



Could this really be Santa and his helpers? Sure. During the House of Prayer's first annual Christmas Party, Bro. Curtis Parker (2nd from left) played Santa Claus and was assisted in handing out gifts to over 350

people by Sis. Essie Bryant (far left) and (center to right) Sis. Julia Cureton, Elder St. Joseph Carr, and Bro. Jas Truesdale.

United House Of Prayer Entertains 350 During Christmas Celebration

By Jalyne Strong
Post Staff Writer

"Christmas, along with every other day, is a time for everyone to get together and thank the Lord for His blessings. I feel we are all one Father's children," confessed Sister Essie Bryant. And such sentiment found to better expression than when the United House of Prayer opened its doors to over 350 people, whom they fed, gave gifts of toys, clothes and food during the church's first Christmas celebration.

The House of Prayer's Christmas Party was held on Saturday, December 21, sponsored by the church's Food Bank, of which Bryant is coordinator.

It began with Apostle C. B. Gibson, pastor of the House of Prayer, delivering an encouraging prayer of Christmas. Bryant says of the delivery, "It was inspiring to the

soul." It served to uplift Bryant and those who aided her in the dispensing of more than 500 gifts which were donated by church members and friends.

Members of the Food Bank, Bro. George Williams, St. Hazeline Howard, St. Eld. J. Perry, St. Catherine Bailey, and St. Miller helped prepare the food and serve.

Overwhelmed by the number of people who came out for the party, Bryant recalls looking out at the line of individuals and breathlessly exclaiming, "Oh, my Lord, just look at them!" She acknowledges, "It did me all the good in the world to see it!"

Along with the many members of the House of Prayer and people from the Charlotte community who were welcomed to the festivities, Bryant, who also is a volunteer with the Social Services, arranged for three

families to come to the Christmas Party. With three to four members in each family, this group consisted of approximately 12 people. "They received clothing, a hot meal, groceries to take with them and toys for the children," tells Bryant.

Bro. Curtis Parker, of WGIV, was Santa Claus at the celebration and he brought along photographer Calvin Ferguson, who helped commemorate the events on film.

Representatives from the several missions of the House of Prayer took part during the festivities. They were: Bro. Willie Dunlap, Sis. Carolyn Phifer, St. Catherine Bailey, St. Hazeline Howard, Bro. Roy Morrow, and Bro. George Williams of the Mother House; Bro. Jerry Durah of Charlotte No. 2; St. Eld. J. Perry of Huntersville, N.C.; St. Miller of North Charlotte; St. Anne Lee Pickett of First Ward; St. Hattie Gray of Mallard Creek; Bro. Barringer of Dallas, N.C.; St. Eld. White of Biddleville, N.C.; St. Sis. Taylor of Concord, N.C.; Apostle S. Ford and Sis. C. Camp of Derita; St. Eld. Crawford of Mooresville, N.C.; and the assistant pastor, Apostle St. Young.

"I'm am so grateful for the many donations we had of new clothing, turkeys, hams, fruits and toys," remarks Bryant. "We still have about 75 to 100 gifts left. If there is any child who needs a gift, please contact me, we will be glad to share these gifts," she implores. Sis. Bryant can be reached at the House of Prayer, phone 399-9136, during the hours between 5 and 7 p.m.

The Christmas Party held at the House of Prayer was an event that "measured up beautifully to my expectations," relates Bryant. "It is one that will never be forgotten."

In closing, Bryant and the members of the church that "Loves all People" wishes everyone "Happy Holidays and May God Love You."

Seven Nominees From District III Chosen As Morehead Awards Finalists

Special To The Post

Chapel Hill - Seven nominees from District VIII have been selected as finalists in competition for 1984 Morehead Awards to study at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

The announcement was made by Mebane Pritchett, executive director of the John Motley Morehead Foundation.

District VIII is composed of Anson, Lincoln, Mecklenburg, Richmond, and Union Counties.

Seven finalists and two alternates were selected from 20 nominees picked earlier by county committees. Interviews were conducted by the District Selection Committee in Charlotte on Tuesday, December 10.

Selection of finalists is based on evidence of leadership and service, character, academic achievement and physical vigor.

District VIII finalists are: Geoffrey Pritchard Burgess, son of Mr. and Mrs. William P. Burgess of 2226 Theford Court, Charlotte; Eva LaDawn Dawkins, daughter of Ms. Arnetta Dawkins of 1250 Fordham Road, Charlotte; James Edwin Harris Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. James E. Harris Sr. of 8136 Spice-wood Drive, Charlotte; Michael Worth Hinshaw Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael W. Hinshaw Sr. of 4024 Pomfret Lane, Charlotte; Roxanne Katherine Mosley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James L. Mosley of 10128 Patrick-Henry, Matthews; Rupal Manu Naik, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Maas Praggi Naik of 125 Waverly Hall Drive, Charlotte; and Hubert Keith Stoneman III, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert K. Stoneman Jr. of 3139 Cloverfield Road, Charlotte.

First alternate is Todd Armon Hahn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Billy A. Hahn of 4208 Quail View Road, Charlotte. Second alternate is Mark Irvin Schill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas B. Schill of 1236 Yale Place, Charlotte.

