



Christian Disciples

## Gospel Group

# Will Observe 1st Anniversary

The Christian Disciples will hold their first Anniversary Celebration at the Saints Homes United Methodist Church located at 1390 Thurmond St. on Sunday, Sept. 15 at 4 p.m.

The Christian Disciples cordially invite the citizens of Winston-Salem to join with them in their celebration.

As their first anniversary implies, the group is relatively new. How they got started is an interesting and warm tale.

One never knows what may develop from a chance meeting or passing encounter. Out of just such a meeting—the NAACP Convention in Indianapolis, Ind. in July 1973 — came "The Christian Disciples." For it was there that Darryl Swygert of Winston-Salem and Dennis Oliver of Moberly, Missouri met and became friends.

On August 3, 1973, Dennis came to Winston-Salem to visit Darryl and during his visit he met Christopher Murrell. Like most teenagers, in passing the time away, the young men began listening to record albums and singing along with the music. Darryl's brother, Adrian, came along and joined the singing.

The Swygert boys' mother, Mrs. Peoples, was so impressed with their singing that she suggested they sing at the church service the following Sunday. Securing the pastor's permission for this addition to the program, the four fellows were introduced as the "Disciples" and sang two selections; "I Don't Know Why" and "It Won't Be Long."

After hearing such a glowing report, the group was later invited to sing at Friendship Baptist Church, where they made

their first public appearance; Oct. 7, 1973. For this momentous occasion, Dennis flew in; all the way from Moberly. Though still using record accompaniment, the "Disciples" were enthusiastically received and were asked to do several encores.

From this nucleus of four began the "Christian Disciples", a group of seven dedicated men with a unique singing style of five part harmony.

Realizing the need of an accompanist in order to continue to sing and progress, the group was introduced to a Robert (Bobbie) Ervin and his brother, Michael of Eden. Bobbie became their organist and Michael joined the group. It was at this time that the group added "Christian" to their name.

A short time later, Mr. Ashley Coffin of Reidsville joined the group.

The "Christian Disciples" became well organized and began travelling in and around Winston-Salem; lifting their voices to God in song.

With the help of God and the support of some very wonderful people, they have appeared in many churches in Winston-Salem, Reidsville and Eden. They have also appeared at Carver High School and the Memorial Coliseum. Appearances out of state include; Moberly, Missouri; Decatur, Ala.; Ridgeway, Danville and Martinsville, Va.

The "Christian Disciples" are now about to undertake their second big step—recording. They are presently engaged in making preparations to do their first album which will consist mostly of songs of their own composition and arrangement.

## For Men and Women

# Y.M.C.A. Offers Dance Courses

Two dance courses for men and women will be offered in the fall program at the Spruce Street Y.M.C.A.

A ballroom dancing course for beginners will start September 13 at 8 p.m. and will meet each Friday for eight weeks.

An intermediate course will begin September 12 and will continue each Thursday for eight weeks, starting at 8 p.m.

All classes will be one-hour sessions. Missed lessons may be made up, and participants do not need to enroll with a partner.

Instruction will be given in basic steps of Cha-Cha, Waltz, Fox-Trot, Jitterbug, and Rock in the beginner course.

Variations and turns of basic steps plus South American dances will be taught in the in-

termediate series.

An advanced course will be scheduled at the completion of the intermediate course for those who wish to continue their training.

If in doubt as to one's level of achievement, participants may attend the first session of each course and then choose the one in which he or she is most comfortable.

Informal dances will be conducted at regular intervals during the dance season for students and their guests.

The Y.M.C.A. adult dance program is under the direction of Dorothy Covington.

Call the Spruce Street Y.M.C.A. to reserve a place in the class.

## Shooting Probed

A local man was found dead early Monday morning in the front yard of his home. Police reports identify the man as Robert Nevon James, 35, of 1238 Sedgefield Dr. in Morningside Manor.

Police reports indicate that James was shot in the back of the head once with a shotgun sometime between 11 p.m. Sunday Sept. 8 and 2 a.m. Monday.

Police reports indicated a suspect in the case, but no arrest had been. Detectives in the police department are continuing the investigation.

James worked for Reynolds Memorial Hospital as a maintenance supervisor. Funeral service will be 1 p.m. Saturday from Mars Hill Baptist Church, conducted by the Rev. W.E. Samuel. Burial will be in Evergreen Cemetery.

Surviving are widow, Mrs. Dorothy James; son, Robert James Jr. of the home; daughters, Racquell James of the home, and Regena Yvonne James of Winston-Salem; sisters, Mrs. Hazel Jackson and Mrs. Lucinda Fogle of Winston-Salem and Dorothy James of New York; brothers, Russell, Leon and Colon James Jr. of Winston-Salem.

## Charged With Marihuana Possession

Sherry and Gary Webb were arrested Sept. 6 on charges of simple possession of marihuana, according to police reports. The report said the two were driving a maroon impala when they were stopped for not having proper tail lights on the car.

Investigating officers stated in the report that they detected a strong odor of marihuana smoke coming from inside the car. Several marihuana roaches were found in the ash tray and about 1/2 of an ounce was found in the trunk of the car, the report read.

There were other passengers in the car at the time, but none were arrested.

## Liquor Violation Charged

Naomi McNair of 1504 E. 22nd St. was arrested and charged with violation of prohibition laws on Sept. 8, according to police reports.

Investigating officers reported that they received information that illicit whiskey was being stored and sold at the address of Naomi McNair. A warrant was issued and officers conducted a search of the residence. The report stated that approximately one-and-a-half gallons of bonded whiskey was found.

Ms. McNair was arrested and placed in the county jail under \$100 bond. Trial is Sept. 19.



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LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS OR PHYSICIANS may provide these examinations.

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BRING the children's immunization records with you when you come for the examination.

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