

# Recreation News

**By HOWARD FULLEN**  
**Chavis Center and Park**  
 RALEIGH — In order to keep the citizens from guessing as to what is happening around the Chavis Pool and Park, it is tempting to explain just what is taking place.  
 I know many persons who pass through the park on the bus and probably thought we were digging a new pool in the basement of the pool are three large metal cylinders which make up a part of the filter system which purify the water. In each one of these metal cylinders one finds sand, gravel and pipes which the water passes through before entering the pool.  
 The maintenance group has taken the sand out of each filter and are now checking the other equipment in the system.

On the back side of the pool to the grandstand many have been away. The bandstands have been torn out and turned so spectators may watch the train and also persons in the pool.  
 Then when one continues around the corner to the area in the rear of Chavis Center they notice workmen breaking up concrete in order to make ready a play area for softball, basketball and tennis courts.  
 We hope that these improvements will give us a greater opportunity to better serve the citizens of Raleigh.

We want every citizen in the city to feel free to drop in and take part in the program that is being offered for their enjoyment and pleasure during the week.  
 —RFC



**AKA'S MARK ANNIVERSARY**  
 — Shown above some of the members of Alpha Delta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority as they assembled following a recent reception marking the event. Mrs. Nelson Perry were honored as charter members of the chapter.

# Choir Of Fayetteville Church In Anniversary

**By BELTON E. NIXON, Jr.**  
 RALEIGH — The First Anniversary of the Gospel Choir of Friendship Baptist Church was held Sunday evening January 25. Choir participants were Evans A.M.E. Church Gospel Choir, The Golden Harmony Singers of Davis Creek, Cross Creek Male Choir, Lewis Chapel Choir of Rutherford Road, Jackson Grove Choir and St. Luke A.M.E. Male Choir.

Opening remarks were by Mrs. Bertha Milligan. Mr. Howard of Fayetteville. The choir was read by Mrs. Agnes Jacobs. Remarks were rendered by the Rev. L. J. Shipman, pastor of the Church. Mr. Audrey Jacob is president of the choir. Mrs. Minnie Ware is secretary.

The Lewis Chapel Choir was rated the most outstanding of the choirs with their rendition of "The Lord Is My Strength." Cross Creek Male Choir was rated second best. After the program the

choir was entertained at a "Silly Sunday" dinner. It is one of the many sermons he will preach during his visit to influence diners to join the Church and become Christians. The choir and congregation sang "On Jordan's Stormy Banks." Total raised for the day \$47.53.

Tuesday night Club No. 1 met at the home of Mrs. Annie Howard, 310 Hatwood St. Tuesday night Club No. 2 met at the home of Mrs. Mae Munn on Carver St. Thursday night all deacons, trustees and presidents of organizations will meet.  
 —RFC

**THIS IS IT**  
 by Lin Holloway

**SORRY WE HAD TO SUSPEND**  
 our "Inside Raleigh" series. As usual in the process of writing, the series was faced upon findings we had placed in our confidential files. Through some quirk of fate, those files have been in badly mutilated, were unable to make heads or tails out of our own notations. Despite that, we'll try from time to time through this pillar to keep the reader aware of what's going on.

Let us see our favorite local singer, Tub Tucker, back on the block after a siege with sickness. He underwent an operation in Durham a few weeks ago and is now getting back into his own groove. We'll always occupy a top spot in our deliberations. He knew "away back" when we were "not learning."

We should like to express appreciation to the musicians, singers, dancers and — above all — paying customers who helped to make last Monday night's Modern of Dimes benefit dance at Club Colonade a success.  
 This was the first attempt by a committee in the city to incorporate the general public into its overall "drive" in other events like the Community Chest, etc. The committee have made the public only source of collection. The March of Dimes, Dance slogan Monday was "Dance so that others may walk" and a goodly number of Raleigh's liberal-hearted citizens did just that.

We feel that not only should the leaders of the performing bands be thanked, but we believe that each man who shouldered a horn beat a drum, fingered a bass, sang a note or danced a step should receive an expression of gratitude. Each of them expended

valuable time and talent because of their belief in a cause.  
 When asked to appear, they merely said "Clad to go!" and came out and "did it" to the full enjoyment of everyone present. That's a fine spirit and we believe we are expressing the sentiment of the entire local populace when we say that our local musicians, entertainers and singers are to be congratulated for having assumed that spirit.

Some may believe that our attitude on the appearance of the DD & B School Kids from the DD & B school here the other week is radical. Let them think so. We still believe that if the State favors advanced music instruction at the institute, it should underwrite such instruction and not make it necessary for the school students to stage shows to raise funds for the requisites of such training.

We realize that students at the DD & B School deserve opportunity to learn more than mattress-folding, broom-making, chair-bow weaving, etc. and that the state should provide that opportunity. It does where other races are concerned so why not out on Garner Road?

