

Chronicle Profile

And The Band Plays On

"We're just housewives, as the old saying goes," said Mrs. Alberta Reynolds, secretary of the Senior Citizen's Rhythm Band. "The Band", as it is usually called, was started in 1969 by William Peay, Mrs. Euphonia Workman, Mrs. Esther Fountain, Mrs. Catherine Clement and Mrs. Alberta Reynolds.

Dr. Permillia Donstons in the music department at Winston-Salem State University let us rehearse there in the beginning. "Students in the department suggested that we make our own instruments, said

Mrs. Reynolds. There are approximately 26 members in "the band" with member's ages ranging from over 50 to under 85 years. The majority of the women in the group are widows. "Most of us become involved to keep from getting lonesome. We have maybe a couple of retired nurses and maybe a retired teacher, but most of us are either factory workers or housewives," Mrs. Reynolds said, adding, "most of the professional people have other things to keep them busy so they don't usually join our group."

There is a noticeable

absence of men in the rhythm band. "We have had one or two men join us every now and then, but they usually don't stay with us long," she said. I think they are just glad for women to get away so they don't have to hear all the yaking we hens tend to do," she said.

In addition to visiting nursing homes in the city "the band" traveled to Raleigh, N.C. and up near Boone.

Since there is no transportation provided for the band on the weekends the traveling and performances are done during the week. If there is a nursing home

that wants "the band" to perform at other times they usually include transportation.

According to band members, usually one performance is given during the week. It lasts approximately 1 1/2 hours and consists mainly of singing and playing hymns, however, the group will sing other groups and organizations help us out occasionally," she said.

"Probably the most interesting or unusual performance given by our group was the time we sang for the Bicentennial Program at Benton Convention Center in 1976," recalled Mrs.

Reynolds. We were all dressed in the long dresses and wore bonnets for the singing, she added.

"The scariest performance I've been in was the time we sang at WSSU I don't recall the actual date, but I do know that it was the first time I, and probably a lot of other members had ever performed on a big stage before. I do remember, though, that there were an awful lot of bright lights everywhere. Photographers were there taking pictures. The stage seemed to be really high I got a little dizzy and worried, but I



Members Of The Sr. Citizens Band

made it through the performance okay," she added.

Everyone in the band seems to enjoy performing. Dedicated is probably a better word. Since Thursday seems to be a day when all

members have fewer things to do it was agreed that on that day the main event would be band rehearsal for one hour. It's also a good time to catch up on the latest news about the grandchildren, great-

grandchildren, etc. Any nursing home that would like to receive a visit from the Senior Citizen's Rhythm Band may call the Senior Citizen House located at 2359 Patterson Avenue at 725-1906.



Mrs. Clark L. McGriff

Parker-McGriff Pair Wed

Susan Jeanca Parker became the bride of Rev. Clark L. McGriff of Petaluma, California, Saturday, January 3, at Village Baptist Church in Marvin City, California, with Rev. E.O. Akognon and Rev. S.L. Banks officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl J. Parker, 1313 McNeil Street, Petaluma, California. McGriff is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter C. McGriff, 1447 Emerald Street, Winston-Salem.

best man. Ushers were Percy VanHall of Detroit, Michigan, and Donald Parker, brother of the bride, of Fort Riley, Kansas.

The couple will live in Ft. Riley, Kansas.

Sadlers Honored On 60th Anniversary

The bride is a graduate of San Jose State University. The groom graduated from A&T State University in Greensboro and Golden Gate Seminary in Mill Valley, California. He is a captain and chaplain in the U.S. Army, stationed at Ft. Riley, Kansas.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. Maid of Honor was Miss Jelisa R. Parker, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Miss Carol Banks of Petaluma, California, and Miss Glyntona Johnson of San Rafael, California. Hubert J. Williams was

Mr. and Mrs. Melton J. Sadler, Sr., of 613 W. 25th Street, were honored Saturday, December 27, on their 60th wedding anniversary. The couple was feted by their church, St. Anne's Episcopal Church, and the former St. Stephen's Episcopal Church to highlight the celebration. The Sadlers have two sons, Melton Sadler, Jr., of Winston-Salem and Dr. George Sadler of Hartford, Conn.; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Jessup-Cooper Exchange Vows

Ethel Smith Jessup became the bride of James Lee Cooper during a civil ceremony on Tuesday, December 30, in Kingstree, S.C.

The bride is the daughter

of Mrs. Annie Smith Joyce of Pilot Mountain, N.C. The groom is the son of Mrs. Mattie Grimm of Lake City, S.C.

The couple will live in Winston-Salem.



Mrs. James L. Cooper

Omega Psi Phi To Meet

Psi Phi Chapter, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. will hold its monthly meeting Wednesday, January 14, at 8:00 p.m. at the Statesman's Club, Winston-Salem Savings and Loan Company, 120 West 3rd Street. All Omega men in the area are invited to come and participate in the chapter's activities.

The chapter recently won first place in a district effort to raise funds for the 6th District, Frederick Douglas, a local pharmacist and Omega man won the individual honor for contributing the most money to the effort.

On Friday, February 13, the chapter will sponsor "A Valentine Jam" at the Benton Convention Center from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Music will be furnished by The Ebony Music Company. All proceeds will go to the fraternity's scholarship fund.

Tickets may be secured from any Omega man. Frederick Douglas and Virgil G. Simpson are co-chairmen of the social committee. Dr. William H. Hoffer, Jr. is basileus of

the chapter. Host committee for the January meeting include Clark S. Brown, C.W. Gad-

Dennis Finishes Georgia Tech

Among the recent graduates of Georgia Institute of Technology was Gary Van Dennis of Baltimore, Md. Gary's mother, the former L. Faye Hartman, is a nursing graduate of the Old Kate Biting Reynolds Memorial Hospital and worked for many years at the John's Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore. At present she is employed in a private clinic as head nurse.

His grandmother, Mrs. Levonia H. Dixon, is a resident of Detroit, Mich, and is an avid Chronicle reader, along with her entire fami-

son, Dr. C. Brady Hauser, Ronald Peterson, Isaiah Tidwell and Richard Archia.

ly. She states that the Chronicle keeps her and her husband in touch with Winston-Salem happenings.

Mrs. Dixon and her daughter (Gary's mother, now Mrs. John Etienne) attended the commencement exercises held Dec. 13th in Atlanta, Ga. Gary received the Bachelor of Electrical Engineering Degree and will begin work Jan. 1st for Westinghouse Corp. in Baltimore.

Gary spent several summers in Winston-Salem when he was quite young. He has aunts, cousins, and friends in Winston-Salem.

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