

Come To Church

GABBING ABOUT TOWN

BY ANNIE H. THORPE TELEPHONE 832-3029



To all of our friends and readers of our column and those who are delighted to know that we are back and happy, we wish the merriest Christmas and the happiest New Year.

Gone but not forgotten. They that put their trust in Him shall never be forgotten, for underneath are His everlasting arms.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PARTY HELD

The Sunday School of Rush Metropolitan AME Zion Church entertained the department and invited friends to join with them in their annual Christmas dinner at K&W Cafeteria in North Hills Sunday, Dec. 22. Greetings were given by the superintendent, Jesse Degraffenreidt, who welcomed the guests and friends. Then he presented a short program.

Ms. Eula Turner, the guest speaker, spoke at length on the subject, "Love," which was indeed a fine address. Responding to the address was Rev. Elsie Degraffenreidt.

Subject reading was done by Ms. Bettye Douglas. Remarks were given by Ms. Gail Ashworth. There were 62 people who were present and enjoyed the gala affair and expressed themselves as having dined sumptuously.

VISITING IN CITY

Staff Sgt. Beverly, daughter of Mr. and Rev. Elsie Degraffenreidt of Bunche Drive, and who has been in Las Vegas in the Air Force for 11 years, is visiting with them for the holidays. I am sure that she will enjoy herself and will be entertained highly. We hope to see and meet her if it is possible. If not, have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

BEFORE YOU CAN DRY ANOTHER'S TEARS, YOU, TOO, MUST WEEP

Let me not live a life that's free From the things that draw me Close to Thee—

For how can I ever hope to heal The wounds of others I do not feel If my heart is cold and it never Bleeds,

How can I tell what my brother Needs? For when ears are deaf to the Beggar's plea,

And we close our eyes and refuse To see,

And we steel our hearts And harden our mind? For the heart that is hurt Risks the richest reward.

And God enters the heart that Is broken with sorrow, As he opens the door to a brighter Tomorrow,

For only through tears can we Recognize The suffering that lies in Another's eyes.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving and sacred memory of our dear father and brother, the late Adam Wilson Haywood and Charles Wesley Haywood, Jr., who answered the Master's call respectively on Dec. 28, 1944 and Dec. 28, 1970.

BRO. JAMES THOMAS'

GOSPEL WORLD



The arms of the Abundant Life Church are now open for worship in the new location each Sunday morning, with Sunday School at 10:30 a.m., worship at 11:30 a.m., at 2034 New Bern Avenue, the former post office in Longview Shopping Center. Pastor is S.E. Powell.

A free benefit gospel singing program will be presented Sunday at 7 p.m. at the Raleigh Safety Club. Please bring a non-perishable food item. Sponsored by the Mighty Golden Bells.

Forestville Baptist Church, New Wake Forest, will have a sick committee program Sunday at 3 p.m. Ms. Hattie B. Merritt of the United Church of Christ will be the speaker.

Elder Martha Thorpe and the young people will be in charge of services Sunday at 11 a.m. at St.

Joseph Freewill Baptist Church in Willow Springs.

A building fund program will be presented Friday at 7:30 p.m. at Miracle Temple Church. Worship services will be held Sunday at 1:30 a.m. at the same location.

Bro. Tate Johnson will sponsor a New Year's Eve program Sunday at 6 p.m. at Mt. Olive Holiness Church on Bloodworth Street, with the Family Gospel Singers of Selma, the Happy Travelers of Graham, Bro. Bobby Harris and the Heavenly Echoes, and others.

The Goldenaires of the Haw River Baptist Church will sponsor their regular fifth Sunday night service Sunday at 6 p.m. at the church. Rev. O.E. Deloatch and the Gospel Harmonettes of Durham will be on the program, along with Bro. Rufus Pool and others.

Former Educator, Leader Maye Ligon Dies

Ms. Maye E. Ligon, a lifelong resident of Raleigh, died Dec. 20.

She was the second of five children born to the late John W. and Daisy Jones Ligon. She received both her high school diploma and bachelor's degree from Shaw University. In continuing pursuit of educational enrichment, she studied at Columbia University, Hampton University and North Carolina Central University. She was a lifelong member of First Baptist Church where she served as a trustee and a member of the Finance Committee.

Hundreds of youth benefitted from her guidance, leadership and unselfish devotion as educator in the Raleigh School System for 41 years.

Ms. Ligon's service to her community reads like a "Who's Who" among servants. She was one of three founders of the Hargett Street Branch of the Wake County YWCA. She served as a Girl Scout troop leader and camp director at Whispering Pines. The Pines of Carolina Girl Scout Council recognized her for active and spirited participation in one of the first Camp Graham troops.

