

### Yamaha Social Club

The regular monthly meeting of the Yamaha Social Club was held at the home of Mrs. Gwendella G. Clemons on Sunday, February 28. The meeting opened with the singing of the Club song followed by committee reports and minutes of the previous meeting.

The Club's coming projects include an Easter Cabaret to be held in April and a summer trip to Atlantic City, New Jersey.

James Johnson was the February birthday honoree and club members sang "Happy Birthday" to him.

The hostess served a delicious dinner to the following persons: Roscoe and Zola Baines, Ruth Choate, Richard and Rosalyn Cole, Robert and Rosa Edwards, Lauretta Hayes, Pearl Haskins, James and Marjorie Johnson, Bill and Marie Moize, Elizabeth Pretty, Clementine Self, Clara and Octavious Tate, Edna and Velton Thompson and Pauline Throckmorton.

The March meeting will be held Saturday, March 27, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Cole at 6 p.m.

### Union Community Club

The Union Community Club met recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Davis on Ebon Road. President W.W. Sellers presided over a brief business session.

Detective Henry Hayes presented a film on N.C. Crime Watch. Members of the club are urging all residents of the community to meet at the home of Mrs. Georgie Thompson, 320 Ebon Road on March 25 at 7:30 p.m., for the purpose of furthering the organization of a Community Watch system.

Present were: Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Davis, Mr. and Mrs. W.W. Sellers, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Speight, Mrs. Roberta Vareene, Mrs. Susie Walker;

## Happiness Through Health Herpes: The New Sexual 'Viruses of Love' Infect Millions

By Otto McClary

Malissa, 27, a Ph.D. from Columbia, knew her boyfriend had a herpes infection and consulted her gynecologist about the safety of having intercourse. The doctor reassured her that herpes was only contagious if her partner had festered sores. Malissa slept with her friend, who had no obvious signs, and within a week got herpes. Kenneth, 42, an engineer, succumbed to the temptation of a local lady while on a job in Asia and woke one morning to find a cluster of ugly red sores on his penis. Subsequently divorced, he acquired a new lover and learned he had given herpes to her. Says he: "I regard myself as a carrier of an invisible, incurable disease. I have a guilt trip that won't quit."

Mrs. Elnora Fikes, Mrs. Ruby Philyaw, Mrs. Dorothy Steel, Mrs. Georgie Thompson, Isaac Richardson and Nathaniel Daniels.

Following dismissal, refreshments were served by the hostess.

already have the disease.

When they seek medical help, they will often be given incorrect information or false hopes for cures. Most will suffer shame, guilt and even depression, and a few will become suicidal over what they feel is the "new leprosy".

Herpes, from the Greek "to creep", has been around for ages: the Roman Emperor Tiberius vainly tried to stamp it out, or something like it, by banning kissing. With the sexual revolution of the 1960's, herpes broke out of its confines as a venereal disease that was thought (incorrectly) to afflict only the "licentious" lower classes.

Suddenly, "viruses of love" infected entire college dormitories and rode the waves of rising divorce and crumbling monogamy. There are no precise figures: herpes is not reportable and few victims like to talk about it. But Dr. Paul Wiesner, of the VD division of Atlanta's Center for Disease Control, estimates that as many as thirty per cent of the sexually active U.S. population have been exposed to genital herpes, while not in all cases developing its symptoms.

The viruses after which the disease is named come in some seventy varieties, most of them noninfectious to humans. Those harmful to people cause birth defects, chicken pox and shingles, and mononucleosis (the "kissing disease"). The ones implicated in venereal disease are herpes simplex types 1 and 2. The first type triggers fever blisters, or cold sores, around the mouth: it is also an agent in various eye ailments that can, if untreated, lead to blindness. The second usually shows up in the genital area of both sexes, and sometimes on the thighs and buttocks. Both types can be transmitted between mouth and genitals by oral sex.

Usually from two to eight days after contact with the virus, most often through sexual activity, small red bumps may appear on the victim's genitals. These rapidly develop into tiny painful blisters; when they burst they can pour out millions of infectious virus particles. The victim may become feverish and, in the case of women especially, experience a sharp burning during urination. In about ten days the sores heal, but the viruses do not go away. They retreat to nerves near the lower spinal cord, remaining there for the life of the victim.

Under pressure of stress, menstruation or sudden change in temperature, they can return without warning — weeks, months or years after the first occurrence. Sometimes they never come back. Herpes has been linked to cancer of the cervix, which afflicts an estimated 16,000 U.S. women in its serious form and contributes to 7,400 deaths a year. But whether herpes actually causes cancer is a matter of debate. There is no doubt that herpes can be passed on to newborn babies if mothers have an active infection at the time of delivery. Each year, several hundred babies are born with herpes simplex; more than half die, and survivors often suffer permanent neurological damage. One precaution being taken by some doctors is to order caesarean deliveries, a less emotionally jarring practice than segregating mother and baby behind doors marked ISOLATION: HERPES.

