

What's happening!

Many things are happening around the city as we move through the biggest holiday of the year.

MUTUAL FUN...Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Company with their million dollar salesman **BOB CURRY** at the wheel, delighted a lot of people recently at a unique affair, held at the Window Lounge on South Mint Street.



Bob Johnson

Bob, a person whose personality bubbles with loquacity made sure that everyone present

was informed of the services that could be rendered by everyone else present. In doing so, he made all the guests feel very comfortable.

Among the guests who luxuriated in the delightfulness of it all were Hazel Freeman of the Polar Bear Wine Shop, Jimmy Hackett of Cousar Realty and Insurance Company, Sam Johnson, owner of the new Lincoln-Mercury dealership in town, James Byrd and Richard Evans of ETC. Boutique. Mr. and Mrs. James Rutland of Rutland Trucking Company, Mr. and Mrs. William Sampson of Sampson Painting Company, Attorney and Mrs. Linwood Foust, William Brown, owner of the Window Lounge, Johnnie Sturdivant the new manager of the Window Lounge, Kitt Massi promoter for Motown Records, Mr. and Mrs. Skip Holsten of UNCC, and Virginia Massey, one of the few songbirds of our community.

This affair wouldn't have been as successful without the help of Bob's lovely wife, Juanita.

ANNUAL DANCE...THE IDLE RICH SOCIAL CLUB, second oldest female club in Charlotte, held its 44th annual Christmas dance, Dec. 16th, at the Excelsior Club on Beatties Ford Road.

The members of this prestigious organization are Emmie Delaney, Tillie Davidson, Georgia Anna Agars, Minnie Barron, Lelo Hill and Louise Phillips. **SARAH BRICE** who served as the first president of the club was here from New York.

The dance lasted from 9 til 1 and boasted plenty food, refreshing drinks and popular music.

Included among the 160 guests were Roy Perry, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Pettice, Mr. and Mrs. Furmon Williams, Carrie Coates, Eve Spragans, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mills, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Strong, Mr. and Mrs. Butch Perry, Mr. and Mrs. Mack McKissick and Emma Jones.

SIMPLICITY AFFAIR...If you were in the neighborhood of Crenshaw Ct. last Saturday night, somewhere near LEE AND CARRIE CASEYS' spacious abode, you wouldn't have to be a genius to have known a party was going on, and what a party it was.

The Simplicity Social Club was having their annual Christmas party. This wasn't just another Christmas party, however. Dinner was served and a one man fashion show was observed.

Corbett and Janet Spain, Michael and Diane Casey, Carl Clegg, Hazel Freeman, Fred James, Ethel Brown, William and Lourina Marshall, Josephine Reid and Willie Rudisell really enjoyed the dinner, drinks and the fashion display.

Joseph Walker held center stage as he modeled men's dress suits, casual attire, and after 5 outfits amid the applause of the guests.

The Simplicity Social Club is a scant 10 years old and the members are Gussie Floyd, Barbara Floyd, Carrie Casey, Betty Foster, Iola Rudisell, Dorsey Barnette, Rosetta Dixon, and Barbara Foster.

NURSES GATHER...Some of the nurses at Mercy Hospital assembled last Saturday night at the gorgeous home of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Cook to have some fun, as part of their celebration for this season of good cheer.

The party was small in attendance but large on everything else, including fun.

Some of the guests were Mr. and Mrs. Isiah Boyd, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Harris, Bill Beck, Judy Floyd, Sherry Holtzouser, Mr. and Mrs. Rick Burnburg, Jessie Ezell, Gwen Davis, Denise Jones, Karen Dill, and Alice Beam.

STUDIO MADNESS...Sunday evening is generally a time to relax while watching TV in preparation for Monday's grind. Last Sunday though **WILLIE MAE WILLIAMS** sponsored such a sharp Christmas party for her operators and their guests, that I'm sure it was difficult for a lot of them at work Monday.

As a way of saying thank you, Mrs. Williams made sure that her operators: Ruby Falls, Hattie Powe, Pat Dixon and Curlee Crowell along with such guests as Sarah Boyd, Barbara Brown, Velma Leake, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Wiley, Mr. and Mrs. William Little, newly weds, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Williams Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Donald Frazier, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Thompson, Vera Ease, Deborah McCleave and a host of others had a wonderful time.

By the way, Willie Mae owns Williams Studio of Beauty and this holiday fellowship was held in the Dalebrook Pharmacy complex.



MEMBERS OF PAN HELLENIC COUNCIL - Seated Zoel Hargraves Jr. Standing Left to Right, Jim Black, Coordinator of Mountain of Food Drive, Bettye McLaurin, Esther Hargrave, Robert Reeder, Mary McKinnon, Dorothy Bratton, Clarissy Knox, Greg Austin, Lawrence Pettis, Sarah Stroud, Ronald Swann, Marilyn McClain, Grace Stevenson and Doris Asbury.

Pan Hellenic Council Contributes Food To Needy

By Jeri Harvey
Post Staff Writer

Members of the Charlotte Pan Hellenic Council joined radio station WGIV in gathering "A Mountain Of Food" for the needy. The food drive is a project headed by the station's public affairs director, Jim Black.

