

News For And About

The People Of Charlotte

By BILL JOHNSON

PEOPLE ARE TALKING ABOUT CHARLOTTE—What a fabulous vacation John and Della Brooks are having. Started with a flight up to Cleveland, Ohio, last week and ends after brief flings at Baltimore, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia and New York City.

He is the letter-carrier from the main post office. She is a supervisor at Good Samaritan Hospital. Speaking of John he will get back home in time to serve as chairman of arrangements at the fall meeting of the Catawba Fraternity which will be held here on the 12th and 13th of September. Grier Heights Presbyterian Church and its brilliant minister, Rev. Cordell H. Kennedy, will host the affair. More than 150 members are expected.

The recent wedding of Rev. James R. Hampton, assistant pastor of Mount Baptist Church to Miss Mary Williams. The newlyweds, graduates of Johnson C. Smith University this past summer, were the guests of honor at a reception in their honor at the Y. W. C. A. Monday night. James Ballard and his lovely sister-in-law, Margaret Taylor, who were in town last week end for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. James Ballard of Double Oaks Rd., and Mr. and Mrs. James Taylor of Horne Drive. They are former Charlotteans.

"Joy Boy" Sanders, the popular disc-jockey at Radio Station WGHY is spending a well-earned vacation in New York City, Washington and Baltimore. "Joy Boy" will be behind the mike again on the morning of Sept. 1.

SICK LIST... This a long sick list composed of MEMBERS OF Saint Paul Baptist Church this week. They are Mrs. Viola Walker, Mrs. Annie

Howey, Mrs. Hattie Roberts, Mrs. James Moore, Mrs. Bessie Bolton, Mrs. Doris Fleming, Mrs. Lottie Lee, Sam Roseboro and Mrs. Leola Sanders. Our prayers are extended for an early return to good health.

The Rev. L. L. Boyd and the dynamic sermon he delivered at St. Paul Sunday. He guested for the Rev. James F. Wertz, St. Paul's pastor. And Rev. Gaston, assistant dean of men at Johnson C. Smith University, was equally as wonderful at Mount Carmel Baptist Church. The Rev. W. H. Davidson was out of town. Thus presenting Rev. Gaston with the occasion.

The G.A.F.U. parties Gene and Ethel Potts, Harry Howard and Prof. Howard Hill threw for the Hector Grays and Bill Reid, Jr., Philadelphiaans visiting the city, last week. The Grays and Reid were week-long visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Reid, Sr. And the Potts, Kandricks and daughters, Evon and Annette, brought happiness to Mrs. Lyla Harrison of 415 Beatty Ford Road here last week.

You see, Mrs. Kendrick is Mrs. Harrison's daughter. That was Mrs. Gwendolyn Hogan Bates of Detroit, Mich., whom you saw on Beatty Ford Road last week. She is visiting with her mother, Mrs. Sterling Hogan at 409 Beatty Ford Road. She is the former Gwen Hogan of this city.

Genial Gene Potts, the famed disc-jockey, who receives between 500 and 600 letters a week for requests on his rock and roll shows. The great one occupies air time on WGHY four hours daily. Incidentally, Gene will again handle the public address system at the original North-South All Star baseball game at Winston-Salem on Sunday. It's the umpteenth time

the famous one has appeared at the popular event. In tribute to the late A. J. Hammond, dean of Negro promoters in the state, the event will be staged at Ernie Shore Park in Winston-Salem. Spencer Alexander, the former Asheville Blues great, is co-promoter.

Kelly Alexander, the outstanding official of the state's most outstanding organization—the N.A.A.—CP—will be the guest speaker at the Greater Mt. Sinai Baptist Church Sunday at 3 p.m. The observance of Men and Women's Day at Mt. Sinai, Rev. J. E. Fildmont is pastor. And Friendship Baptist Church is observing "Pastor Appreciation Day" Sunday with three interesting programs. The Rev. T. E. Harper, pastor of St. Matthews A. M. E. Zion Church will preside at the Morning worship services and Rev. J. R. Wertz of St. Paul Baptist Church will take over the pulpit at 3. The church auxiliary will be in charge of the afternoon services.

SCHOLARSHIP OFFERS Officials at the Excelsior Club will give some lucky person a \$100 scholarship on Friday night, Sept. 6. It is the grand prize at the final College Night program at Excelsior for the summer. Will Sponsor College Nights again they say. John Holloway and his Combo will keep the joint jumping. North Carolina Mutual Insurance Company has joined the legion of sponsors on the Gene Potts show. R. C. Roberts of Asheville is the new manager at N. C. Mutual. The Gladiolas and Maurice Williams, who have just finished a successful tour of California and the far west, have quit the Friendly City for an extended tour of the middle west.

