

Bike-A-Thon Raises \$1,450

A group of "Parents and Children of the YMCA" sponsored a Trike-Bike-A-Thon at the McCrorey Branch YMCA on Saturday, May 25, 1985. This project, spearheaded by Carlenia Ivory, Carolyn Gray, Veronica Platt, Linda Colbert, Eronita Strong, Geneva Frazier, and Susan House, was held in an effort to raise much needed funds for the YMCA. Proceeds will be used to replace various sports equipment, games, camping equipment, art supplies and other needed materials.

The Trike-Bike-A-Thon began at 9:30 a.m. with Freddie Pratt making his way around the obstacle course set up by Carolyn Gary and Linda Colbert. He was followed by 39 trikers and bikers who maneuvered their way to the finish line. All participants had completed the course by 10:30 a.m.

Prizes were awarded to all the participants. Special awards were made to the top fundraisers. Four year old Terrell Ivory won First Place having raised \$215; second place went to six year old John Hariston, who raised \$168.50; third place to eight year old Edwin Colbert, who raised \$150; and two fourth place winners, four year old Daniel Gary and nine year old Jason Brooks, both of whom raised \$125. Additional prizes were awarded to the fastest, slowest, safest and funniest riders. The 40 participants raised a total of \$1,450. Parents who worked diligently on the project were also recognized in appreciation of their efforts.

The gifts, prizes and refreshments were donated by Belk Stores, Brendle's, Carowinds, the Chapman-Harmey Company, Darryl's Restaurant, Domino Pizza-Little Rock Rd., Eastern Airlines, Ivey's-SouthPark, Krispy Kreme Doughnuts-East Independence Blvd., Toy Circus-Park Road Shopping Center and the McCrorey Branch YMCA.

The committee hopes to make this an annual event. For the teens at the McCrorey Branch YMCA, a Skate-A-Thon is being planned for this summer.

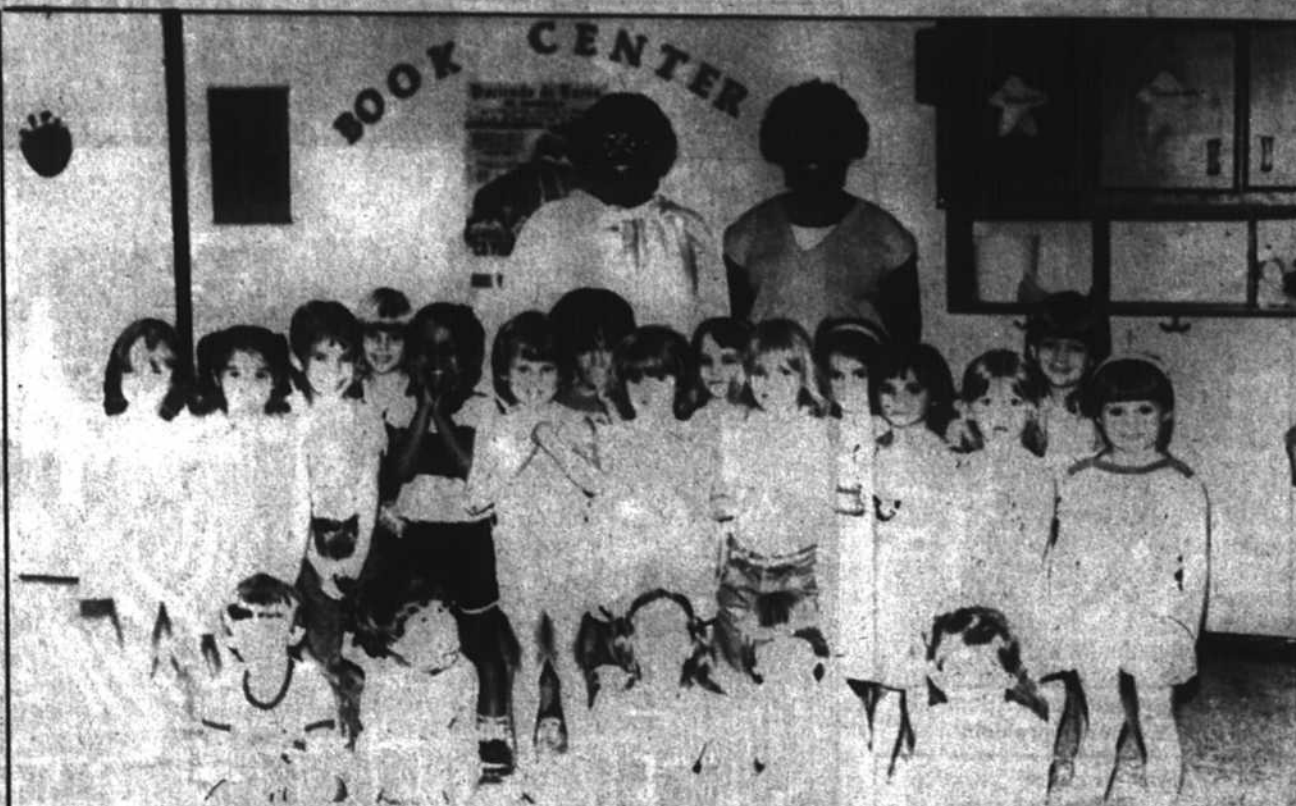
Red Cross Will Hold Its Annual Meeting Tuesday

The Greater Carolinas Chapter of American Red Cross will hold its 1984-85 Annual Meeting on Tuesday, June 18, at 12:15 p.m. The public is invited to the meeting, which will be held at the Quality Inn, 201 S. McDowell Street, Charlotte.

