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Chronicle Profile

Piedmont's Pagliacci

"I am in the business of dragging a forgotten minority, kicking and screaming, into the twentieth century," sighs John Duncan. His eyes dance mischievously.

"None of my neighbors know what I do for a living," he declares. "When I first moved in, they said I was a doctor, then I was a lawyer, then a pharmacist. They finally decided I was with the Mafia. I don't know what they think now."

In case anyone on Birchwood Drive is reading this, John Duncan is the founder

and director of the Mid-West Piedmont Area Business Development Organization, which assists minority businessmen in preparing loan packages, obtaining contracts, and establishing a sound business.

Last year his organization got over a million dollars worth of loans approved for its clients.

John Duncan ever wants to make a million for himself, he should record and release his phone calls.

"Hello, John Duncan speaking. You want how much for those nails? HOW MUCH?"

No good, Robin Hood. Take out your mark-up, and tell me the real price. That is the real price? No, it isn't. I know you-I like you, but I KNOW YOU. If I put you down head first in a barrel of fish hooks, you'd come out first; that's how slippery you are.

"Now, how much are those nails?"

"Muffled voice from the phone."

Duncan sighs wearily. "Where did you get the idea I was stupid? Did somebody tell you, or is it your crazy mind?"

"Are you a citizen? Because if you're not,

I'm going to have you deported for trying to be sneaky."

After a few more minutes of negotiations, he gets the right answer, and returns to the conversation.

"I'm a graduate of Winston-Salem State. I majored in Health and Physical Education. Now you're probably wondering how a P.E.

major ended up heading a business development organization."

He considers for a moment.

"I think college is basically a discipline to teach you to organize your thoughts. What you

major in is not as important as how you apply yourself."

His first job was as physical director of the Patterson Avenue Ymca. From there he went to Washington, D.C. and worked with the Civil Service Commission in various capacities, including Personnel staffing specialist, and assistant to the director of the President's Council on Youth Opportunity.

"I got back to Winston-Salem in 1972, and found that this town was living in the year 1960. Now we've

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Julius Chambers To Address Mason's Meeting

By R. Irving Boone
Special to the Chronicle

When the N.C. Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, convene in its 107th Annual Communication in Winston-Salem, October 4-6, 1977, assemblable in Annual Banquet, Wednesday, October 5, 8 p.m., the keynote address will be delivered by a nationally-famed Attorney-at-Law, the Honorable Julius LeVonne Chambers of Charlotte.

A brilliant and incisive legal mind, a scholarly and resourceful student of jurisprudence, and a vigorous and uncompromising exponent of social justice, Attorney Chambers has established an enviable record as an outstanding civil rights lawyer; and—through sheer merit—he is widely acclaimed as one of the most responsible, articulate and fearless leaders on the contemporary American scene. He is a forceful and impressive speaker, with a challenging message, appropriate for our times.

As a student at N.C. Central University, where he graduated Summa Cum Laude, with an A.B. Degree; at the University of Michigan, where he received the M.A. Degree; at Columbia University and the University of North Carolina from both of which institutions, he received the Master of Law Degree. Attorney Chambers' record is distinctly unique; and his professional activities since he entered legal practice, have been superb.

A courageous advocate of human rights, and a relentless opponent of every semblance of discrimination, Attorney Chambers was recently widely applauded when he disassociated himself from the prestigious Board of Governors of the University of N.C. System of Higher Education, in protest to certain procedures which he construed as being contrary to the principles of equity and justice.

Among his significant honors are included the following: guest instruct-

ion at Harvard University, summer of 1965; lecturer at Yale University Law School 1969; served on Inter-Governmental Task Force, City of Charlotte; appointed U.S. Commissioner for the Western District of North Carolina, November, 1965, received the Medal for Excellence, Columbia University, 1971; received the 1971 Frank Porter Graham Award from the N.C. Civil Liberties Union.

He is a member of the N. C. State Bar; the Charlotte Bar; the American Bar Association; Board

of Directors of the Southern Regional Council; National Committee for Self-Development of People; Board of Trustees of N.C. Central University; Pi Gamma Mu National Honor Society; Phi Alpha Theta National Honor Society; Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity; Prince Hall Free and Accepted Masons.

His church affiliation is Charlotte's Friendship Baptist, where he is a member of the Board of Trustees.

The senior partner in the law firm of Chambers,

Stein, Ferguse and Lanning, Attorney Chambers is rendering an eminently distinguished service-both in his widely established legal practice, in his notable civil rights and political activities.

The hundreds of Prince Hall Masons, and their guests, whose good fortune it will be to hear him at the Annual Masonic Fellowship Banquet in Winston-Salem, evening of October 5, are in for an usually rare treat!

