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## **Miss Iris V. Utley And** C. B. Bodie Wed

Miss Iris Vanessa Utley were Bernard Davis, Floyd Gregory, John Ridley, Robert became the bride of Sgt. Cleveland Bernard Bodie Jr. at McAllister and Elgin Cooke. 4 p.m. Saturday, February 14. Children in the wedding were Sherrie Wingate, Michael at Russell Memorial C.M.E. Church, The Rev. L. H. Whelchel officiated and John

Wingate and Dwayne Minor, all cousins of the bride. Serving as heralds were H. Gattis was organist. Miss Masters Love Whelchel and Winnie Breeden and Owen

Rodney Williams. The bride is the daughter of A reception was held at the Alphonso Elder Student Union Mrs. Rosanna Utley Blake and Charles E. Utley of Plainfield, at North Carolina Central

University. N. J. She is also the The bride is a graduate of granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. NCCU and teaches at the Albertis Wingate of Durham. Brentwood Elementary School The bridegroom is the son

in Raleigh.

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of Mrs. Dorothy Crawford Bodie and the late Cleveland Bernard Bodie.

Marsh were soloists.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her grandfather. Air Force. Albertis Wingate, wore a gown of lvory silk jersey with an insert of pearls and crystal embroidery and a chapel train. Her matching, hooded shoulder cape was also embroidered

with pearls and crystals. She carried Tulip Roses

Gypsophila and an Orchid. Maid of honor was the brides's cousin, Miss Osteen Wingate of Darlington, S. C. Other attendants were a Miss Tonia Butler, Miss Veronica Ray, Miss Virginia Richardson.

#### Michael Bodie was his anniversary. brother's best man. Ushers

held its January meeting at the YWCA, Umstead St. Ms. Arlene little Claude Jr., who has sickle Murray, vice-president, presided, cell anemia. opening the meeting with prayer. Minutes of the last cousin, Miss Debra Wingate, meeting were read with approval. Reports of all committees were given and received. Plans were given by the Hill and Mrs. Brenda social committee chairman for delayed holiday affair and club

Advisor, Mrs. K. Evans was and E. George were present.

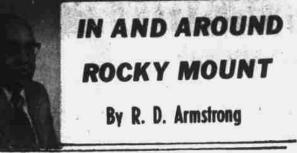


MISS IRIS V. UTLEY

**Card of Thanks** 

sisters, brothers, and f a t h e r Booker DeVaughn wish to thank their many friends and relatives for their prayers and various acts of kindness shown during their mother and wife's illness and bereavement.

Mrs. Olinzie D. Johnson,



ROCKY MOUNT - The Ebeneza Missionary Baptist Church here has launched an effort to halt the construction of an apartment building adjoining the present church on Raleigh Road in the Little Raleigh section of Rocky Mount.

The site of the proposed apartment complex splits property owned by the church and where future plans have been developed to crect a new sanctuary to replace the sixty year old present structure.

The Ebeneza Church has a membership of more than 400 and is headed by the Rev. Thomas Walker.

In a statement to The Carolina Times last week, the local minister pointed out that the builder, Albert Rabil, was legally right in placing the building on property he (Rabil) owned, but in his opinion and those of his congregation, it was morally wrong.

Pickets, protesting the construction began early Saturday morning and had grown to a large group by noon. There was no violence or demonstrations connected with the picketing which is expected to continue until a settlement is reached.

Signs carried by the pickets read: "Lord, please stop them from building here'. "This building will hinder our future growth', "Whom do you expect to rent these apartments" and "Our church does not want this apartment here".

When Rabil appeared on the scene Saturday morning he simply smiled and left. He had no comments.

The Rev. Walker and several members of his Board of Trustees had negotiated with Rabil for several weeks and had suggested a swap of nearby property to head-off the construction of an apartment complex. Their effort failed. 'There was an uneven swap," Walker stated, on the part of Rabil and his church would not 'buy' such a deal.

The local pastor further pointed out that his church was still willing to negotiate to bring about a cordial agreement.

Rabil is considered a wealthy man and owns a shopping center in the Little Raleigh community. The Rev. Walker fell short of proposing a boycott on the merchants in the shopping center. He say, however, they were not going to stop their efforts.

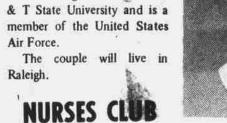
Miss Shelia Pulley, a senior at Rocky Mount Senior High School, was crowned "Miss Black Eleganza' here last Monday night. The coronation was a part of 'Black Eleganza' program sponsored by the Beta Zeta Sigma Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority in connection with the observance of Black History Month.

The program also, was one in a series of events leading to the annual Debutante Ball to be staged here Friday evening, March 12, which is also sponsored by the sorority.

