

## Wake Opportunities' SIGHTS & SOUNDS

BY MISS PATRICIA BURKS

Recently, a number of staff members of Wake County Opportunities, Incorporated have attended meetings in various parts of the state in order that they may better serve the community. Among the more than 300 attending the Poor People's Public Hearing in Rocky Mount on November 15, were Mrs. Dorothy Nixon Allen, Executive Director of Wake Opportunities; Mr. James Smith, Deputy Director; Mrs. Meg Arlve, administrative Assistant; Ralph Campbell, Director of New Careers; and Leonard Wilson, Supervisor of Chavis Heights Community Action Center.

The speakers heard at the Rocky Mount meeting included; the Honorable Smuel Jackson, Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; James Sexton, Special Assistant to the Director of the Office of Minority Business Enterprises; and Thomas McPherson, Deputy Director of the Regional Office of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. The purpose of the meeting was to bridge the gap of information for the disadvantaged; topics of discussion during the meeting included housing, jobs, business development, and job discrimination.

Also, on November 14, a group of community workers from Wake Opportunities attended a state-wide meeting of the Community Workers Association in Salisbury. Eugene Williams of Goldsboro, President of the Association, spoke on "CAP Directors and the Community." In his talk he emphasized that of all the CAP Directors in the state only Mrs. Dorothy Allen of Wake Opportunities was solidly behind the poor people. The local community workers plan to host the next Community

Workers Association meeting in January here in Raleigh.

Along with the many activities throughout the state, a great deal has been happening here in Wake County also. At the Little River Community Action Center a group of Zebulon parents recently elected officers of the Child Development Center Board. Otha Johnson was elected president. These parents are presently planning a Thanksgiving dance to raise money for the center.

North Blount Street Community Action Center now has four groups meeting involving children and teenagers. The girls' club led by their president, Miss Geraldine Brodie, is working on sewing projects for Christmas as well as helping elderly citizens in the community. Duty Greene, a veteran of the Peace Corps, is now supervising a club for boys; we understand they have a number of projects underway. A third program is one for pre-schoolers which meets twice a week; this group is supervised by a number of volunteers who are trained in Early Childhood Development. In addition, volunteers from North Carolina State University come to the center to tutor children who are having trouble with their schoolwork. Anyone who is interested in participating in one of these groups is invited to call the North Blount Street Center at 828-8915.

There are a number of interesting groups now in progress at all the neighborhood centers. Have fun, learn, and help someone all at the same time. Call your neighborhood center for information.

**Drive Safely**



**KING, QUEEN CONTEST WINNERS AT TUTTLE-Tuttle Community Center presented its King and Queen and Runners-up for the annual King and Queen contest held last week. Left to right are: Theron Mills, first place runner-up to King; Kimberley Levister, third runner up to Queen, Tammi Lamb, second runner-up; Joy Bryant, Queen; Percy Richardson, King; Sherri Kitchen, first runner-up to Queen; Charles Coleman, first runner to King; and Dianne Hills fourth runner-up to Queen. The King and Queen and Court participated in Shaw University's Homecoming parade last Saturday.**

### C. L. Fields Man With 2 Top Thoughts

NEW YORK -- Charles L. Fields is a man with two major thoughts on his mind.

First, the Black professional is the key to industry's minority-group employment problems.

Second, there is not an average of three Black professionals who are earning more than \$35,000 a year at Fortune's top 500 corporations in New York City. And with those Black executives who are in that high income category, one will find 90 percent exclusion at the manager's level, 99 percent at

the director's level and 99.9 percent at the vice president level.

This, he feels, is a sad state of affairs when compared with the fact that there are more than 500,000 Black college graduates in this country. "Many of them have an earnest desire to work in industry at many levels," says Mr. Fields. "But they have not yet had the opportunity."

That's why he has had one driving goal for the past six years: to serve both industry

and the Black professionals.

We're not here to throw rocks or burn America down," says Mr. Fields. "But, we do feel that American business has made a big mistake on the minority-group employment problem. By procrastinating, business management has deprived its stockholders of the benefits which will accrue to them from the use of minority professionals at all levels of a corporation's operation—entry, middle and top management."

Mr. Fields is convinced that

## Miss Clarine E. Christmas, Well-Known Teacher, Buried

A wide circle of friends, students and church members, paid last respects to Miss Clarine E. Christmas, one of the best known teachers of the Raleigh Public Schools, as she was funeralized Tuesday, Nov. 19th, at First Baptist Church on South Wilmington Street.

She joined First Baptist at an early age and was continually affiliated with every area of its organization, local and statewide, until hampered by health. Some of these organizations were: The W. I. C. Circle, Sunday School, Baptist Training Union and Dalley Vacation Bible School. She was an organizer and statewide director of the James W. Wertz Oratorical contest, affiliated with the Baptist State Convention.

Telegram: "Charlotte, N. C. Nov. 19th-1:23 p.m." "Family of the late Clarine Christmas: Care of First Baptist Church, Morgan and Wilmington St. Raleigh, North Carolina" "North Carolina has lost a great wo-

man, who did so much for so many, as director of the James W. Wertz oratorical contest—loyal supporter of the state BTU objectives. Her efforts of the past will continue to do business for her. Mrs. Wertz and myself extends our deepest sympathy, Dr. and Mrs. James F. Wertz."

The family received with many other wires, local and out of state.

Miss Christmas was a leader and past organizer of the First Black Girl Scout Troops of Raleigh. A member of the YWCA, NEA, NCTA, and classroom Teachers Association. She was a member of Ruth Chapter No. 2, Order of Eastern Star, and Kabala Temple, Daughter of Isis, No. 87.

Special tributes were given by Mrs. Nora Lockart, former principal of Crosby-Garfield Elementary School here, where Miss Christmas taught, as to her loyalty, usefulness, reliability and the dependability

of her work; and by Dr. J. H. Clanton, a state co-worker with the deceased and friend of the family. Services were conducted and eulogy given by Dr. C. W. Ward, pastor, assisted by the Rev. Leatha Debnam, pastor of Tupper Memorial Baptist Church.

She leaves to mourn their loss, a brother, Joseph Bernard Christmas of the home; a sister, Mrs. Kathleen Upchurch, many cousins, nieces and nephews.

Interment was in Mount Hope Cemetery, conducted by the Raleigh Funeral Home.

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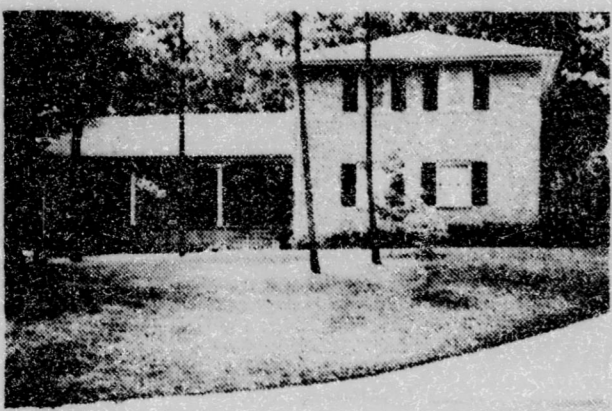
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