



(photo by Bernard Reeves)

Reigning in Johnson C. Smith's homecoming parade, this year, as Little Miss JCSU was Karmen Izzard, the daughter of Sammie and Linda Izzard. Karmen attends Albemarle Road Elementary School and enjoys playing and collecting Barbie and Cabbage Patch dolls. A student at Next Step Dance Company, Karmen takes ballet, gymnastics, and tap lessons. Already, Karmen has decided that she wants to be a pre-school teacher when she grows up. But for right now, Karmen's favorite subjects are math and computer.

Avon, Mayor Gantt Co-Sponsor "Christmas Is For Children"

On November 8, 250 Charlotte-area economically disadvantaged children will participate in a variety of community projects to earn gifts to give to loved ones through "Christmas is for Children," a nationwide program created by Avon Products, Inc. and co-sponsored in Charlotte by Mayor Harvey B. Gantt.

Each child will earn five "shopping coupons" as a reward for completing a project. The coupons will be exchanged for five gifts at an Avon-hosted Christmas shopping fantasy on December 13. Participants will be selected from Johnson Memorial YMCA, Mecklenburg Co. Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Catholic Social Services, Bethlehem Center

and Gethsemane Enrichment Program.

The children's work projects will include becoming grandkids for a day at the Bethlehem Center and cleaning up the Piedmont Court Housing Project.

"The program gives participating children the opportunity to learn the value of community involvement, experience the pride of being rewarded for efforts, and feel the joy of giving," said Linda Ford-Tellis, Avon's Southern Region consumer communications specialist.

"Christmas is for Children," created in 1984, was one of 30 recipients of the 1986 President's Citation for Private Sector Initiatives.

Druid Hill Garden Club Meets, Elects Officers

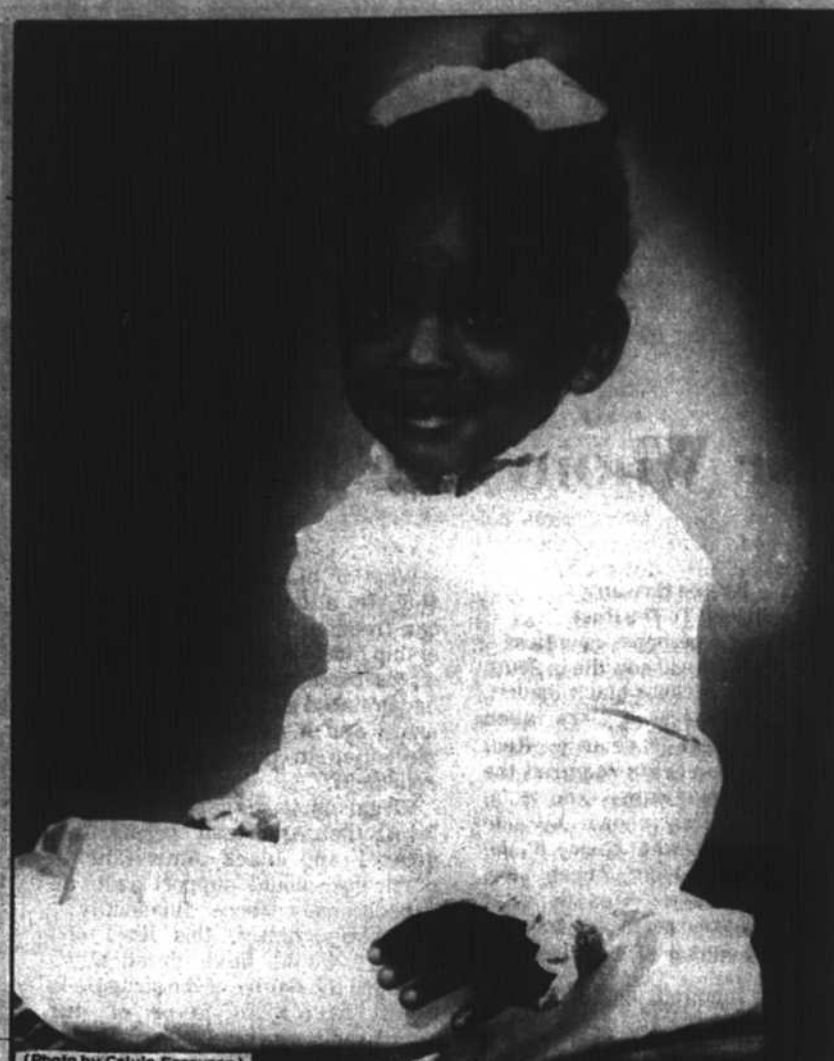
The Druid Hill Garden Club recently met at the home of Eva Wiley. Before the business portion of the meeting commenced, the newly elected president expressed her appreciation to the club members for their support.