But we are in agreement with local musicians and entertainers who figure they are getting a rough deal from local social, civic, fraternal and other groups staging dances, etc. here. Every time an event of importance is in the making, these local groups start looking all over the nation for orchestras to play and artists to entertain — entirely overlooking the fact that right here in Raleigh are some of the best in the nation.

Examples of this tendency to "bring 'em in" include the hiring of Paul Williams' group for last year's Deb dance and the listing of the Panama Bright group for the coming Jabberwock. Nothing wrong with Paul and Panama, but neither is there anything wrong with The Three Deuces, Johnny Minter or Count Hayes.  
 A Raleigh bandleader was relating how a member of the band committee for the local school prom approached him about having his group "audition" for the committee. Noting the time that auditioning would take, the leader asked why the group didn't try some other band since his would be canceled at the time the audition was set. "Oh, we've tried all over the state," he was told. "Were there other bands to be auditioned?" "No."

This little tale speaks for itself. We want to see local groups get ahead, and with help from local groups, it can be done. I personally have been directing the band for a local social club's annual formal and expect to do



**Singer Is Lecturer At Roosevelt College**  
 CHICAGO (AP) — Mrs. Edith Johnson, noted musical artist, has become a college lecturer as of Feb. 4.  
 She is to moderate a series of five lectures on Africa for Roosevelt college in connection with the school's drive for funds.  
 Mrs. Barnett will moderate these sessions at various speakers will discuss phases of African life or African problems.  
 The series is called "African Cultures Institute" with five lectures of 30 minutes each given Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25 and March 4.  
 Persons attending all five meetings for these lectures will receive special certificates from the college.  
 The meetings will be held at the Town Hall room of the Washington Park YMCA on Chicago's South side. Workers in the drive for fund will be admitted to the series free of charge.  
 This institute will be a forerunner to fully accredited courses on Africa, to be set up at Roosevelt college.  
 Chicago southerners have set up a goal of \$25,000 to help this college which was started eight years ago because its faculty did not believe in a racial and religious quota system.  
 This lecture series is coming at a time when the nation will be observing Negro History Week.  
 The same this year. Why don't other clubs, etc., let local bands play their affairs?

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then Brotherhood week.  
 In her work as a member of the women's board of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, Mrs. Barnett cites Roosevelt college as a great living example of true brotherhood in practice. This school has Negroes on its faculty as well as in its student body. Negroes also serve on its board of directors.  
 "In its various activities, Roosevelt does not select participants on basis of race, religion or color, but on qualifications," Mrs. Barnett said. "On the eve of Negro



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# YWCA ACTIVITIES

RALEIGH — The Parent Education Committee will hold their regular February meeting on Monday February 8, at the YWCA room at 8 p.m. All members are especially urged to attend this meeting. Mrs. S. F. Daly—Chairman.

The Y-Hostess Club has changed meeting time from the fourth Tuesday to the second Tuesday. The next meeting will be held at the "Y" on Tuesday night February 10, at 8 p.m. The regular date for the Fort Bragg dance is the third Monday. Mrs. Rosella Jenkins is official Hostess for this group. Mrs. Winifred Byrd—Chairman.

The 1953 Membership Drive is now in full swing. All Y members are urged to renew memberships and to urge new members to join the "Y." If you do not wish to take a part in the program and be an active member or elector,

# Chavis Heights News

**By MAY L. BROADIE**  
 Mrs. Blanche Dover of 209 Cuba Street has been ill and confined to her home for several days. Please hurry and get well Mrs. Dover.  
 Mr. Arthur Jones of South Person Street who was on the sick list was reported better.  
 Mr. Frank Chavis of S. Bloodworth St. has been ill and confined to his home his many friends are glad to hear he is better.  
 Mrs. Jannie V. Little of 1 Hyde Terrace who has been ill for several days is still improving.  
 Mrs. Flossie Jones of S. Boundary St. was reported doing nicely. Please hurry and get well Mrs. Jones.  
 Mrs. Agnes Tyson was reported much better, all friends are glad to hear.

Mrs. Ada L. Hockaday of Southwell Ave. has been ill and confined to her home for several days. Her many friends wish for her a quick get well.  
 Master Shade Jones, Jr. of Chavis Heights celebrated his 14th birthday Monday February 2. He received many nice gifts. Happy birthday Mrs. Dunston.  
 Misses Jacqueline Jones received many nice presents on her 5th birthday. Happy birthday darling.

Mrs. W. D. Sanders of St. Augustine Avenue has been ill and confined to his home for several weeks. His many friends wish for him a quick recovery.  
 Mrs. Edith Johnson of E. Morgan St. has been ill and confined to her home for several weeks. Her many friends wishes for her a very quick recovery.  
 All families are in deep sympathy with Mrs. Mary B. Sapp and family in her recent bereavement.  
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