

What's Happening!

By Bob Johnson

Happy New Year Beautiful Readers!
The New Year around here got off to a real pendulum type start. There were a number of parties given to kick off 1975.

To begin with: Don and Loretta Griffin hosted a creatively hip function at their smartly furnished home on Yale Avenue New Year's Eve. While some of the guests danced in one part of the house others watched movies in another part. No---Not those kind of movies! One movie was about the life of "Aretha Franklin," another was about "Future Shock," four of them were about "Superman," and one on the "Red Balloon." The movies oddly enough proved to be very interesting. Among the guests seen having a swinging time were:



ART and MARGO FLOOD, STEVE and ARABELLE SHOCKLEY, AL and BEVERLY HEARTLEY, GWEN GRIFFIN, JOHN BOLLING, KATHRYN WILLIAMS, J.C. and RUTH JOHNSON, RONALD KINCAID, CHARLES GRIFFIN, "SKIP" McCALL, CHARLES and VICKIE OWENS, PATRICIA WILSON, KENNETH and BRENDA WELLS, RANDY and CARLETTA FREEMAN, CHUCK SMITH, KENNETH and HAZEL KOONTZ, JIM BLACK and his lovely wife, ALLMAN and BONITA, MONTE GAINES, DWIGHT SULLIVAN, CHARLES GOODSON, LEE TURNER, DEVIA PULLUMS, and JERRI WILSON.

DON and LORETTA when are you going to have another one just like the other one?

West Charlotte High School Class of 1957 will hold its regular monthly meeting Sunday, Jan. 12 at 6 p.m. The meeting will be held in the conference room of the Metrolina Driving School office in the Dalebrook Shopping Center on Beatties Ford Road.

The New Year was brought in very merrily at the Joe Allison's on Hidden Forrest Drive in Hidden Valley last Tuesday night. A group of their friends gathered to help give the year a gracious bon voyage. GERALD and SHARON JOHNSON were seen having a swinging time along with: BOB and BARNETTA CARTER, WILLIE WALKER, PHIL BENNETT, and SUE, CHARLES and VICKIE OWENS, FREDDIE FORD and his fiancée ERNESTINE, BILL and EDNA JOHNSON, JERRI WILSON, ROBERT and FANNIE ELLIS, DWIGHT SULLIVAN, LEE TURNER, and DEVIA PULLUMS, PAULA MASON, CARL and MARILYN CLEGG, STEVE and EDWINA HAYES, JOE and MINNIE ALLISON, and BETTY McDOWELL.

A tea will be held at the Midway Lounge on Statesville Avenue Sunday Jan. 12, from 1-9 p.m. The 1965 Class of West Charlotte High School will be sponsoring this function as a prelude to their big Labor Day affair. Some of the class members that will be glad to have your patronage are: DELORES MOORE, GAIL MORGAN, ALPHONSO DUNCAN, ROBERT HUBBARD, SYLBIA BOWEN, ACE DRAKEFORD, TENNYSON JOHNSON, CAMILLA SANDERS, CASSANDRA HARRIS, GERALD JOHNSON, VIVIAN ROSS, BETTY MILLER, WILLIE GREEN, CHARLES LEWIS, BARBARA PRIDE, CAROLYN MEANS, PERCY HALL, REID MOORE, JAMES CRAWFORD, and ROGERS GRAY. A case of wine will be raffled off at the festive occasion.

Mrs. ELSIE MACKEY the grandmother of CHARLES MACKEY surprised him with a birthday party last Friday night. The party which was held at CHARLES' apartment on Cherrycrest Drive, was well attended by friends and relatives who had a boss time.

Seen among the well wishers were his parents Mr. and Mrs. ULYSES McCAIN: along with LORETTA YOUNG, SCHERYL SULLIVAN, VANESSA REAVES, BERNARD McKINNEY, WILL and VANESSA BARNES, JOHN BOLLING, TONI WATTS, YOGI BRANNON, KATHRYN WILLIAMS, HIRAM JONES, "SKIP" McCALL, EUGENE MACKEY, LEE EARLE MACKEY, HELEN McCLAIN, JERRY and LINDA McCAIN and SARAH MACKEY.

A Color TV will be raffled off at the Midway Lounge on Statesville Avenue, Saturday, Jan. 11, at 9 p.m. This raffle is sponsored by West Charlotte Class of 1960. For further information contact a member of the class or be at Midway Lounge Saturday night.

WGIV the Soul of Charlotte is on 24 hours a day now. Which means that you can hear the best in soul sounds and gospel non-stop around the clock. By the way Happening would like to welcome JOANN GRAHAM back on the radio. We missed you Sugah!!

Remember the Eleventh Commandment..... "Thou Shall Not Hassle".....Until we get together to rap again.....ROCK EASY!.....

