

What's happening!

VIP PARTY...Darryl "Train" Taylor and Luke Vasser combined their efforts, time and skills last Sunday evening and superbly entertained their friends at the VIP Lounge on Beatties Ford Road.

At 3 p.m. it was obvious that much was going on inside because cars filled all the parking areas in the vicinity. Once inside it became even more obvious because of the infectious atmosphere that hung like the sun at a noon day picnic.

Fred Davis used his expertise on the disco sound equipment to generate the boogie pace, while Darryl, Luke Eva and Leslie kept the guests content by taking care of their refreshment needs.

Caught up in the fever of it all were Amanda Adams, Peggy Bittle, Rose Sanders, Robert Williams, William Simmons, Beverly Cotton, Hazel Freeman,



Bob Johnson

Charles Hammon, Calvin Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Love, Marion Holsley, Mr. and Mrs. James Branch, El Weaver, Johnny Morrison, Shirley McKay, Randolph Ervin, Melanie Walker, Pamela Moore, Joe Green, Hazel Herron, Ralph McDowell, Kenny Watson, William Foster, Robert McDonald, Cheryl McCain, Henry Barnes, Tony Long, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Coleman, Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Terry, Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Jones, and Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Thompson.

CLASS MEETING...The members of West Charlotte High School's class of 1969 will meet at the Greenville Neighborhood Center, Sunday, March 19, at 6 p.m. to begin organizing a class reunion.

Randolph Ervin who is spearheading the meeting is anticipating a sizeable turnout for Sunday's meeting.

Some of the probables at this point are Eleanor Davis, Mamie Fuller Massey, Harriet Reid, Alonzo Wilson, Alonzo Mackins Jr., Lorraine Berry, Marizetta Allison, Raeford Means, Abigail Flanders, Gregory Ross, Emma Brooks, Doria Spears, Joyce Stevenson, Cynthia Grate Woods, Jimmieta Fullwood, Joseph Roberson, Ruth Holman Davis, Kenneth Woods, Fred Grier, Fred Davis, Herbert Gunn, Linda Feldor Ross, Lynetta Barnes Sowell, Willie Sowell, Karen Davis, Richard Blakeney, Terry Heath, Sylvia Hager, Harriet Johnson, Gwendolyn Tinner Long, and Wilma Gaines.

NEW BIRTH...Early in 1978 Fran King and Veronica Thompson along with friends Wanda Johnson, Carolyn Mayes, Eleanor Firms, Cynthia Wallace and Wilma Kinard formed a new organization.

The Black Awakening Club was born from the sincere need for togetherness among people, with the major interest aimed at today's children. This is how Fran King sees it.

The club's first function will be an "Attic Sale" held Saturday, March 18, at 1700 Merriman Place, beginning at 8:30 a.m. and lasting until.....

SPRING GLAMOR...ETC. presents "A Body Attitude Affair." A Spring Fashion Show to be held at the Excelsior Club on Beatties Ford Road, Sunday evening, March 19, from 5 'til 9 p.m.

This exquisite manifestation of talent and beauty will feature some of Charlotte's finest models Angela Grier, Jaren McCombs, Myrna Lowe, Audrey Fee, Scottie McNair and Donna Sullivan modeling garments that can be purchased at the show, which is something a little different.

There will be other very inter sting characteristics about this show.

First, there will be no commentation, just a continuous flow of music and fashions. Second, a full length suede coat will be given away to some lucky person. Then there will be a disco following the show. How about it? "It's just a matter of taste."

James Byrd, owner and operator of ETC. BOUTIQUE, with his very lovely and very capable assistant Lovelia Weddington coordinated and arranged this extravaganza. Models were furnished by Earne's Ltd.

DANCE AND PARTY...The Swanksmen of Groove Phi Groove sponsored a very chic affair last Friday night in the Mecklenburg Room of the Radisson Plaza Hotel. The Johnson C. Smith based group were honoring the young ladies that had just finished their initiation ceremonies.

After the semi-formal dance at the Radisson Curtis Hallums and Willie McMahan involved a number of the guests in an after hours party at their apartment in the Countryside Apartment complex.



WRONG CLUB INDUCTEES

Reddrick Martin (second from right), southeast area manager, Coca-Cola USA, is inducted as a member of the 100 Percent Right Club, which honors people who have diligently supported the 100 Percent Wrong Club throughout the years. Following his induction at the 100 Percent Wrong Club's 43rd Annual All-Sports Jamboree held recently in Atlanta, Martin was congratulated by (left to right) Tommy Gregory, Equal Employment Opportunities coordinator, Coca-Cola USA; and Cesar Wallace, district manager, Charlotte Coca-Cola Bottling Company. The 100 Percent Wrong Club, which was formally organized in 1953, surveys the national sports scene at the end of each football season and selects for recognition and awards the teams and individuals who have excelled in sports. Originally launched by the Sports Department of the Atlanta Daily World, the Club has grown from a small self-centered membership program to a nationally heralded activity whose annual highlight is the All-Sports Jamboree.

