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Boulware Gets A Surprise

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What turned out to be a hoax, evolved into a joyous occasion as family and friends gathered at First Congregational United Church of Christ in Kings Mountain to give honor to Lemuel Boulware on her 84th birthday. The wool was pulled over Boulware's eyes by her daughter Olivia, who told her that she had left a coat at church.

"As I entered the church ground and seen all those cars, I immediately thought that it was a funeral," said Boulware.

This was the most shocking day of Boulware's life as she entered a room of smiling faces waiting to greet her.

"I never had a birthday party before. My children and friends presented me with everything under the sun," she said.

Boulware was presented with a money tree by the Gastonia Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, household items from her family and friends, and an array of flowers and birthday cards.

The native of Winston Salem retired from the school system in 1979. She taught home economics at Lincoln Academy High School until the schools integrated. Boulware then transferred to Ashbrook High School, formerly known as Ashley High School.

Boulware also participated in a vocational program after school. She went out into the community to teach members of the community how to can foods.

As a young girl growing up without a mother, she had to struggle. "I had to fight like hell," said Boulware. I never was a person to be led by the nose. I have always been outspoken," she added.

Boulware raised her two children practically by herself. She



Lemuel Boulware 1961

even managed to send them through college.

She always instilled in her children to make up their own minds.

With the problems of drugs and guns in the school system, Boulware feels that it is up to the individual. "You can't make changes unless they want to be made. You have to want to be somebody," said Boulware.

The youth of today are very different as compared to the children in her day. "Back then

we didn't have any money. All we knew to do was to rollerskate and to ride bicycles," she said.

Boulware has been a member of several organizations throughout the community. She is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, a charter member of Link's, and a former girls scout leader.

Boulware was instrumental in organizing the first black troop in Winston Salem.

Boulware is the mother of two children, Frank and Olivia. She also has 9 grandchildren.

Library Needs Volunteers

Rec Gets Library

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The Erwin Park Community Center is looking for volunteers to assist in the opening of its new library.

The library, yet to be officially named, was scheduled to open this summer, but there has been some construction delays.

"We are still playing it by ear," said James Ferguson, program director. "Renovation should be completed by the first of October."

The library, which is scheduled to open this fall, will provide tutorial classes in reading, math, and computer courses. It will also offer adult educational courses, for those who wish to complete their high school education.

The book shelves and furniture for the library have now arrived. The books which were donated by members of the community, are not only books on black history, but a variety of other topics as well.

Ferguson is hoping for great support from the community. "We desperately need volunteers to provide tutorial services for the elementary kids," said Ferguson.

The center also welcomes donations of books and other reading material.

The facility was established to provide the black youth of the community with access to a library and its resources.

"Easy accessibility to a library will keep the youth well informed of current events," said Ferguson.

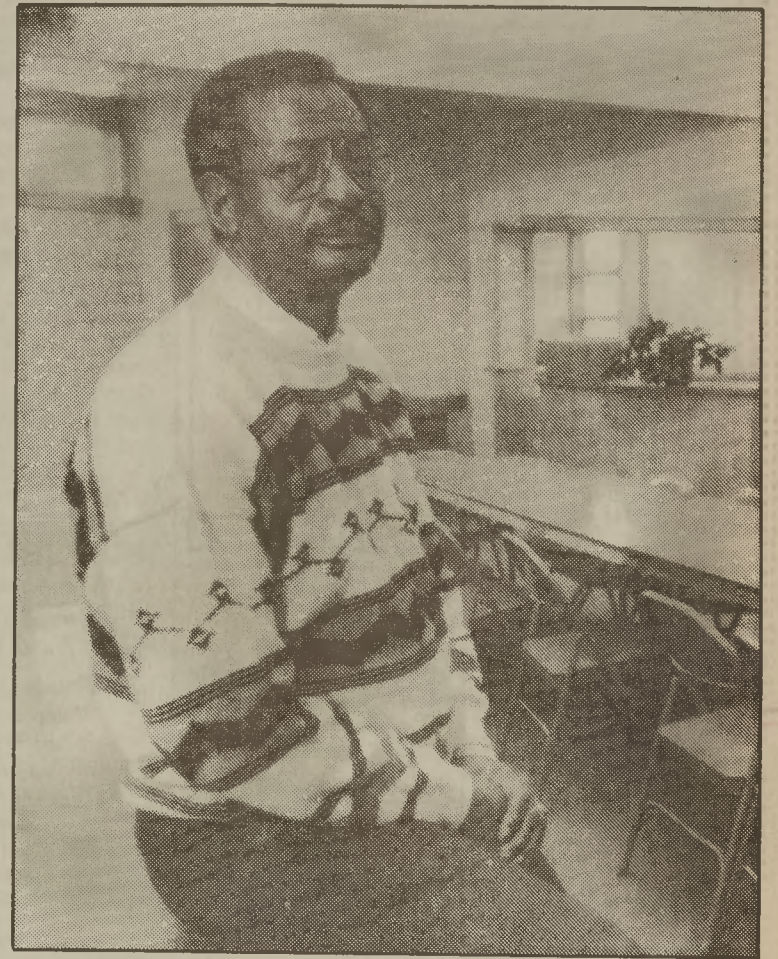
Ferguson keeps the bulletin boards full of information on health matters, community activities, and employment opportunities.

