



Rev. Queen Estelle Thompson  
.....Named "Ambassador For Christ"

## Rev. Queen Thompson Receives New Honor

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An "Ambassador For Christ." It has a special ring to it. It means a messenger, servant for Christ, or one who possesses a special mission for the Christmas Saviour, Jesus.

Charlottean, Rev. Queen Estelle Thompson recently received the "Ambassador" title from the American Christian Heritage Foundation of Washington, D.C. She has become rather well known in many areas in Washington. As founder of Noah's Ark Outreach Ministries, Rev. Thompson leads the ministry and friends to Washington annually. The services held earlier this year on the steps of the Capitol (by permission) were entitled, "Campaigning For Jesus -- Demonstrating The Love of God."

The certificate of award was accompanied by a letter from the president of the American Christian Heritage Foundation, Robert Pittenger, and Tom Landry, Dallas Cowboys' coach, who is on the foundation's Advisory Board.

In being named "Ambassador For Christ," the letter encouraged Rev. Thompson to continue her efforts in spreading God's Word.

The letter also encouraged her to pray for the following: pray that Christians and government will witness for Christ and live holy lives; pray for outreach ministry in Bible study to help reach and disciple new believers in Jesus Christ; and, finally, to pray for the openness to the Gospel as our leaders recognize their personal needs in Christ and His direction in governing the affairs of this country.

In the New Testament, Paul referred to himself as an ambassador in Ephesians 6:20 - "For which I am an ambassador in bonds; that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak."

From the Noah's Ark Outreach Ministries, Rev. Thompson is also seeking to speak about God. As host of the ministry's broadcast each

### Family Brunch

The Annual Family Brunch of the Massey-Fulson family was held December 25 at 10 a.m. at the Holiday Inn - North Tryon.

About 35 local family members were present to enjoy grits, ham, eggs, sausage, toast and jelly and breakfast beverages.

Out of town relatives, the Andrade Family from Baltimore, Md., also came. They are the grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Jones Jr. and the great grands of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Massey, who were also hosts of the brunch.

The brunch became an annual event about 20 years ago when the late Juanita Massey Jetter started it. Last year, Bernice Fulson, daughter of the late Mrs. Jetter, was hostess of the event.

### Free Tax Workshop

Some people who receive Social Security benefits will have to pay income taxes on part of that money this year. A free workshop at Central Piedmont Community College will help you decide if you are one of those people.

Janet Wooten of the Internal Revenue Service will discuss the effects of new regulations in a workshop in Pease Auditorium on the CPCC campus from 10 a.m. to noon on Tuesday, January 8.

The new regulations primarily affect those who have income in addition to their Social Security, such as interest on money market certificates.

The workshop is free and you need not register to attend. Free parking will be available in the visitors' parking lot. For more information, call Glen Jones at 1-800-424-1040.

Wednesday from 8:30 to 9 p.m. on Cable Channel 3, Mrs. Thompson can be found introducing new Christians, singing talents, revealing the Word of God and discussing issues relevant to man and woman kind.

Mrs. Thompson has also been asked by the Lady Ministers Fellowship International to contact ladies interested in joining. The purpose of the fellowship is to encourage females in the ministry and to promote fellowship between female missionaries, evangelists, reverends and pastors in the world. The organization started in 1982 and already has over 3,000 on its role.

If you would like to join or for more information, contact Mrs. Queen Estelle Thompson by writing: Noah's Ark Ministries, P. O. Box 30382, Charlotte, N.C. 28230. The Founder of Lady Ministers Fellowship International is Joyce Whitaker.

## When Parents Divorce Children Lose A "Lot"

It has been estimated that those children born in the 70s and 80s have a 40 percent chance of seeing their parents divorce, one of the most painful experiences they will ever have.

Many of these children will spend time as part of a single family, now

estimated to be 25 percent of all American families. About half of these children will then move on to a blended or stepfamily situation.

When parents move in and out of relationships, children have a lot to lose - the potential loss of a rela-

tionship with one parent ... extended family support ... familiarity of a neighborhood or school ... friends ... home ... and a general sense of security. There is often a dramatic change in income and lifestyle.

Berger ("Divorce Without Victims," Houghton-Mifflin, 1983) has developed the following guidelines for parents in helping them to avoid the victimization of children when divorce occurs:

- Sit down with children and explain the reasons for divorce and what will happen then.

- Control your own emotional outbursts around the children: parental lack of control is scary.

- Assure children that they did not

cause the divorce, that they are wanted and loved.

- Decide custody on what's best for a child, not because of your own insecurities and fears.

- Don't put a child in the position of spying on an ex-spouse or choosing sides.

- Recognize that children who are stressed may behave more negatively. Watch for signs of stress, responding in ways that will encourage more positive coping and a return to a feeling of security.

For more information, order: Extension Bulletin E-1733, "Divorce and Family Stress."

Call 858-0880 for instructions on how to order this publication.

## Wachovia Reduces Money Market Account

The minimum deposit required to open a Wachovia Cash Investment or Money Market Checking Account will be reduced to \$1,000 effective January 1, 1985.

The minimum deposit is currently \$2,500.

The reduction in the minimum balance is another step in a gradual deregulation of money market accounts authorized by the Depository Institutions Deregulation Committee, according to James T. Brewer, executive vice president of Wachovia's Retail Banking Group.

After January 1, the minimum average daily balance that will be required for these accounts to earn money market rates will be reduced from \$2,500 to \$1,000, Brewer said. If the average balance falls below \$1,000 during a month, the rate paid on interest-bearing checking accounts (currently 5/8 percent)

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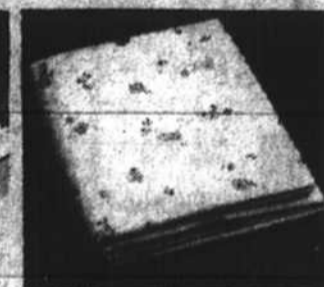


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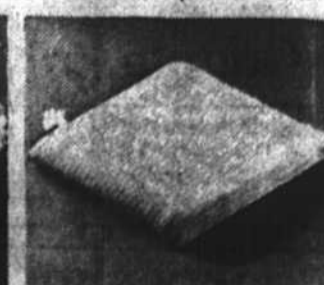
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