Discussed at the meeting was repotting and rooting outside plants for indoor transfers. Mr. Wiley gave pointers on his method of transferring green plants for the winter.

Druid Hills' club president, Minnie Connors, read over both the purpose of the club and the club's by-laws. Also mentioned was that club

member, Hazeline Long, will sponsor a booth of ceramics at the Happy Hearts Senior Crafts Show at the Park Center, November 6-9.

Members for this year are: Minnie Connors-president; Edna Gaston-vice president; Eva Wiley-secretary; Inez Ellis-assistant secretary; Sadie English-second vice president; Hattie McCree-corresponding secretary; Hazeline Long-treasurer; Roberta Lyles-chaplain; and Della Simmons, Carnell Halley, and Queen Ellis, social committee.



(Photo by Calvin Ferguson)

She was destined to be a winner. Twenty-month-old Sarah Elizabeth Ratchford, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willie (Pete) Ratchford, recently competed and won first place in the Tots of Parade Contest, sponsored by the Extraordinary Civic and Social Club. Winning second prize was Alyssa-Ann Manning, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Manning. In third place was Cherika Brodrick, the daughter of Maria Neely and Richard Brodrick. Other participating contestants included Autumn Sullivan and Brandi Mackey.

UNCC Departments Co-Sponsor Lectures

Charlotte - The Women's Studies and History Departments at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte will co-sponsor two lectures, as part of the fall 1986 Women's Studies Lecture Series.

First, the lecture, "The Gender Gap in the Old South," given by Suzanne Lebock, 1985 Bancroft Prize winner, author and associate professor at Rutgers University, will take place on Wednesday, November 12, at 1 p.m. in Friday Building, Room 15.

Mary Kelly, professor of Art at Tempkins-Carlton Community College, Dryden, NY, will present a slide-lecture, "The Goddess in Russia: Pre-Christian Motifs in the Fabric Art of Eastern Europe," which will feature discoveries and information gathered from her extensive research in Poland and Tussia. It is scheduled for Thursday, November 20, at 3:30 p.m. in the Cone University Center Rooms 3-4.

Admission is free for both lectures, and the public is invited to attend. For more information,

Epilepsy Club

The Epilepsy Association of North Carolina in Charlotte invites everyone interested in or affected by epilepsy to join us Thursday, November 13, at 7:30 p.m. at Charlotte Rehabilitation Hospital in the auditorium. Our featured speaker will be Chris Crawford.

For more information, contact Carol Rose, weekdays, 704-568-6677.

Students Plan

Service Day

Davidson, NC - The Davidson College Y-Student Service Corps will clear a nature trail at the Davidson elementary school, make repairs at the day care center and do yard work for senior citizens in a service day scheduled for the afternoon of Saturday, November 8.

The Y-Service Student Corps is a philanthropic organization which participates in several community activities throughout the year. Dan Murrey, president of Y-SSC, says students have been dedicated in past projects, and hopes for similar participation this year. For more information, call Murrey at 892-1799.

Group members and students from campus social organizations will participate in the service day and members of the community are also invited. In previous projects the Y-SSC has volunteered at the Cornelius YMCA, sponsored forums on such topics as Nuclear Awareness and initiated the CROP Walk (a 6.2 mile walk to raise money for the hungry) in the city of Davidson.

Holiday Inn

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