### Fayetteville Happenings

By Mrs. T.H. Kinney

The Council on Older Adults runs the Senior Citizens Service Center at 739 Blue Street. They have a fund campaign going on to help complete Phase IIA of the building program. Support is welcomed and appreciated. It is to benefit the entire community.

The Sunshine Centers continue their programs of arts, crafts, films, fellowship and hot meals.

"Tribute" continues at the Fort Bragg Playhouse.

Members of Beta Chi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity will present their annual talent hunt program at 4 p.m., on Sunday, March 21, in the auditorium of E.E. Smith Senior High School. The program is designed to find and recognize local high school talent by sponsoring competition among high school students. Awards of \$75, \$50 and \$35 will be made to the top three winners.

The National Theater of the Deaf performed at Methodist College in Reeves Auditorium Wednesday evening. The company presented "Gilgamesh" a dazzling stage recreation of the great Sumerian epic which predates the Homeric writings and the Bible. It's a tale of gods, god-men and heroes.

Auditions for the all-black musical "The Wiz", the fifth and final production of the 1982 season for the Fayetteville Little Theater, will take place at 7 p.m. on March 22 for vocalists only and 7 p.m., March 23, for dancers and vocalists. Black singers, dancers and actors over the age of 15 are being sought for the production. Call 323-4233.

The Blue Revue 1982 was held on Saturday night. Music was rendered by the Earth-Quake Express. Miss Toni Yvette Ethridge, 1981 Queen, crowned Miss Frances Denise Wesley as Queen for 1982. Other debutantes in order of runners-up were: Miss Jo Lynn Parham of Zebulon; Miss Michele Kelly of Hope Mills; Miss Sonya Melvin, Fayetteville; Miss Pamela Cummings, Fayetteville; and Miss Sharon Townsend, Fairmont.

Sgt. 1st Class Frankie Ford of the 269th Aviation Battalion has been a soldier for as many years as he was a civilian — nineteen years and two months. The native of Georgetown, S.C., joined because jobs were scarce.

He is married and they have three children. He became a military policeman, after six months, he was assigned to KP one day. He is presently a mess sergeant.

At 5 a.m. daily, he's up, off and ready to prepare about 400 eggs and about three kinds of breakfast meats. Across the area for dining, he and eight others serve 180-200 meals twice a day.

During his leisure time, he visits his relatives in Georgetown and does surf fishing. The army has given him travel, experience, education, knowledge about management and a measure of financial security. He's "Soldier of the Week". He expects to retire around January 20, 1983.

Funeral services for Miss Velta Sarah McNatt, a retired teacher, were held Wednesday afternoon at St. James United Holiness Church.

Miss McNatt was secretary of the N.C. Retired School Personnel and president of Henry and Sam Johnson Memorial Scholarship Fund Corp.

Surviving are three brothers, Judge Isaac G. McNatt of Teaneck, N.J., Carl B. McNatt of Richmond, Va., and Peter J. McNatt, Jr., of Wyndanch, N.Y.; four sisters, Mrs. Pearl McMillan and Mrs. Hattie Casse, both of Fayetteville, and Mrs. Artie M. Colter and Mrs. Willa M. Melchor, both of Buffalo, N.Y.

Miss McNatt traveled extensively, studied and served her community well.

Funeral services for Joseph Sancho, 59, of Route 9, were held Saturday afternoon at Kingdom Hall. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Laura Sancho, two sons, four daughters and a brother.

Dr. C.C. Craig, executive secretary of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc., spoke Sunday morning at Lewis Chapel Missionary Baptist Church during its third anniversary observance.

Mrs. Henrietta Sures of Spring Lake spoke for youth fellowship Sunday at Bethel AME Zion Church. A tea followed in the church annex.

Funeral services for Elester Garner of 3401 Cranbrook Drive, were held Friday afternoon at College Heights Presbyterian Church by the Rev. Garfield Warren. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Carrie L. Garner; and a sister, Ms. Rosemary Garner of Dallas, Texas.

Funeral services for Wallace Fuller, 72, of 905 Weiss Ave., were conducted Saturday afternoon at Smith Chapel Freewill Baptist Church by the Rev. Jesse M. Jackson. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Cora Fuller, and five daughters.

Funeral services for Mrs. Joanna Williams Parker of Philadelphia, Pa., formerly of Fayetteville, were conducted recently at Mount Pisgah AME Church in Philadelphia. She was a former teacher trainer at Newbold Training School here.

Sincere sympathy is extended to the families of Miss Mable P. Powell and Miss Eva Mae Morrissey. Miss Powell, 75, of Clinton who died Tuesday, was funeralized Saturday at Andrews Chapel Baptist Church. Surviving is a sister, Mrs. Allie P. Singletary of Washington, D.C.

Miss Morrissey, 78, of Route 2, Clinton, who died Tuesday, was funeralized Sunday at First Baptist Church. Surviving are several nieces and nephews. Both ladies were retired educators. There were many memories both far and near of them. They touched the lives of many!

Ms. Sharon Sonia Mitchell is among those named to the dean's list for the fall semester at Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem.



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