The inspiration of this annual event will be further enhanced through

greetings from Bishop Herbert Bell Shaw, the Most Worshiped Family of North Carolina, and from other celebrities.

Awards for meritorious service in the several areas of performance, embraced in the broad functional ministries of the Grand Lodge will be presented by the Awards Committee.

Brief welcoming ceremonies, aspics of the local Steering Committee, will precede the keynote message.

Social Whirl

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serious celebrating!

"La Terre XXI" seemed to be vibrant, alive and of course well with all the hustle and bustle of the celebration of "it's all over campaigning." The Ebony Room was aglow with celebration, and there was such well wishing in a prominent Funeral Parlor until I'm sure the deceased were revitalized temporarily! There were also private celebrations at the homes of candidates victorious. The "fertilizer" of victory

I'm sure made the "tree" in the Les Arbres Club grow a few feet taller!

Decorative campaign shirts, hats, and banners were being worn by workers and made the entire affair one to be singled on the minds of politicians throughout the twin-city! Campaign Workers—the defeated as well as the victorious all agree that it was a long tiring struggle and whew—rest at last! Nice Work Politicians!!

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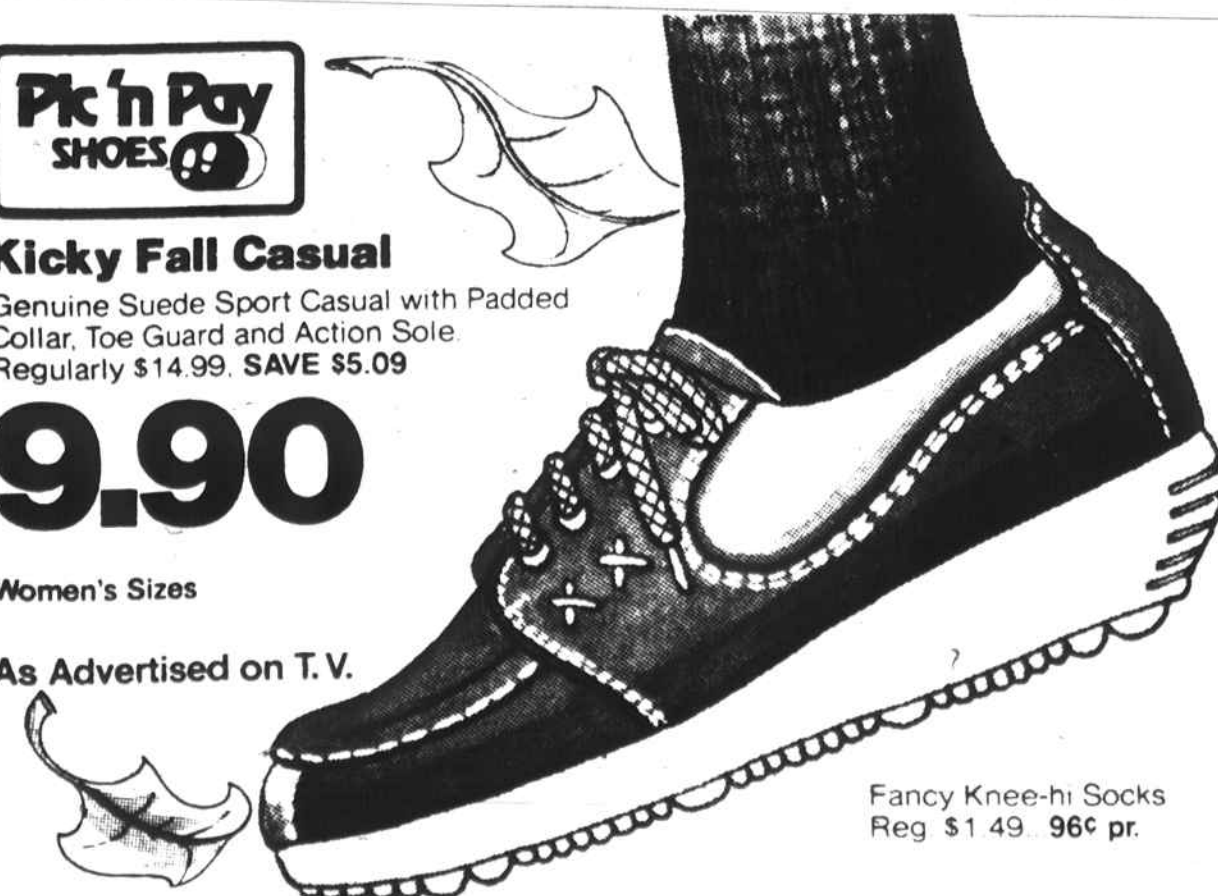
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