Nivens-Manning Vows Spoken In Wadesboro

Miss Polly Ray Nivens became the bride of Abram Vernail Manning recently at an impressive 3:30 p.m. ceremony, in the Ramsey's Chapel Holiness Church in Wadesboro. She is the daughter of Mrs. Goldie Nivens of 1122 1/2 Old Charlotte Road in Wadesboro. He is the son of Mrs. Robertha Manning of 206 Faulk Street in Williamston.

The Bishop A. W. Davjs, pastor of the church, officiated.

The bride was given in marriage by her brother, Bobby Nivens. Organist for the occasion was Mrs. Betty Johnson and the soloist was Mrs. Maudese McCrae who sang "The Lord's Prayer".

The bride wore a traditional floor length gown in white jersey knit with flowered pearl appliques, a high bodice, and a hooded cape veil with a train flowing from the hood. She carried a bouquet of orange carnations.

Miss Brenda Hubbard of Atlanta, Ga., a friend of the bride, was maid of honor. She wore an orange jersey knit floor length gown with a jacket with an attached hood and she carried two long-stemmed bronze mums.

Bridesmaids were Gwendolyn Thomas of Wadesboro, Carolyn Byrd of Atlanta, Ga., Vanessa Manning, (sister of the groom) of Williamston and Rhoda Rennie of Wadesboro. They wore long jersey orange knit dresses with pleated bodices and carried one long stemmed mum. Their head pieces were short orange veil with orange velvet bows.

Flower girl was Tarsha Manning, niece of the groom who wore a long white dress with lace orange trim.

The ring bearer was Christopher Bittle of Charlotte. The Best man was Daniel McCrae of Charlotte and the ushers were Thomas Rorie and Richard Johnson of Wadesboro, Dennis Manning of Williamston, who is the brother of the groom, and Andrew Burroughs of Williamston.

For her daughters wedding Mrs. Nivens wore a baby blue gown with blue pearl appliques and matching accessories.



MRS. ABRAM VERNAIL MANNING
...She was Miss Polly Nivens

ies. Her corsage was of white carnations.

The bridegroom's mother Mrs. Manning wore a floor length pink gown with gold sequins trim and matching gold accessories. Her corsage was of pink carnations.

The bride is a 1970 graduate of Bowman High School in Wadesboro and a 1974 graduate of Livingstone college in Salisbury with a B.A. in English. She is employed with "The Charlotte Post" newspaper.

The groom is a 1970 graduate of E.J. Hayes High School in Williamston. He is a senior at Livingstone College majoring in physical education.

The couple was honored at a reception at the fellowship hall with Mrs. Maudese McCrae serving cake. Hostesses were Mrs. Connie Russell, Mrs. Robin Plummer and Miss Ondina Outerbridge all of Charlotte.

3 Retire From First United Presbyterian

by Beverly Moore
Special To The Post
Thursday, January 2, 1975 proved to be a special day for three very active members of the First United Presbyterian Church of Charlotte.

On that day J. W. Torrence, Henry (Mup) Ezell and Mrs. Roxie Ezell were honored as retirees after giving a total of 195 years of untiring service to their Church.

The 8 p.m. retirement ceremony featured short speeches from members of the Church who have seen the work of these individuals over the years.

"To Roxie: It's going to take a long time and quite a few adjustments to get used to not having you around," said Thomas M. Martin, clerk of the Church.

Mrs. Ezell, who has served as the Church secretary since 1958, is a former school teacher. She joined First

United then Seventh Street Presbyterian in 1931 when she was wed to Henry "Mup" Ezell.

"Since that time she has lived, and worked here and we are honoring her tonight," said Mr. Martin.

Henry "Mup" Ezell, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ezell, was baptised in the Church as a youth. He grew up at Seventh St. and over the years has given many hours of service to the Church.

"To 'Mup': We hope God will spare you to live many many more years," chided Mr. Martin.

The last retiree, John W. Torrence has been a staunch Presbyterian nearly all of his life. From the former Brooklyn Presbyterian church Mr. Torrence began giving of himself. He was treasurer of the First United Presbyterian Church. Mr. Torrence retired from Duke Power Co. in 1971 after 11 years of service.

A poem dedicated to the retirees began:

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Charlotte Native Opens McDonald's In Brooklyn

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ham, N. C. He also has a Masters Degree from North Carolina Central University. He spent four years in the United States Air Force before returning to college.

After college he worked in Winston-Salem, North Carolina at the Patterson Avenue, Y.M.C.A. as a physical director for two years, then he went to work for the Winston-Salem Urban Renewal Office as a relocation officer for four years. He then accepted a job in Brooklyn, New York work-

ing for the Central Brooklyn Coordinating Council as a Community Organization Specialist for two years. Later he went to work in the Department of Community Affairs of the Housing & Development Administration of the City of New York. He stayed in this position until he opened his first McDonald's April 4, 1972.

He was born in Charlotte and is the son of the late Professor J. J. Adam of Johnson C. Smith and Mrs. J. J. Adam of Johnson C. Smith University.

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