Other winners in the contest were Miss Alice Faye Brown of Tarboro, first runner-up and Miss Deborah Pittman of Rocky Mount, second runner-up,

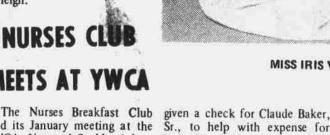
Twenty-eight young ladies who have registered as debutantes for the annual event, participated in the Black Eleganza. The theme for the program was, 'Voices of Black America", and featured the nation's celebration of the Bicentennial.

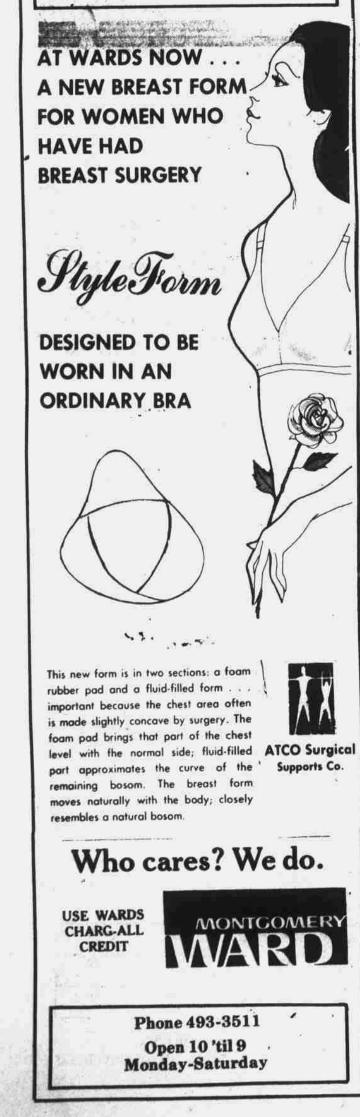
Members celebrating birthdays were given cards and Happy Birthday was sung. Mesdames M. Gattis, R. Snipes, G. Richardson, O. Rogers, E. Turner, B. Snipes, A. Ingram,



## **MEETS AT YWCA**

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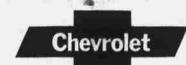
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The prospective debutantes opened the program with a salute to the Bicentennial, "This is My County" and concluded

with "Battle Humn of the Republic' . The narrator was Mrs. Vivian Tillman, who also write the

script for the Eleganza, Mrs. Genotre Penny is basileus of the local chapter of the sorority.

A community "eye sore', Unity Cemetery here, is about to undergo a clean-up, fix-up face lifting project if plans are approved by the Rocky Mount City Council

The cemetery, which is privately owned and for a long period of time was the only burial site for Negroes here. The City did not provide a site for the last resting place for Negroes until approximately twenty years ago.

Many efforts by various citizen groups have attempted to get the City to take some action concerning the condition of the area, but due to legal responsibilities and rights, nothing has ever been done.

Mrs. Claretta Wright has been spearheading a new group of interested local citizens along with the Rev. George W. Dudley, black councilman, things are beginning to show signs of progress.

Mrs. Wright and her citizens committee appeared before the Council's Committee of wholes, which is the City Council not in session as prescribed by the City Charter, several weeks ago and pointed out to the committee that the unkept cemetery was an "eye sore" and a disgrace to the citizens of Rocky Mount.

Mrs. Wright went on to state that many of Rocky Mount's older citizens were buried there and the condition of the cemetery was a discredit to them. She also noted that with the increase of crime in the area, the unkept cemetery was becoming a harbor for crime and other unwanted activities.

Mayor Fred Turnage appointed a committee to be headed by Councilman Dudley and two other councilmen, along with the City Manager and his staff, Mrs. Wright and members of her citizen's group to conduct an investigation on the site and report immediately to the City Council.

Walter "Buck' Leonard, Rocky Mount's contribution to Baseball's Hall of Fame and vice president of the Rocky Mount Baseball Club, was given a standing ovation when he was introduced to the supporters of the Peninsular Pilots at Hampton, Va., last Friday.

The Peninsular team, previously had been based in Rocky Mount as a farm team of the Philadelphia Phils, but due to a decrease in attendance the Philadelphia parent team decided to take its team to Hampton.

During a Boosters luncheon at the Chamberlain Hotel in Hampton, were an expected crowd of approximately five hundred members of the Booster's Club were to meet with league and Philadelphia officials, the return of professional baseball to the Peninsular area was described as "A New Beginning". Only an estimated one hundred showed up for the luncheon.

Leonard explained during an interview that the Rocky Mount franchise had not been moved, but would remain in Rocky Mount. The problem, he added, there are no baseball players available. The major league clubs own them all, he declared.