This year, Chief Executive Officers of major Charlotte area corporations, as well as Red Cross volunteers, have been invited to the meeting.

The keynote speaker will be Ashby Fulcher, director of medical management for Burlington Industries, and a recognized authority on employee health care programs. His topic is "Containing Employee Medical Costs."

Anyone planning to attend the 1984-85 Red Cross Annual Meeting should call Red Cross at 376-1661. The luncheon fee.



LaPetite Academy on Carmel Road graduated 19 preschoolers in a ceremony Sunday. Sheryle Clyburn, who teaches the pre-school class of four and five year olds, is known to her students as "Miss Sheryle." She noted that the children have learned their ABC's, numbers, sizes, shapes, and other concepts they need for public school. "They've gotten a head start for school," she said. The graduates will remain with their class through the summer and then go on to regular school in the fall. According to the school's director, Cynthia Williams, LaPetite Academy (SNCCC) features a Montessori program of self-paced "learning for living." One of the program's principles is to "invite the children to learn." As part of the curriculum, students are introduced to computers starting at age

three. LaPetite takes children from six weeks to 12 years of age. The after-school program is operated like a day camp, with arts and crafts, field trips, swimming, karate, dancing lessons, and gymnastics. The school is seven years old. Williams has been its director for three months, having first served as assistant director, and as teacher to three year olds before that. Clyburn has worked in day care for seven years; she has been at LaPetite Academy since November. Her teacher's aide for the four-five year olds is Susan Gray. Assistant director at the school is Kay Koclan. Above, Ms. Clyburn (l) and Ms. Williams stand proudly behind their four and five year old graduates.

Mint, CPCC To Sponsor Series Of Woodworking Classes

The Mint Museum and Central Piedmont Community College are cooperating to present a three-part woodworking course, beginning this summer and continuing through next winter. Don Chapman, who built the log kitchen at the Hezekiah Alexander Homesite, will teach all the classes.

The first course of the three-part series, "Riving, Splitting, and Hewing Logs," will be taught on the following schedule:

Friday, June 7, 7-9 p.m., CPCC Woodworking Shop. Saturday, June 8, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., "in the field". Sunday, June 9, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., location to be announced.

Registration will be held during the first class, June 7.

For an approximate cost of \$4.25, students may earn one hour of credit

Relief Fundraiser

Ithaca, N.Y. - Nancy Hammond, daughter of Charles and Eleanor Hammond of Stedwick Place, Charlotte, N.C., received a B.A. degree in English from Ithaca College during commencement exercises held at the College on May 18, 1985, is a 1981 graduate of Ridgewood (N.J.) High School.

Toastmasters

The Arrowood Toastmasters Club helps its members learn self-confidence through the art of public speaking.

The club meets each Wednesday from 7-8 p.m. at the Sizzler Restaurant, 500 Tyvola Rd. Guests are welcome. Call Jean Schenk, 554-1763.

as they learn to fell a tree, hew out logs, and split out pieces for building houses or furniture.

The second classes of the series, taught in the fall, will focus on methods of log and timber construction. Final classes, on furniture making, will be offered

during the winter. Each set of classes of the series may be taken independently.

For additional information call the Hezekiah Alexander Homesite, 568-1774, weekdays, 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

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By Joe Black

It is the prerogative of people to accept or reject the thoughts that I project, but at the same time I hope that they respect my right to express my opinions.

For example, in 1984 I commended Black Americans for following the dictates of Reverend Jesse Jackson, the NAACP and Reverend Joseph Lowery by registering to vote. However, I reminded them that we are living in a nation with two major political parties, and Black people must get smart and gain maximum benefits from our voting power by registering as Republicans and Democrats. Some people called me stupid for suggesting that Black people should vote for President Reagan. Their emotionalism blinded them to the fact that I said register not vote Republican. Well, the elections are over, and I continue to hear Black people saying that the Republican administration is insensitive to the plight of Blacks and other impoverished citizens. I urge my people to open their ears and listen to what top Democratic leaders have been saying since the national elections last fall. They have coined a new synonym for Black people, it is "special interest groups." Yes, the Democrats are saying that they lost the last election because of their "tie-ins" with the "special interest groups" and if the party is to regain its position as a viable force in the political arena, then it must pull away from these groups. So where does that leave Black America? I'll answer with this quote from Mr. Eddie Williams, President of the Joint Center for Political Studies.

"Blacks now have a unique opportunity to try to become the apple in the eyes of both parties: to be taken seriously by the Democrats and courted by the Republicans."

Joe Black

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