Sax Player Cliff Tunley and Pianist Bob Graham are some of the outstanding musicians making the trip. Harry Goins is the business manager. And, while in the entertainment field, Wilbert Harrison's latest recording "My Love is True" is on the way to the top of the hit parade. He's the former Oliver Street playboy. Another former Charlottean who is enjoying great success in the recording field is Nappy Brown, who has hit the jackpot with "By By Baby."

That's Matthew Smith, Jr. and his Rock 'N' Roll Combo who is being featured as the music makers in the big dance at the Elks Club on Labor Day. Festivities starts at 9 o'clock. Prof. Harold Boggs, the famous gospel singer, is heading this way. Will appear in the Victory Community Church in Gastonia on the afternoon of Sept. 29. That night will find him singing at Clement Memorial Church here in Charlotte. Mrs. Avona Bryant is sponsoring the program in Gastonia.

Maybe it's supposed to be a secret, but Walter Brown is asking friends and relatives in for a birthday party for Mrs. Brown Monday night. The Browns live at 1818 Vinton. It's an invitation affair. The members of Mount Zion Holiness Church are staging their annual picnic in Shelby on Labor Day.

The Rev. Mrs. S. L. Gill is asking all persons interested in reading and discussing the bible to

meet with the members of Mount Zion Church each Wednesday night. It's a wonderful gesture. Rev. Gill will conduct a bible study course each Wednesday beginning at 8:30 o'clock.

Mrs. Pauline Robinson, Missionary Officer, will be the guest preacher at Mount Zion on Friday and Sunday nights.

REVIVAL ANNOUNCED Gethsemane A. M. E. Zion Church at Carmel and Cemetery Six has announced its revival services. Prayer meetings leading up to the revival will be held Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights of this week, starting at 7:30 o'clock. And again Sunday morning at 8 a. m.

Rev. J. A. H. Moore and congregation from Mt. Taber A. M. E. Zion Church Lancaster, S. C. Dr. Melvin K. Taylor and congregation from Clinton Metropolitan A. M. E. Zion Church and Rev. J. W. Watson of Mt. Zion A. M. E. Zion Church, Lancaster, S. C. will be the guest minister during revival week at Gethsemane.

Rev. Moore will conduct the services at 3 o'clock Sunday and Rev. Taylor will be in charge of the service Sunday night. Rev. Watson will be the Evangelist for the week, starting Monday and ending Friday night.

Mrs. Arlene Davis and Miss Bernice Knox of New York City and Mrs. Edna Carpenter of Kingsport, Tenn. were visitors at Gethsemane last Sunday.

SICK AND SHUT INS Members of Gethsemane who are on the sick and shut-in list are Mrs. Maggie B. Moore, 331 Solomon St.; Mrs. Irma Ramsey, 333 Earle St.; Miss Mary Neal, 128 Martin St.; Mr. Brown Stewart, 1828 Oaklawn Ave. and Mr. Robert Carson, 1325 Burton St. They, too, have our best wishes for a speedy recovery.

It was a delightful dinner party Mrs. Lucy Crosby staged for her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Miller of Grambling, La. at her attractive home last week. In addition to Clarence and Bernice, who are English teachers at Grambling U., the honored guests were Mrs. Victoria Miller of Jefferson, S. C. and Mrs. Martha Goodman of Savannah, Ga. And C. C. Jr., Edward Douglas, and Everett Timothy Miller, children of Clarence and Bernice... enjoying festivities were Mr. and Mrs. Mamie and Luther Thompson, Thomasina and Bill Johnson, Mrs. Emily Blackwell, Roberta Blackwell, Magnolia Cousar, Mrs. Betty Fundeburke, Gloria Black, Barry, Claudia Annette and Claud withers.

SIMPSON NEWS The Rev. Strickland is being honored with a visit from his mother, Mrs. Martha Strickland, his brother, Mr. Gale Strickland, and niece, Geneva Strickland, all of Hoffman, N. C. He's the affable pastor at Simpson Memorial Methodist Church. Simpson's sick list includes Mrs. Lillie Mae Ferguson of 2028 Russell St., Mrs. Virgel Holt of Dwiggin's Nursing Home and Mr. Paul Clayton of 424 Frazier Ave. They will be up and out by the time you read this, we sincerely hope.

