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TODAY'S PROGRAM

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2003

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 12:00 NOON

WATER AGREEMENT

TOM SOBOL who has served in public offices for many years, including 15 ½ years as alderman and mayor of Black Mountain and 16 years as a county commissioner, will speak on the water agreement from the standpoint of his 9 years of service on the water authority.

JOHN GILE will give the invocation.

KENNETH MEEKE will be the greeter.

MENU FOR TUESDAY: Spaghetti * Green Salad * Bread * Fruit Bowl
Assorted Desserts * Coffee * Tea * Milk

BOARD NEWS

The **Club Board of Directors** voted, at its meeting on September 22, 2003, to continue the practice of not holding a **Club** meeting on days following a Monday national holiday. Further-

more, for this year, there will be no meeting on Veterans' Day, Tuesday, November 11, 2003.

CITIZEN'S POLICE ACADEMY

CHARLES MANN announced a five-week program, beginning on October 2nd, from 6 to 8 p.m., in which the Asheville Police Department will inform participants about department practices and procedures, tour facilities and even experience a ride-along. See **CHARLEY** for a brochure and an application form if you are interested. The program is free.

OCTOBER PROGRAMS

October 7 - Installation Ceremony, District Governor Sue Shoemake presiding

October 14 - Steve Hill, the Thomas Wolfe Memorial

October 21 - Gen. Don Bennett Day (bring your copy of his book for signing)

October 28 - John Ager - Farmland Preservation

CARING FOR CHILDREN

LARRY LIGGETT graciously filled in for the scheduled speaker and spoke about an organization with which he has been associated since 1973 and is currently serving as its board secretary. Begun in the early 1970's as an outreach program of the **Central United Methodist Church**, *Caring for Children* now operates eight distinct programs with a budget of nearly two million dollars and a staff of thirty-eight. **BOB WEILER** and his wife **Lucretia** were among the founders and **Mrs. Weiler** was the director of the first program offered, called "Our Place." This was conceived as a short-stay facility for runaways who were normally incarcerated in the local jail for lack of any other place for them to go. Trinity Place, located across the street from Trinity Episcopal Church, is now the shelter which accommodates these children.

The Allen Center, a former school for African-American girls, offers after-school classes for up to 20 youth, mostly middle-schoolers who otherwise would be so-called "latch-key" children, most at risk for getting into trouble during that unsupervised time. The classes run until 6:30 or 7:00 p.m. Counseling and therapeutic programs are available for those who need them. The center is nationally known and often has visitors coming to learn about its methods.

Two other programs run by *Caring for Children*, "Angel Watch" and "Home Base" were described by **Mr. LIGGETT**. The former works with new-borns up to about five or six years and is operated in partnership with the **Junior League of Women**. These children are placed in foster homes for short periods of time when there is some kind of family crisis. The latter aims at the preservation of the family and is often called upon in connection with "Angel Watch" to teach parenting skills or anger management. A program, at the moment for girls only, called "Cornerstone," is a long-term care facility for abused or neglected children and is geared towards 16-20 year-olds.

.Since about 65% of the funds for operating *Caring for Children* come from the federal government, inspections for compliance with federal standards are a frequent occurrence. One of the more amusing inspection failures was the absence of an exit/entrance handicap ramp at Trinity Place, the shelter for runaways! A portable ramp was purchased to meet the requirement. Other support comes from county and state government, private donations and the United Way. Unfortunately, county and city budget crises have taken away the certified teachers they supplied at one time, so it is straining the finances of *Caring for Children* to pay trained teachers.

The programs of *Caring for Children* are obviously meeting a need in the community. And they are not only effective in making a difference in these children's lives, they operate at far less cost than training camps or incarceration.

HYMNS FOR ALL THINGS

The Dentist's Hymn	Crown Him with Many Crowns
The Contractor's Hymn	The Church's One Foundation
The Tailor's Hymn	Holy, Holy, Holy
The Politician's Hymn	Standing on the Promises
The Optometrist's Hymn	Open My Eyes that I Might See
The Shopper's Hymn	Sweet By and By

And for those who speed on the highway - a few hymns

45 mph ... God Will Take Care of You **55 mph ... Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah**

65 mph ... Nearer My God to Thee **75 mph ... Nearer Still Nearer**

85 mph ... This World is Not My Home **95 mph ... Lord, I'm Coming Home**

100 mph ... Precious Memories