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UNICA GRANGER

...Plans to become dentist

10-Year-Old

Unica Granger Realizes That Love Is Essence Of Sincere Peace

Unica Granger will be 10 years old next week, July 19. But already she realizes that love is the essence of sincere peace, the unfolding of eternal life and the beginning and end of any truth.

The daughter of John and Valerie Granger, Unica has been raised with in a special light of knowledge about God's kingdom and grace. Unica has learned a great deal about the Bible and being young in years is no indication of how mature she is spiritually.

"Jesus is the person I most admire," Miss Granger stated. "He loves me and He is Lord of my life." She memorized a beautiful poem

about becoming a new creature in Christ. More important, however, is the fact that she understands what she is saying.

"If I could change something in this world," Miss Granger began, "I would allow people to love one another."

A member of Victory Christian Center where Rev. Robyn and Marla Gool pastor, little Miss Granger attends Sunday School, Junior Church and the Wednesday evening prayer meetings.

She will be a fifth grade student at Newell Elementary School and will play the violin in the orchestra.

"My hobbies include playing. I

like to ride my bike, play games and play with my baby dolls."

One day Miss Granger plans to study and become a dentist. She is also interested in mathematics, however, stating that "I have fun working the math." Her favorite teacher is Ms. Reid. "She has taught me a lot," Miss Granger added.

Presently Miss Granger is also taking gymnastics lessons at Clemens Gymnastic School and recently received a certificate for her piano recital. She has also received the "Perfect Attendance Award" at school. "This summer I also plan to take swimming lessons and join the swimming team at the McCrorey Branch YMCA," she continued.

Miss Granger enjoys gospel music and feels that one of the most inspiring singers is Leon Patillo.

The Bible states that if we raise our children the way of the Word they will not go astray. In Miss Granger's life she has been blessed to be exposed to many of the Bible's truths at an early age. Her growth as a Christian has already started and in the sight of God she is a beautiful bud about to flower.

neighborhoods."

Ms. Wilson said she hopes to recruit both students and volunteer tutors from the neighborhoods, to make the ABLE Center a real community project.

Improving an adult's reading by one grade level requires about 150 hours using traditional classroom instruction.

CPCC Opens Literacy Center

The success that has brought Central Piedmont Community College's ABLE Center national attention is now prompting CPCC to expand the program.

CPCC's Adult Basic Literacy Education (ABLE) project for teaching reading and math to adults is moving into two new neighborhoods this month to make the free program easier for students to use.

On July 16, CPCC will open a new center at the Double Oaks Community Service Center off Statesville Avenue. Holy Trinity Lutheran Church on The Plaza will house another ABLE Center, beginning July 19.

The expansion of the program comes just one year after the first ABLE Center opened at Freedom Mall.

"We're expanding in order to bring help closer to the people who need it," said Cindy Wilson, director of the ABLE project. "We've found that many of the people who come to the ABLE Center don't have transportation. Regular attendance is a problem for them."

"We've studied carefully and have found there is a great need for adult reading help in these two

Sorority's High Priority Is Recruitment

And Retention Of Black Student Nurses

By Teresa Simmons
Post Managing Editor

Sunday, July 15, will mark the last day of the 39th Annual Boule of Chi Eta Phi Sorority, an international nursing sorority dedicated to services for humanity.

Hosted by the Charlotte local chapter, Iota Chapter, the boule will include professional workshops for sorority members and community nurses. The boule is being held in the Radisson Plaza, Two NCNB Plaza of the city.

According to Essie Rowser, National Supreme Basileus, evaluations of programs within the past year and plans for the future will also be made.

"Our high priority issues include the recruitment and retention of black students in nursing schools and addressing and educating many about cancer," Ms. Rowser continued.

There are many myths concerning cancer that the sorority members are trying to destroy. The cancer mortality rate among blacks continues to increase. "Reports reveal, for instance, that from 1950-1966 there was a 20 percent increase in cancer mortality rate - from 147 to 177 per 1,000," Ms. Rowser contin-



Essie Rowser
...Supreme Basileus

ued. During this time the mortality rate was stationary among whites.

The sorority leaders are working closely with local chapters of the Cancer Society and also setting up local tutorial programs to aid black nursing students.

"A lot of blacks are lost in the shuffle within white schools," Wilma Lauray, Southeast Regional Direc-



Valerie Granger, RN, Ed.D.
...Boule speaker

tor of the sorority, pointed out. "Our tutorial programs help them to deal with their problems based upon our backgrounds."

Another one of Ms. Lauray's goals as Southeast Regional Director is to form a more cohesive group within the Southeast's 17 chapters, located in six states (including North Carolina). "Each local chapter also provides specific programs



Wilma Lauray
...S. R. Director

for health screening, consumer health education and is concerned with the well being of senior citizens.