The Erwin Community Center, located on North Pryor Street across from Erwin Park, provides the citizens of the community with recreational activities designed for the worthy use of leisure time.

Ferguson is a graduate of Second Ward High School and North Carolina A&T State University.

He is married to Peggie Ferguson, principal of Carr Elementary School in Dallas, N.C. They have one son, Yulon.

If you would like to volunteer for positions available in the library, please contact James Ferguson, program director at 866-6844.



James Ferguson awaits opening of center's new library.

Boyd Delivers Women's Day Message



Rev. Marva Boyd



Dr. Eric White

ALLIANCE CHURCH NEWS
By Sonya A. White

"Out of Heaven He made thee to hear his voice, that He might instruct thee" (Deuteronomy 4:36)

MT. PLEASANT

On Sunday, September 17, Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church will host the Annual Women's Day program. The public is cordially invited to come for a special blessing as Reverend Marva Boyd, guest minister for the occasion, delivers God's Word. Ruby Clark is the Women's Day Chairperson.

Reverend Boyd is a long time resident of Gaston County. She graduated from Reid High School in Belmont and went on to deliver her trial sermon at her home church, Burge Memorial Methodist Church in Mt. Holly.

Since her call to the ministry in 1983, Rev. Boyd has stood firm in the belief that God has set her apart for His special work. She has taken courses in the Gaston Baptist Association training program, studying un-

der Dr. Frank R. Koger. She has had additional training in the ministry under Rev. K.B. Falls. For nearly three years, Boyd has served as associate pastor of Friendly Hill Baptist Church in the Lake Wylie community in Clover, S.C.

She is married to Harry L. Boyd. They reside in Gastonia with their three sons.

The service will begin at 11 a.m. Dr. Eric White is the pastor of Mt. Pleasant which is located at the corner of East Avenue and South Street in Belmont.

MT. MORIAH

President Irene Grier invites all senior citizens to attend the Key To Miracles Group meeting at Mt. Moriah Baptist Church on Tuesday, September 12 at 3 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Education Department. Come for fellowship, spiritual uplifting, and plan to help the upcoming senior trip. Seniors 55 and older are eligible for membership. Reverend Kenneth Alexander is pastor of Mt. Moriah which is located at 110 Lincoln Street in Belmont.

LOVE'S CHAPEL

Love's Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church in Clover, S.C. will be in revival services during the week of September 11-15. The guest evangelist will be the dynamic pastor of Gold Hill Baptist Church, Reverend Joe Floyd. Rev. Floyd will bring the Word in power nightly starting at 7:30 p.m. Reverend Roseborough, host pastor invites the public to join the Love's Chapel family for these services.

FIRST MT. CALVARY

Reverend James Hawthorne and the members of First Mt. Calvary Baptist Church in Charlotte invite all to attend revival services which will begin on Sunday, September 10. Rev. Joe Floyd will open the revival with a message at 7:30 p.m. Sunday evening. First Mt. Calvary is located at 209 West 28th Street in Charlotte.

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