



The cast of the Flonnie Anderson Theatrical Association's "Ladies of the Jury" strikes a lively pose during a break in rehearsals for the upcoming production (photo by James Parker).

'Ladies of the Jury' to hold local court

The Flonnie Anderson Theatrical Association will present "Ladies of the Jury," Feb. 14, 15 and 16 at the Salem Fine Arts Center.

The association has taken the action out of the play's original setting of Rosefield, N.J., and placed all of the action in Kernersville and Winston-Salem. The play's scenes revolve around the murder trial of a Kernersville woman.

Mrs. Livingston Baldwin Crane, a prominent society lady,

serves on a jury in Winston-Salem and is convinced that the French actress who lives near Kernersville is not guilty of killing her husband. What happens when Mrs. Crane takes on each member of the jury one by one to convert him to her point of view provides humorous insight into jury conduct.

The cast for the two-act play includes Janice Ferguson, Thomas Coaxum, Palmer Friende, Teresa Faison, Bruce Foriest, Barbara Dula, Riley

Matthews, Donza Friende and Linda Wigley.

Other cast members are Bernard Carey, James Rousseau, Cedi Leffler, Brian Corley, Ransom Redmon, Tracey Phillips, Beth Poinsett, Sharon Parrish, Ron Andrews, Deirdre Anderson, Rainey Wiley and Sylvia Carey.

The play's technical director is Ron Andrews; stage manager is Deirdre Anderson.

The director is Flonnie Anderson.

Close-Up

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see problems. Often, nationwide organizations can lose contact and togetherness. Sometimes you can get too big. We stay small so that we know our members. That's a benefit of being a state organization. We feel we can be more constructive that way."

The association was originally formed as the North Carolina Negro Law Enforcement Officers Association, but Scales says the name was changed "so that we would not be guilty of the very same discrimination that we were fighting to prevent."

Scales emphasizes that there is more to the law enforcement organization than socializing. The seven chapters in North Carolina meet in general session each June. At the meetings, referred to as "re-training conferences," members attend workshops conducted by the FBI, the State Bureau of Investigations, the North Carolina Justice Academy and other official organizations.

Scales says members receive certificates for attending the classes, which include such subjects as crisis control. He says the sessions help keep members up-to-date on what is happening in

the field of law enforcement.

The number of blacks in law enforcement has increased significantly in the last decade, though Scales says the number of working officers has "not increased as fast as I would like it to." The state of North Carolina, Scales estimates, has approximately 1,400 black officers.

There are 21 members in the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County chapter of the association and about 200 statewide. In light of the number of black law agents, Scales says there is still room for improvement.

"There is still a lot of room for more advancement," he says. "We have come a long way from 15 years ago, but there's still a long way to go."

The association has an auxiliary group which offers spouses of police officers an opportunity to become better acquainted and to provide a source of support for one another. The organization also sponsors fund raisers and at times makes itself available to charitable groups as security officers.

Scales says the association has developed a good reputation among all law enforcement of-

icers. Because the organization has successfully entered suits on behalf of minority officers, Scales feels the group serves as a deterrent to discrimination.

"There have been instances when we've given an officer support, and once the department found out the officer had our support, the problem was discussed and taken care of without a lot of trouble," says Scales.

Still, he says the association only supports legitimate cases involving officers who have not violated their responsibilities as officers.

"We don't back foolishness," says Scales. "Our organization does not have a bad mark against it, and we're going to keep it that way. As officers, we know who we are and what we're supposed to do. If an officer is doing his job and following the regulations, there is no reason for him to be discriminated against, and we'll look into it. But if an officer goes out and is arrested for DUI or something like that and loses his rank, then he has no reason to complain. We're an up-front organization. We've done an outstanding job. We're quite proud of our organization."

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technology may seem, they are there.

Many of them are already in our homes or workplaces, our schools and even our churches.

How many of us would want to give up our satellite dishes, our superstations, our microwave ovens, our video games, our home computers and pocket calculators, our wonder drugs and longer lifespans -- in short, our space-age technology?

Not many, I'm sure. As for cost versus gain, more

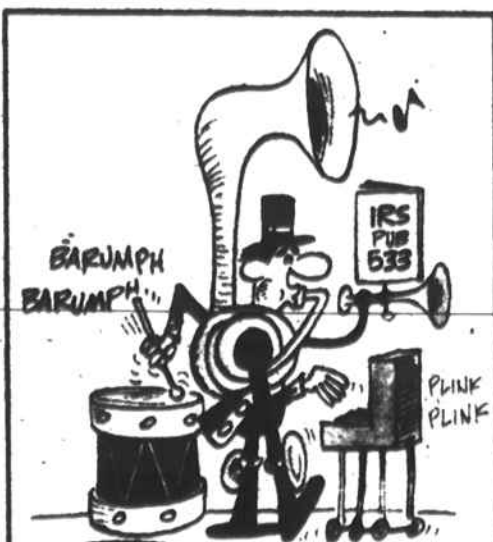
wealth has been squandered on war, propaganda, crime and other destructive activities than the space program could ever hope to attain in its appropriations battles.

