condition again.

"I knew when the doctors started asking me to leave the room Shakeeka was near death," Mrs. Richardson spoke of that unforgettable Sunday.

"But I wasn't leaving that room because I didn't know if I'd see my little girl alive again when I returned. So I must say the Lord has been good to my family and me."

While the Richardson family can use any financial assistance that an individual or organization can afford to offer, she wants more than anything the prayers of all asking that Shakeeka will live through an ordeal which has endured for more than two years.

To make contributions, send donations to Shakeeka Liver Transplant Fund,

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