Ms. Ligon was a life member of the National Council of Negro women and was recognized for outstanding service and dedicated commitment. She was a recipient of the Henry



MAYE E. LIGON

Martin Tupper Humanitarian Award from the Shaw University National Alumni Association. She is listed on the official benefactor plaque of the Estey Hall Foundation. She received citations for achievement from Omicron Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, of which she was a member. She was also affiliated with the Retired Senior Volunteer Program and the Lei-

RUSH METROPOLITAN AME ZION

Church School began as usual at 9:30 a.m. with the superintendent, Jesse Degraffenreidt, in charge. The school began with Christmas carols sung, then scripture and prayer followed.

Classes were then dismissed for classroom study periods, having been discussed for 20 minutes. When they returned to the sanctuary, a review of the lesson was given by one of the teachers. Remarks were given by the superintendent. Class reports followed. With the singing of "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" and the repeating of the Church School mizpah, this phase of worship ended.

At 10:55 a.m., the morning service began after the preludes with Ms. Ethel Jeffreys on the organ and Ms. Hazel Reece at the piano. Then came the processional of members of the Young Adult Choir and the B.C. Young Choir, singing "Joy to the World." As they paused around the altar, the call to worship and song of praise followed.

The invocation and choral response were next. The first hymn of preparation was "O Come All Ye Faithful." The responsive reading followed, led by the pastor, Rev. C.E. Willie, III. The Gloria Patri and scripture lesson were read by Rev. Van McClean from John 2, comprising 11 verses. The prayer of inspiration was offered by Rev. Lee Wyatt King. Response was "He is Lord."

When the hour of altar call came, many knelt around the altar and petitioned prayers as the special prayer was offered by Rev. Jean Thomas. Selections were rendered by the B.C. Young and Young Adult Choir and a special selection of "Heaven is a Beautiful Place" and "I Surrender All" followed.

The pastor, Rev. Willie, then delivered the morning message, having chosen his discourse from Luke 2:1-10 on the subject, "Living a Split

Life of Joy." As the invitation to Christian discipleship was called, many folks were still rejoicing.

The offering and recognition of visitors followed. With the singing of "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" and the benediction, the service was adjourned.

Church reporter is Ms. Annie H. Thorpe.

OAK CITY BAPTIST

Christmas celebration was in the air as members of Oak City gathered at the YMCA on Friday night at the Garner Road YMCA Branch for its annual Christmas fellowship. Rev. and Mrs. G.L. Edmonds of St. Paul Church were among the guests. Rev. Edmonds spoke to the groups on the importance of a family. Gifts were presented to Rev. and Mrs. Newkirk from the church and various auxiliaries. Rev. Newkirk presented Ms. Barbara W. Dunston a gift for her outstanding services as missionary president.

Superintendent James McFadden opened Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. "Songs of Joy," I Samuel 2:1-5, and Luke 1:46-55, were discussed in the classes. The main idea of this lesson is that God makes it possible for true joy for His people.

An organ prelude by Ms. Cynthia Sanders began the morning worship. Music was rendered by the Berry Wilcox Senior Choir, with Ms. Carolyn Harrison at the piano.

Responsive reading was led by Rev. Patrice Fields.

Miriam Johnson delivered the children's message. "Choosing Your Gifts" was her subject. She told the children they may have a lengthy Christmas list, but she was recommending Christ as the greatest gift. Christ is an everlasting gift. She admonished the youth to choose Christ as their one and only gift.

Announcements and recognition of visitors were made by Sheron Newkirk. Offertory prayer was given by Ms. Grace Bethea. Morning prayer was offered by Michael Dun-

ston. Rev. Patrice Fields read for scripture Luke 2:1-11. Pastor William T. Newkirk delivered a Christmas message, using Luke 2:10. His subject was "Have You Heard the Good News?" The good news was God's unspeakable gift. The gift of salvation through Jesus.

At 4 p.m., the Cantata Choir presented "Celebrate Jesus Christ at Christmas." This cantata was splendidly presented.

The church extends its sympathy to the family of Deacon Milton Hicks in his passing. Also to Herbert Watkins in the loss of his grandfather.

Church conference will be held Friday, Jan. 3, at 7:30 p.m.

UNITED CHURCH FOR ALL PEOPLE

Sunday School was taught by Rev. Carter, with Ms. Nancy Wall at the organ. Rev. Carter opened the morning service. The first hymn was "Draw Me Near." Prayer was offered by Rev. Carter while the choir chanted "Sweet Hour of Prayer." The second hymn was "Yield Not to Temptation."

Scripture was read from Luke 2:1-

14. The Apostles' Creed was next. Announcements were made by Ben Massenburg. Prayer was held around the altar by Trannie Sanders.

The sermon was brought by the pastor from Luke 2:13. The subject was "Declaration of War in State." We look down on people that don't take a bath like they should or get their hair cut or have no place to live, but God loves us all and will help us. When Jesus was born, there were angels from heaven singing "Glory be to God in the highest" and "Peace be on Earth; God is great and God is good."