Many local health professionals and experts in related fields were involved in conducting the boule's concurrent workshops. Attorney Patricia Solberg spoke on "Legal Aspects Of Nursing"; Jo Ann Frank-

Blacks Urged To Contribute To AACCR Project

By Karen Parker
Post Staff Writer

July 24 will wrap up the official fundraising campaign for the Afro-American Cultural Center. It has been underway since May 1.

The effort to raise \$800,000 for outside restoration of the old Little Rock AME Zion Church, where the Afro-American Cultural Center will relocate, was initially scheduled to end June 30. According to Deedee Murphy, campaign coordinator, "the campaign was so forceful we couldn't bring it to an abrupt stop." She explained the contributions were coming in well; therefore, the deadline was extended slightly more than three weeks.

The extension of the campaign has meant thousands of more dollars for the Afro-American Cultural Center.

Last week about \$700,000 had been pledged. "That's 88 percent of the total," Murphy stated proudly. She added, "that's what the power of positive thinking can do." The coordinator revealed at the onset of the campaign some people thought the goal couldn't be met.

"We've worked as hard as we know how. That's how we got where we are," Murphy continued. She and the fundraising staff will continue to campaign for pledges until the last report date.

Businesses and organizations have contributed generously toward the campaign, as well as individuals. "It was mutually



Dr. Herman Thomas
...Board co-chairman

agreed upon by the Center's committee, that the black community should invest a minimum of \$200,000 toward the campaign," Murphy pointed out. She said approximately \$160,000 of the goal has been met. "With the little time remaining we need an all-out effort to reach the final figure."

Dr. Herman Thomas, the co-chairman of the board of directors, expressed he is looking forward to July 24 also. It's what he referred to as the victory celebration. "I hope everyone will do all they can to help reach the

goal," Thomas stated. "As a cultural entity, I don't think there's a similar group around Charlotte with the kind of programming that the Afro-American Cultural Center provides. Once we're in a larger facility, the programming will increase even more," Thomas assured. He noted the Center, presently located in Spirit Square, is 626 square feet. However, when the Center is moved to First Ward, it will be 11,000 square feet. "That extra space can make a lot of difference," Thomas maintained.

The Afro-American Cultural Center promotes black culture throughout the community through art exhibitions, dance, drama, music performances, children's programs, festivals and more. Thomas explained, because of insufficient space, some of the programs were held in schools, other areas of Spirit Square or in the downtown YWCA.

Nearly 27 churches have pledged contributions to the Afro-American Cultural Center through the Super Sunday campaign. At least 49 businesses, 29 organizations and 300 individuals also have made pledges.

Murphy and Thomas assured there are many people in the community who should be able to make pledges toward a new facility. If you would like to make a pledge telephone the Afro-American Cultural Center before July 24 at 374-1565.

Agent Recruiting For "Job Ready" Activities

By Jalyne Strong
Post Staff Writer

If you are a high school dropout or GED-high school completion student between the ages of 16-21, a resident of Mecklenburg County and a highly motivated individual, the Education For Employment-Limited Work Experience Program is designed for you.

One hundred persons who meet the above criteria are being re-

cruted for this program organized by the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Youth Council, Inc. and the City of Charlotte's JTPA (Job Training Partnership Act) office. The program is structured to afford participants the opportunity to complete high school, obtain part-time employment, pre-employment counseling and job assistance.

Once in the program, participants will be expected to complete GED

high school completion requirements in six months. During this time they will be employed with a non-profit organization working approximately 20 hours per week.

According to Curtis Harty, Community Development Project Coordinator with the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Youth Council, job readiness activities will be incorporated into the program to prepare participants to enter the job market.

"Seminars, workshops and assessment tests will be used," Harty projects. "Through the use of the assessment tests we will be able to detect the motivational and skill level of the participants."

Video tapes and role playing will also be employed to assist and teach the youth about employment. Attitude modification will be addressed and the relationship between employer and employee will be explored in the program.

"Emphasis is placed on how to get and keep a job," Harty points out. "We are involved to the extent of following up after the participant is employed. We will intervene to head off problems if they arise between the employer and employee. We aim to ameliorate any situation that would be a threat to the person's employment."

Stressing that the participants need to be highly motivated, Harty emphasized, "We are looking for performance. Someone who is going to buckle down and successfully finish the program and develop employment in the private sector."

Those interested in the Education For Employment-Limited Work Experience Program will also have to meet certain income requirements.

If you qualify and would like to be considered for enrollment, contact: The City of Charlotte's JTPA Office, 401 E. 2nd Street, 2nd Floor, Charlotte, N.C. 28202, 374-3101; or The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Youth Council, 501 E. Morehead Street, Charlotte, N.C. 28202, 334-3035.

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with remembrance and the
future with understanding.