Hodges Details Jobs Policy

Calling jobs "a central issue to the people of North Carolina and the nation," Luther Hodges, Democratic candidate for the U.C. Senate, proposed Tuesday K(March 14) a four-point jobs policy that stresses private sector job creation and coordinated manpower development efforts.

Hodges, detailing his position at a morning press conference at his Charlotte area campaign headquarters, said his jobs policy has these elements:

—economic expansion and industrial diversification;

—job and skill training and re-training for the underemployed;

—better coordination of manpower policy with fiscal and monetary policy at the national level;

—public service jobs for the structurally unemployed.

Hodges said such a policy was called for because "unemployment is intolerable."

He added, "unemployment contributes to a whole range of social ills. The coact of unemployment both in monetary and human terms is truly staggering. That is why we must as a nation find ways to insure as full a level of employment as is feasible, and this must be a commitment of both the public and private sectors."

The candidate, a trained economist who worked for more than a decade in job training and manpower development low was through continued economic expansion at the state and national level and, locally, with industrial and agricultural diversification.

Hodges pointed out that North Carolina has a dedicated, highly motivated work force, but that with increased skills the state's labor force would be another attractive inducement for new industry. Hodges said that many job training programs have not worked well, but he noted that many other programs have compiled a good record of getting people trained for better jobs. And, he said, such programs ought to be encouraged as an overall part of economic planning.

"There is little doubt that better coordination of manpower training programs and policy must be implemented at the national level," Hodges said. "We must integrate manpower policy with fiscal and monetary policy, and I say that programs which produce jobs for people are the best."

The candidate also said that for the structurally unemployed—people without the skills or education to hold a steady job—public sector employment provides a partial answer. He added that such jobs should be matched with identifiable needs.

Hodges said that as a U.S. Senator, he would use his experience to help fashion a coordinated manpower policy, and he said he would speak out strongly for support of job training programs at the local and state levels.

Hodges, 41, entered the Democratic primary on Jan. 3 after announcing his candidacy on Sept. 7, 1977.

At Neighborhood Centers

Women's Health Days Planned

The Neighborhood Centers Department (NCD), along with the Mecklenburg County Health Department, Planned Parenthood and WGIV Radio, is sponsoring two women's Health Days at NCD sites.

The first will be held Saturday, April 1 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Belmont Center, 700 Parkwood Avenue; the second, April 8 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Amay James Center, 2415 Lester Street.

Women's Health Days are free to all females 12 or older on a first-come, first-served basis. No appointment is necessary, but all participants should come as early as possible. About 30 agencies will

provide health care services to an expected 600-700 Charlotte-Mecklenburg women. Among the services being offered are: pap smears; gonorrhea cultures; breast examinations and the teaching of breast self-examinations; sickle cell and hypertension testing; contraceptive education; education in child-birth, breastfeeding and parenting; and discussions on "The Parent Place" and "Dealing With Emotional Stress." Women will be met at the door by a trained counselor, join a small group and remain with that counselor and group for the 1 1/2 hours it takes to move through the

comprehensive program. These Health Days keynote the opening of contraceptive clinics at the neighborhood level.

Planned Parenthood of Greater Charlotte will operate two contraceptive clinics weekly at Belmont Center beginning in early May. Call 377-0841 for more information.

The Family Planning Clinic of the Mecklenburg County Health Department will open a weekly contraceptive-family planning clinic at Amay James Center in mid-April. For more information, call 374-2613.

Mrs. Jordan Hosts Garden Club

The home of Mrs. Lillian Jordan was the site for the March meeting of the Washington Heights Garden Club recently. Presiding was Mrs. Lois Scott.

Planning flower borders which would last from early spring through fall was the evening's topic, and Mrs. Gertrude Williams gave a demonstration on the subject. She explained how as one set of blooms fades another should be ready to replace them and showed photographs to illustrate.

Plans were also discussed for a "Waistline Rally" in April and a "Dress Raffle" in May. There are plans for a tour of club member's gardens in April and May.

Washington Heights Garden Club will entertain the Council

of Garden Clubs the fourth Wednesday in April.

Members present at the March meeting were Mrs. Lois Scott, Mrs. Edith Choate, Mrs. Willet Patterson, Mrs. Gertrude Williams, Mrs. Maude Smalls, Mrs. Lillian Jordan, Mrs. Essie Stovall, Mrs. Jessie Lee Hamlin, Mrs. Cora Gaither, Mrs. Viola Allison, Mrs. Nancy English, Mrs. Lillie Carter and Mrs. Jannie Pride.

The hostess served members refreshments following the meeting.

The April meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Willet Patterson, 1204 Campus Street.

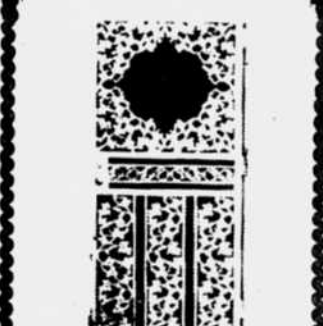
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