According to Ms. Marilyn McClain, members of the Pan Hellenic Council decided at the approach of the Christmas season that they wanted to do something for the community and wanted the effort to be one which would benefit the forgotten - the needy.

A decision was made to contribute to the "Mountain of Food" drive and canned items and non-perishables were gathered by club members.

Ms. McClain said, "The Pan Hellenic Council, through its affiliate organizations, is proud to have been able to share in the spirit of giving through the "Mountain of Food."

The Charlotte Graduate Pan Hellenic Council is composed of eight graduate fraternities and sororities - Alpha Kappa Alpha, Delta Sigma Theta, Zeta Phi Beta and Sigma Gamma Rho Sororities and Alpha Phi Alpha, Kappa Alpha Psi, Phi Beta Sigma and Omega Psi Phi Fraternities.

The purpose of the council is to "occupy a progressive and constructive place in the civic and cultural life of the city of Charlotte."

1.2 Million Bicycle Accidents Predicted

RALEIGH, December 14 — "With the Christmas bicycle buying season at hand, parents should give serious thought to the bicycle they select for their children," according to Curtis B. Yates, Bicycle Coordinator for the North Carolina Department of Transportation.

The Consumer Product Safety Commission, estimates that 1.2 million accidents, involving bicycles, will occur in 1978. Many of these accidents result from improper bicycle fit, assembly or maintenance.

Says Yates, "By selecting correctly, you can reduce the chance of accidental injury to your child."

Yates also suggests that parents follow these suggestions in selecting a bicycle for children:

1. You should never buy a bicycle which your child will "grow into." Bicycles are expensive. So it's understandable that you want to buy one which your child could use for many years. But considering that the demand is high for used bicycles, making it easy to resell a well-cared for vehicle, the price of a larger bicycle in a few years becomes more affordable.
2. You can specifically fit the bicycle to the child by making a few measurements at home. With a boy's style bicycle, the child should be able to straddle the cross bar and have an inch clearance when both feet are on the ground. On a girl's bicycle, with the seat at its lowest position, the child should be able to touch the ground with both feet while seated.

3. You should never buy a bicycle which cannot be returned if it doesn't fit properly.
4. You should make an additional measurement if you are considering the purchase of a 10-speed bicycle. With the seat in its most forward position and the child's elbow touching the nose of the seat, the tips of the fingers should be able to touch the handlebar where it is connected to the bicycle.
5. You should remember that most small children don't have sufficient grip to stop themselves effectively with handbrakes.
6. Keep in mind that bicycles which have car-type shifters on the top tube are a primary cause of groin injuries and that high-rise handlebars make steering more difficult.

Here are some other considerations for buying bicycles for children:

1. You should give careful attention to the manner in which the bicycle has been assembled.
 2. Before you leave the store, be sure that the brakes work properly. With handbrakes, make sure that they work smoothly and easily.
 3. Check to see the brake pads touch the metal rim of the wheel - not the tire - evenly on both sides. If the bicycle is multi-geared, try shifting through all the gears to be sure they change smoothly.
- Most importantly, you should never give a bicycle to a child unless he or she understands how to use it safely.

Ma Bell Prepares For 668,000 Long Distance Calls

At this time of year almost everyone is preparing for Christmas. This is also true of Southern Bell and the Bell System.

Southern Bell spokesman Banks Cline said that the company is estimating that Tarheel callers will make about 668,000 long distance calls on Christmas Day - traditionally one of the busiest days of the year.

Nationally, AT&T is also predicting a record volume of about 15 million long distance calls; nearly three quarters of a million more than last year's volume of 14.3 million. About 700,000 of the overall national total will be calls to foreign countries.

To prepare for this day, said Cline, Southern Bell and its

Bell System partners will be readjusting circuits throughout the telephone network.

The change in calling patterns, not the large call volume itself, is the primary reason for the heavy impact on the telephone network. On an average day, most calls travel between business locations in cities and are usually of short duration. The nationwide telephone network is designed to handle this normally heavy traffic quite easily.

However, on Christmas Day the pattern changes completely. People call from their homes to other points that normally receive a low volume of traffic. The calls are also usually twice as long.

To help ease the rush - and to ensure that your call goes

through - Cline suggests that, if possible, you place your holiday call before 6 p.m. on Saturday, December 24th, or on Monday, December 26th. If you do call on Christmas Day, the slackest calling period is usually between 1 and 5 p.m.

Since Christmas is on Sunday this year, said Cline, both in-state and out-of-state calls placed on Monday - a legal holiday - will be less expensive than normal. Cline suggested that customers consult long distance calling guides 6 and 7 in their directories for specific information on discount periods.

Other tips the company suggested include:

---Dial long distance calls directly whenever possible to save both money and time.

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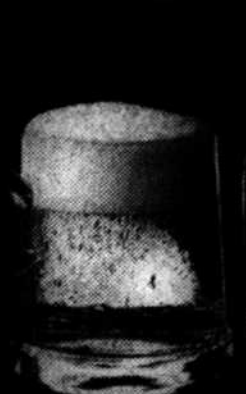


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