Visiting Simpson last week were Mrs. Willie Florence Thomas of Chester, Pa., who is visiting relatives and friends in the Friendly City. Incidentally, Rev. Strickland and a large representative of his church were guests at Tucker Grove Methodist Church last Sunday.

Efland News

EFLAND — Revival meeting began at Game Chapel A. M. E. Church August 25, with the Rev. Chavious of Cedar Grove, presiding.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard McDade of Baltimore, Maryland, visited his father, Mr. T. A. McDade, of Efland.

Mrs. Delores Graves of Baltimore, Maryland, visited her grandfather, aunts and uncles of Efland.

Mr. and Mrs. Lucy McCulley of New York City visited his mother Mrs. Novella McCulley of Efland.

Mr. George Vincent and Mr. Carl Strayhorn of Brooklyn, N. Y., visited their parents over the weekend. Also Mrs. Ida Mae McDade.

Mr. Morris Fuller and daughter of New York City visited his aunt Mrs. Margaret Watson.

Mrs. Annie M. Loftin and family of Long Island, New York is visiting their parents Mr. and Mrs. Garfield Watson.

COLUMBIA NEWS

By MACEO HASSELL COLUMBIA — Morning service beginning at 11:00 a.m. Opening was held at the Salem M. E. Church song was: "Bless Be The Tie That Binds." Prayer was offered by Rev. F. Spencer, assistant pastor. Sermon by the pastor, Rev. W. H. Ownes. Subject: "Power of the Grace of God." The sermon was enjoyed by all.

The Salem M. E. Church will observe its yearly Homecoming Day September 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Raleigh Rickett announce the marriage of their daughter, Miss Ruth Rickett, to Mr. George Griswell, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Griswell. The wedding took place August 11.

Rev. White of Reading, Pa., preached at the Zion Grove Church of Christ Sunday night. He was accompanied by his wife and children who are spending their vacation here.

Rev. Williams of Norfolk, Va. will preach at the Zion Grove Church of Christ beginning Tuesday, September 24.

Rev. T. E. Hozle, pastor of the Zion Grove Disciple Church, preached here in his regular service which began at 11:00 a.m. After the close of services he returned home from where he plans to leave for New York on vacation.

'Tidbits By Beth'

By Y. Elizabeth Dunn

KINSTON—Last week in this column we gave you Allen Beck's version of "What Is a Girl?"

This week we are devoting the entire column to his very familiar version of "What Is a Boy?"

"Between the innocence of babyhood and the dignity of manhood we find a delightful creature called a boy. Boys come in assorted sizes, weights, and colors. To enjoy every second of every minute of every hour of every day and to protest with noise (their only weapon) when their last minute is finished and the adult males pack them off to bed at night.

"Boys are found everywhere—on top of—underneath, inside of, climbing on, swinging from, running around or jumping to. Mothers love them, little girls hate them, adults ignore them and Heaven protects them. A boy is Truth with dirt on its face. Beauty with a cut on its finger. Wisdom with bubble gum in its hair, and the Hope of the future with a frog in its pocket.

"When you are busy, a boy is an inconceivable, bothersome, intruding jungle of noise. When you want him to make a good impression his brains turn to jelly or else he becomes a savage, sadistic jungle creature bent on destroying the world and himself with it. "A boy is a composite—he has the appetite of a horse, the digestion of a sword swallower, the energy of a pocket size atomic

bomb, the curiosity of a cat, the lungs of a dictator, the imagination of a Paul Bunyon, the shyness of a violet, the audacity of a firecracker, and when he makes something he has five thumbs on each hand.

"He likes ice cream, knives, saws, Christmas, comic books, the

boy across the street, woods, water (in its natural habitat), large animals, Dad, trains, Saturday mornings, and fire engines. He is not much for Sunday School, company, schools, books, without pictures, music lessons, neckties, barbers, girls, overcoats, adults or bedtime.

"Nobody else is so early to rise or so late to supper. Nobody else gets so much fun out of trees, dobs and breezes. Nobody else can cram into one pocket a rusty knife, a half eaten apple, 3 feet of string, an empty Bull Durham sack, 2 gum drops, 4 cents, a sling shot, a chunk of unknown

substance, and a genuine super-sonic code ring with a secret compartment.

"A boy is a magical creature—you can lock him out of your workshop, but you can't lock him out of your heart. You can get him out of your study but you can't get him out of your mind. Might as well give up—he is your captor, your tailor, your boss and your master—a freckle-faced, pint sized, cat-chasing bundle of noise. But when you come home at night with only the shattered pieces of your hopes and dreams, he can mend them like new with the two magic words—"Hi Dad."

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