

**TOM THUMB WEDDING PARTY**  
...Of Amay James Presbyterian Church

**Anthony-Austin United In "Mock" Wedding Ceremony**

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Angel Anthony and James Austin were recently united as husband and wife. And in comparison to other weddings, this is where the similarities end. Angel and James' wedding was a "Tom Thumb" wedding. Sponsored by the Women of Amay James Presbyterian Church a Tom Thumb wedding is a mock wedding ceremony that involves only children. Dressed in a white satin gown and a netted veil

headpiece, the bride was escorted by her father, Keith Foster. Maid of honor for the occasion was Kyatta King and the bridesmaids were: Erica Richards, Aretha Dunlap, Christy Rutledge, and Chisa Beatty and Le-Andres Connely. The best man was James Edward Cloud and the groomsmen were Michael Horton, Marion Anthony, David Graham, Joseph Johnson, and Dondra Johnson. During the ceremony

when the vows were being made, instead of the traditional pledge to love, honor and obey, the groom promised "to go to work and clean the bathroom." The bride vowed to "spend her husband's money, go shopping and talk on the telephone." Other participants in the Tom Thumb wedding were: Brian Beatty as minister; Shanese McCain as the bride's mother; and Natasha Fox and Freddie Leach as the groom's parents. Following the wedding the second segment of the Amay James women pro-

**Oratorio Singers Concert**

The Chamber Chorus of The Oratorio Singers of Charlotte will present a concert of works by Shutz, Bach and Vaughan Williams on Tuesday, May 8, at 8 p.m. at Sharon United Methodist Church, 4411 Sharon Road. The 24-voice chorus, all members of The Oratorio Singers' full chorus, will be under the direction of Dr. Mary Nell Saunders. Accompanist for the performance will be Jeanne Dayton.

Tickets for the concert are \$5 (\$2 for senior citizens and students) and are available at the Oratorio Office, Spirit Square, 110 East Seventh St., Charlotte, NC 28202. For further information, call 704-332-8151 week-day mornings.

gram, a baby contest preceded. Six babies were in competition for first place in the fundraising effort. The winner of the contest was Rachelle Nichole King, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hermie King. In second place was Michelle Nichole Fox. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Fox. The third place winner was Shannon Williams, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John T. Williams. Holding fourth place was LaEbony Anthony, the daughter of Trandra Anthony. In fifth place was James Benton, Jr., the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Benton. And the sixth place recipient was Mario Rutledge, the son of Teresa Rutledge. The top three winners received trophies and all the contestants were given a monetary award. President of the Women's organization is Mrs. Patricia Hykes.

**Water Safety**

Advanced Lifesaving will be offered May 12 through May 17. Registration must be completed by May 10th. A course fee of \$20 for McCrorey members of \$35 for non-members must be paid at registration. Classes will meet daily from 7 p.m. - 10 p.m. Weekend hours are 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

The Water Safety Instructor course will be conducted May 19 through May 25. Registration must be completed by May 17.

**Pfeiffer College Sets Graduation For Saturday**

MISENHEIMER - Pfeiffer College will hold its annual graduation exercises at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, May 5, in Merner Gym on the school's Misenheimer campus. Students from both the Misenheimer and Charlotte campuses of Pfeiffer, about 160 in all, will receive their bachelor's degrees. A. Mitchell Faulkner of Charlotte will address the graduating class on the subject of "Education for Life, or Job Training?" Faulkner will soon be retiring as executive director

of the Council for Higher Education of the Western North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church, a position he has held since 1975. As Council director, Faulkner coordinates the relationship between the Methodist Church and its four colleges in the Western Conference -- Pfeiffer, Greensboro, High Point, and Brevard. Faulkner is a graduate of Brevard Junior College (A.A.), Wofford College (A.B.), Emory University's Candler School of Theology (B.D.), and High

Point College (D.D.). Before assuming his present position, he served Methodist pastorates in Charlotte (Myers Park), Lexington (First), Shelby (Central), Eden (First), Concord (Forest Hill), Pineville (United Methodist Church), and Union County (Prospect Charge). He has been a member of the Pfeiffer College board of trustees since 1962. Several important recognitions are scheduled as part of the graduation ceremonies, including the awarding of two honorary

degrees. The Reverend Clarence Harley Dickson, senior minister of Charlotte's Providence United Methodist Church since 1975, will receive the Doctor of Divinity degree. A native of Asheville, he holds degrees from Davidson College (B.S.) and Duke University (B.D.). Dickson has served Methodist pastorates in Lexington (First), Wadesboro (First), Albemarle (Main Street), Shelby (Aldergate), and the Coleridge area (four churches). He also served

the Church for four years as Waynesville District Superintendent. Dickson has published a book entitled "A Special Kind of Man." Asheboro native William David Stedman, chairman and chief executive officer of the Asheboro-based Stedman Corporation textile firm, will receive the doctor of Laws degree. Stedman was educated at Duke University (A.B.), the Harvard Graduate School of Business (I.A.), and Georgetown University (M.A.).