Each of the 10 Morehead Districts in the state will select seven finalists to appear for interviews with the foundation's Central Selection Committee in Chapel Hill March 1-4. In addition, one nominee from each of 51 selected independent and public secondary schools throughout the United States and four finalists chosen through a screening process in Canada will be interviewed at the Morehead Foundation during this period.

From this group of 125 finalists, approximately 60 students will receive Morehead Awards. All other finalists will receive merit tuition awards from the Morehead Foundation.

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Morehead Awards provide all-expense paid undergraduate education at UNC. The value of an award for a North Carolina resident is approximately \$30,000 for four years of study on campus and funding for internships available to Morehead Scholars each summer.

The purpose of the Morehead Award, Pritchett said, is to attract to UNC "young men and women who will enhance the university's stature through their leadership and service on campus and who will contribute in a positive and significant manner to their alma mater and to society in later life." It is modeled after the Rhodes Scholarship in Oxford,

England, and eight Morehead Scholars have received Rhodes Scholarships in the past 12 years.

The late John Motley Morehead, a native of Spray (now Eden) and a 1891 graduate of UNC, established the program in 1951. Almost 1,600 Morehead Scholars have attended the university. Currently 259 Morehead Scholars and 14 Morehead Fellows in graduate school are studying on campus.

Morehead, an engineer and founder of Union Carbide Corp., lived in Rye, N.Y., until his death in 1965. The current chairman of the Morehead Foundation trustees is Alan T. Dickson of Charlotte.

Study Shows Blacks Suffer Less Than Whites From Headaches

Blacks and Hispanics suffer less from headaches than do the rest of the U.S. population, according to a recent national study.

But headaches, nonetheless, remains the country's number one pain problem, according to the Nuprin Pain Report, the first nationwide study of the prevalence of pain in the United States and how Americans cope with it. The study was conducted for Nuprin by Kpulis Harris and Associates.

Three out of four Americans adults - 73 percent - suffered from one or more headaches in the past year, the study found. Women, whites, Easterners and college graduates reported a higher incidence of pain than the public in general.

According to the Nuprin study, 74 percent of the whites reported suffering one or more headaches in the previous 12 months compared with only 64 percent of the blacks and 71 percent of the Hispanics.

Headaches also appear to be more prevalent in the middle class.

"Those earning between \$15,000 and \$50,000 are the most likely to report headaches," the Nuprin Pain Report stated. "Those in the highest income brackets (\$50,000 or more) are no more likely than those in the lowest brackets (\$7,500 or less) to say that they have experienced headaches in the same period."

Young people are especially vulnerable to headaches, the study reported.

"Eighty-five percent of those 18 to

24 years of age said that they had one or more headaches in the past year, compared with only 50 percent of those over 65," the report said.

College graduates (77 percent) tend to report headaches more so than those with only some high school education (68 percent).

The study also found that homemakers (77 percent) are just as likely to have experienced headaches as people in professional and managerial positions (76 percent); skilled laborers (77 percent); clerical workers (78 percent); and unskilled laborers (79 percent).

The Nuprin Report also found that people who work with video display terminals (84 percent) are somewhat more likely than other Americans under 65 years of age to have suffered from headaches (78 percent).

The study was developed in consultation with Richard A. Sternbach, Ph.D., director of the Pain Treatment Center at the Scripps Clinic & Research Foundation in La Jolla, California.

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Proposal Approved To Reduce Incidence Of Teen-Age Pregnancy

Senate and House negotiators last week approved legislation that would provide funds to the states to establish programs to reduce the incidence of teen-age pregnancy and long-term welfare dependency by teen-age mothers.

The legislation, proposed by Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan (D-NY), as part of the Family Economic Security Act of 1983, was adopted by the members of the Senate-House conference on the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act.

Sen. Moynihan's proposal - which was sponsored in the House of Representatives by Reps. Charles Rangel (D-NY) and Harold Ford (D-TN) - authorizes a two-year bloc grant, \$30 million in Fiscal Year 1986 and \$100 million in FY 1987, to be distributed to the States under the Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) title of the Social Security Act.

The funds would be used by the states in two major areas:

1) Teen-age pregnancy prevention programs. These programs, targeted to AFDC youth of both sexes, would try to reduce teen-age pregnancy by encouraging youths to postpone sexual activity, and by educating them about contraception and pregnancy. Additionally, these programs would encourage the youth to develop educational and employment goals.

2) Comprehensive Service Program for Young AFDC Parents. This program would be open to parents under 25 years of age with children under the age of six. Parents who agree to seek a high school degree would receive day care, transportation, health, and other services to enable them to obtain that degree.

In 1982, there were nearly 500,000 births to teen-age mothers - nearly one of every seven births in the U.S.

Sen. Moynihan noted that the report, "Children in Poverty," - by the Congressional Budget Office and the Congressional Research Service - has estimated that the approximately 442,000 teen-age first births in 1979 will cost the federal, state, and local governments a total of \$8.3 billion in welfare costs over the following 20 years, an average of \$18,700 per child.

According to the Urban Institute, a 50 percent reduction in the birth rate among teen-agers under 20 would reduce AFDC costs 25 percent by 1990.

In a statement, Sen. Moynihan said the costs of teen-age pregnancy are high, not only for American society, but for the young parents and their children.

"We need to address the serious economic, social, and health consequences of adolescent child bearing," Sen. Moynihan said.

"A child born to a teen mother is at far greater risk of a large range of

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