Merry Christmas to all of you and always remember, "If I can help someone along the way," God be with you.

The closing hymn was "Farther Along."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy birthday to Ms. Pattie Dancy and Ms. Ann Campbell. Merry Christmas to all and a Happy New Year.

Church reporter is Holloway Saunders.

Perry Promoted In Methodist Home For Kids



KEN PERRY

Raleigh resident Ken Perry, intake and after-care coordinator for the Methodist Home for Children, has been promoted to the position of site coordinator within the agency's recently established Program Dissemination Division. The announcement was made by E. Jack Freeman, director of MHC's Residential Services Department.

In his new position, Perry will assist Program Dissemination Director Cristy James in helping other

child and family care agencies to implement the Teaching-Family Model of Care, the model that MHC's Youth Home Program utilizes.

As a certified sponsor site of the National Teaching-Family Association, MHC is authorized to assist other agencies in adopting the Teaching-Family Model and achieving NaTFA certification.

"We act on NaTFA's behalf providing training, evaluations, etc., to help these agencies go from one type of care and treatment to the National Teaching-Family Model," said Perry. "Currently we are working with agencies in Arkansas, Florida, Georgia and Mississippi who have approached MHC for assistance in becoming certified."

Agencies seeking certification pay a fee for the services provided by MHC.

Perry has been associated with MHC since 1982 when he began as an Alternate Teaching-Parent in one of MHC's youth homes. He and his wife also worked together as a teaching-parent couple for MHC when Perry became the coordinator of intake and after-care. In that capacity he oversaw the placement of youth in MHC's youth homes, and ensured follow-up care for each youth after completing the program.

A graduate of North Carolina State University, Perry has a bachelor of arts degree in sociology, with a minor in criminal justice. Recently he served on the Communicable Disease Ad-Hoc Committee with the North Carolina Department of Social Services. This group evaluated and rewrote disease laws as they pertain to group homes and institutions in North Carolina.

Perry and his wife have two children.



TUTOR — Petty Officer 1st Class Lonnie J. R. Murray, 39, of Goldsboro, works one-on-one with Hilltop Elementary student, Joshua Severns, during a recent session of the Saturday Scholars program. Murray, the

son of Beatrice Letton of Goldsboro, is a navy mess management specialist aboard the USS Cook homeported in San Diego. He is a 1972 graduate of Goldsboro High School.

DEATHS

ARCHIE CADLETT

Archie Cadlett, of 8 Chavis Way, Raleigh, died Dec. 23. Arrangements are being handled by Lea Funeral Home.

HERBERT WELDON

Herbert Weldon, of 107 Heck St., died Dec. 23. Arrangements are being handled by Lea Funeral Home.

MS. GERALDINE JEFFERSON

Ms. Geraldine Jefferson, of 921 S. Bloodworth St., died Dec. 23. Arrangements are being handled by Lea Funeral Home.

J. CLARENCE WILSON

J. Clarence Wilson, of 1208 S. Bloodworth St., died Dec. 22. Arrangements are being made by Haywood Funeral Home.

ERNEST DUDLEY, JR.

Funeral services for the late Ernest Dudley, Jr., of Las Crusas, N.M., formerly of Raleigh, are being made by Haywood Funeral Home of Raleigh.

Surviving are wife, Bertha Dudley; son, Tommy Dudley; mother, Bessie Dudley; brothers, James Dudley and Rufus Dudley; sister, Bessie Jean Bukhary; two aunts and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Arrangements are incomplete at this time.

HARVEST

There is a different kind of harvest to be considered. It is the harvest of your personal lives. Many of us have long been planting and nurturing our seeds of dreams and aspirations. Now is the time for the reward and triumph of our efforts. This harvest is a more abundant quality of life.

Unity

Special Olympics Honored

Procter and Gamble's Special Olympics coupons will be mailed to 63 million households across the United States beginning Dec. 26, and for every coupon redeemed by Jan. 19, 1992, Special Olympics will receive 10 cents, according to Pete Curtice, North Carolina Special Olympics development director.

In North Carolina, Special Olympics receives approximately 123,000 annually through the coupon promotion, Curtice said. The coupon package will contain \$14 in coupon savings on 36 Procter and Gamble products such as Ivory Soap, Crest, Old Spice, Prell Shampoo, Bounty, Pampers, Jif and Folgers.

For 12 years, Special Olympics and Procter and Gamble have had a

special relationship, which has allowed Special Olympics to educate millions of people about its athletic training and sports competition efforts for people with mental retardation.

"After people receive their mailing, we encourage them not to let Jan. 19 slip up on them," said Curtice, referring to the fact that after the Jan. 19 deadline, Special Olympics will not receive the 10-cent-per-coupon donation.

For trivia's sake, the 63-million-piece mailing through Publishers Clearinghouse is the largest mailing in the United States with the sole exception of the annual Internal Revenue Service mailing, according to Special Olympics International officials.