**How a new City-County Government Center can save Charlotte taxpayers**

**\$24,000,000**

A 1924 City Hall doesn't work for a 1984 population.

1924. Charlotte built a new City Hall. The population was 46,000. In 1984 our population is 328,000—more than seven times

what it was in 1924. And we're still using the same City Hall. And the equally old City Hall Annex.

The results are a great many costly inefficiencies and a large overflow.

We're spending \$1 million a year on office rent.

The overflow from the old City Hall has forced the city to rent space in commercial office buildings — in Cameron-Brown and Independence Plaza Buildings.

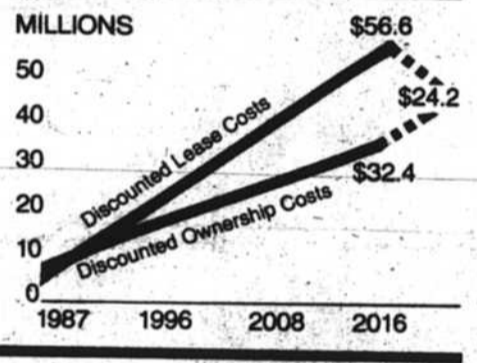
That rent costs the city almost \$1 million a year. Thirty years from now the rent on that same amount of space — assuming city government didn't grow at

all—would be an estimated \$17 million a year. Particularly in this case, owning is a whole lot cheaper than renting.

A new City-County Government Center would save \$24 million.

The arithmetic is simple: A new City-County Government Center will cost \$32.7 million to construct. If the City-County Government Center is not built, the price tag to the city for office space rental for the next

30 years will be \$56.6 million. The savings to the City—to taxpayers—is \$24 million. And at the end of that 30 years, we will own the Government Center. If we rent for 30 years, we won't own anything.



City Council chambers—room for everyone

Our present City Hall has outgrown the citizens' needs too. If you want to address the City Council or attend a meeting, you must fight tv cameras, newspaper reporters, city

staff people and other citizens for space in the tiny chambers. Most often, you end up in the hall outside where you cannot participate and it's difficult even to see or hear.

Citizen participation is an increasingly important element in municipal government today. Our present Council chambers are woefully inadequate.

Re-centralize services under one roof.

Today if you need water and sewer service or street maps or zoning information, you first have to hunt

down their office. The new City-County Government Center will once again put most

of the city departments with which the public comes into contact, under one roof.

No tax increase is necessary.

There will be no increase in property taxes because of the bonds to build the new City-County Government Center.

The AAA bond rating from both rating services is the highest attainable and attests to the fiscal responsibility shown by city government as well as the overall soundness of the city and its governing bodies.

**Charlotte's Bond Rating: AAA**

City-County Government Center Facts

**Cost:** Bond package is for \$32.7 million, the total estimated cost for the City-County Government Center and parking deck.

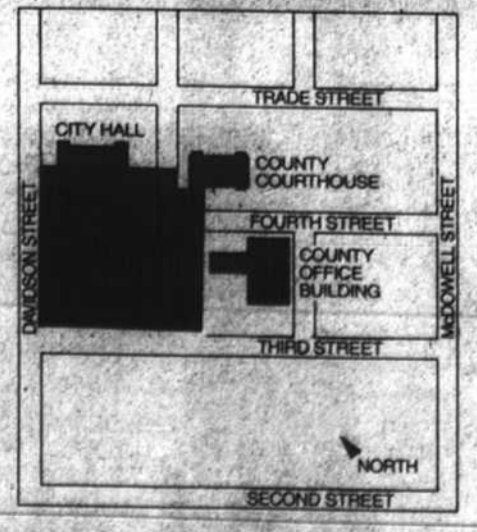
deck for employee and public parking. **Old City Hall:** City Hall will continue to be used for administrative offices. City Hall Annex will be torn down.

**Location:** City-County Government Center to go in the block bordered by Third and Fourth streets, Alexander and Davidson streets where city parking is now located. Parking deck would be in the adjacent block bordered by Third and Fourth streets, Davidson and Caldwell streets.

**Dates:** Projected construction start, Spring, 1985. Projected occupancy by Spring, 1987.

**Size:** 15 stories, designed for space and operation efficiencies. 313,000 square feet, scaled down from 425,000 square feet proposed in 1975. 780 space parking

**VOTE:** May 8 on ballot with primary elections. All registered city residents can vote on proposed City-County Government Center bonds, listed on the ballot as "Public Building Bonds".



City-County Government Center Bond Committee  
1200 E. Morehead St.  
372-7590

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