



Rachelle Funderburk, a student at Queens College, was one of the recipients of the Charlotte Housing Authority Scholarships presented this week at the United Way Auditorium. The second annual Breakfast meeting also featured two other scholarship recipients: Warren Davis and Steven Roland, both students at Johnson C. Smith University. (Photo By Teresa Simmons)

Adoption

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 of that number, only 25 percent decide to give their babies up for adoption. Last year we placed 145 infants with families. Thirty-nine percent of those infants were minorities. This year we have approved 69 black couples for adoption. These bleak statistics give credence to the fact that there just aren't enough babies to go around. Bass cited the rise of single parents and abortion as two factors contributing to the decline of infants available for adoption, plus his agency does not push adoption to its pregnant teens.

"When you tell someone you're adopting a child, then it's projected as being a positive move. But society still looks negatively when a woman decides to give her child up, even if it is the best thing for the mother and the child."

Once a mother has made her decision to elect adoption, the child is placed in a Family Care Home licensed by The Children's Home Society. The mother then has 30 days to change her mind. During those 30 days, the child is being evaluated for his or her overall physical, emotional and mental well-being. Once those 30 days are over, the child is then placed with a family that has been carefully screened.

The screening of prospective parents for infants is basically the same kind of process that occurs with older children and siblings. Where the difference comes in is with black couples and white couples.

For a white couple that is being considered for an infant, the mother has to stay home, not so for a black mother. She can work. The income levels are a lot more flexible in the black couple's household than in the white couple's. A white couple has to have a doctor's note stating that they cannot have children; this is not necessary in the black family. Such disparities may seem discriminatory, but Bass assured that such differences are inevitable when there are so many black children waiting to be placed with families. There are even adoption subsidies and foster care payments for some adoption cases.

Although the agency requires that a couple be married in order to adopt an infant, single persons interested in adopting are eligible to adopt an older child.

Explaining the agency's procedure for initiating an adoption case, Bass said that a simple call to The Children's Home Society will precede an application being sent to the interested party, afterwards, an interview, and time spent with the prospective parents are other steps that follow.

"If there are no problems and if there is a child to fit the description of an applicant, an adoption can take place in a matter of a few months. For a couple wanting a baby, however, the entire procedure can take up to two years or more," said Bass. Bass strongly feels that in spite of a child's problems it is his or her inherent right to have a family.

In addition to placing children, The Children's Home Society is a direct contact for persons experiencing the adjustments to an adoption. "We stay in touch with families and provide counseling if necessary." Pregnant teenagers who decide to keep their babies also receive help from The Children's Home Society by learning ways of making their individual situations work.

Located at 301 S. Brevard St., the agency's number is 334-2854.

When God prepared the heavens I was there;
 When he set a compass upon the face of the depth,
 When he gave to the sea his decree, that the waters should not pass his command;
 When he appointed the foundations of the earth,
 (I was there)

Proverbs 8:27-29

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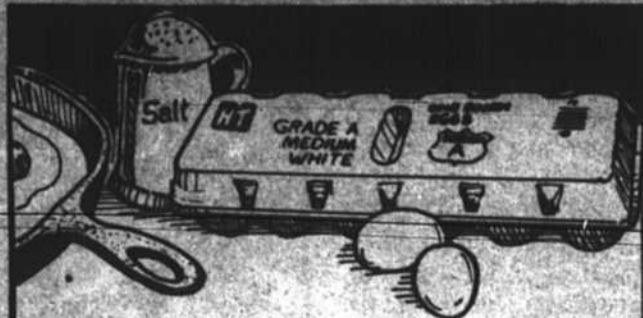
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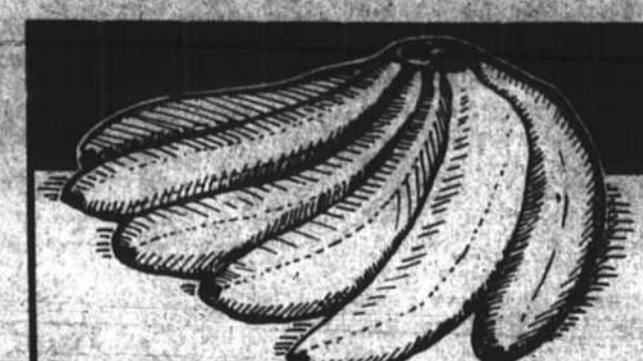
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