Many of us take our space program -- and its benefits -- for granted.

Perhaps we needed this reminder.

Whatever we do, other countries, in particular the Soviet

Union, won't scrub their space programs. If we are to give our children the benefits that the exploration of space can provide, we must continue the program for which the seven members of the Challenger's crew gave their lives.



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Garden

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asking at least four members from each garden club to attend council meetings. The agenda also included a report on the Christmas Holiday Houses.

The topic of discussion for the meeting was "Buying a Plant and

Caring for It at Home." Mrs. Shoof led the discussion, which included tips on humidity, light conditions and temperatures.

Following the meeting, members enjoyed a meal prepared by Mrs. Goodwin.

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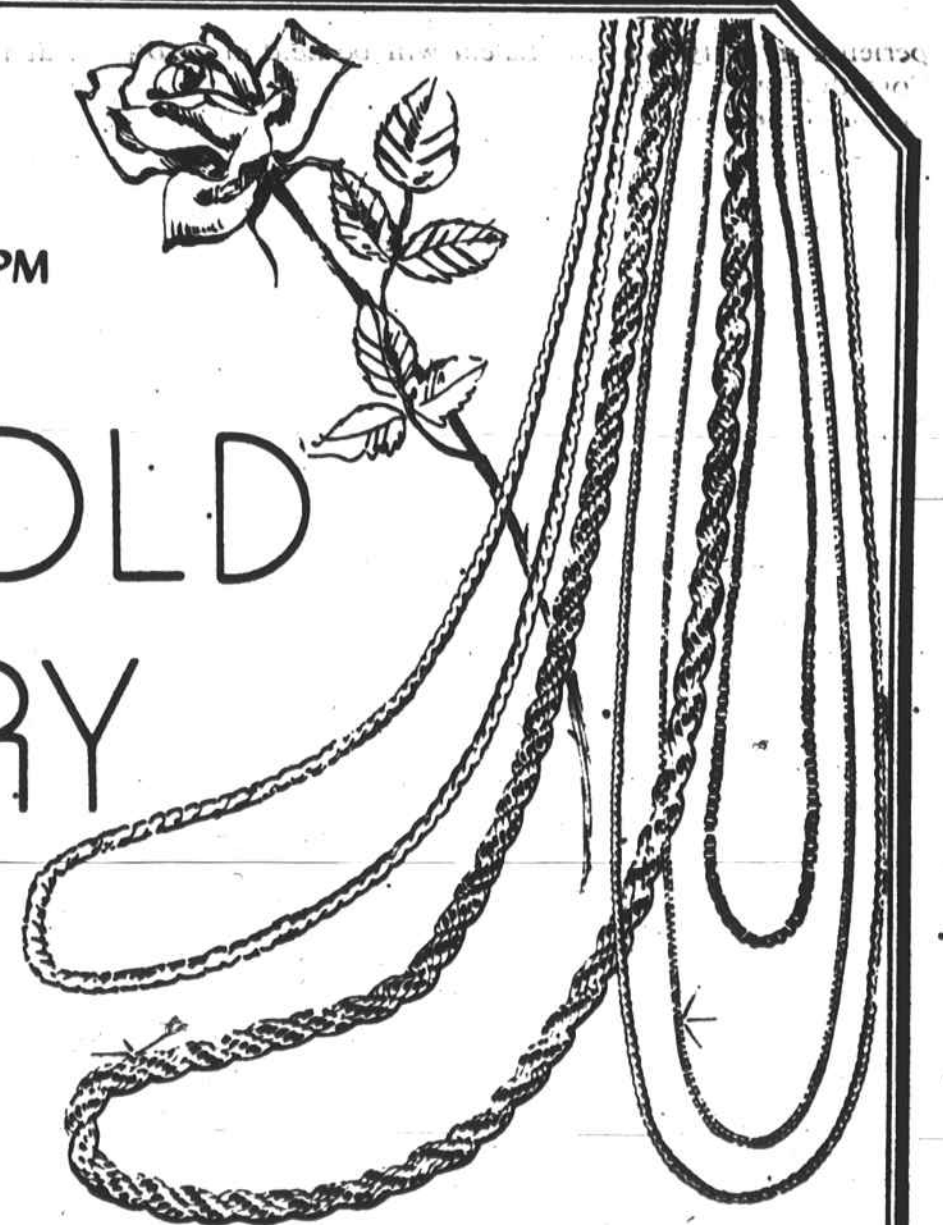
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