

Close-Up

Male gardeners show their stuff

By BRENDA ROBERTSON
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Members of the Prince's Feather Flower Club plant gardens and win awards at flower shows, but what makes them different? They're an all-male group.

In fact, they are North Carolina's only black male garden club.

Hugh Smith Sr., president of the club, says it was organized about seven years ago after Roberta Cook, a member of the Along the Garden Path Flower Club, asked him about forming a male

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garden club to join the local 11-member council.

Smith says he considered the idea since he already had a garden of his own, and introduced it to some of his friends. The men liked the idea and eight joined the club, which began meeting once a year at a member's house.

They called themselves the Prince's Feather after a flower considered to be for men.

Smith was president of the club for seven years until he decided to give up his position last Saturday when the club met for a cookout.

When the 13-member club meets again in

September, William McKoy will take over as new president. Smith will step back to vice president.

"I've enjoyed it all," says Smith. "I've had a good time. It was somewhere to go, something to do."

Smith will still have somewhere to go and something to do as vice president. It just will not be as demanding.

"I still plan on staying a good member, but in an office that doesn't require much," says Smith.

Most of the members of the club are retired. Each also maintains his own vegetable and flower garden. "We get together for the fellowship," Smith says.

Smith, a retired engineering instructor at Winston-Salem State University, says that when the club first began, the members only knew of the flowers they had growing around the house. Since then, the club has held seminars with horticulturists from Forsyth Technical College and other agencies. The members learn about good planting and harvesting times, flower types and the technical aspects of gardening.

At the corner of Fifth and Third streets, the club has placed a flower plot which it maintains to help beautify the city. Planted there, says Smith, are some geraniums and dusty millers.

Smith says the members also help other clubs with their gardens. They are planning a tour of Savannah, Ga., and Charleston, S.C., in August



The members of the Prince's Feather Garden Club recently got together for fellowship. Pictured are, front row, left to right: Hugh Smith Sr., the Rev. J.W. Gwyn, Allen E. White and Acie McGhee Jr.; back row, left to right: Hugh Dobson, William E. McKoy, Robert Scales, Delray Hartsfield and Elijah Shelf. Not pictured are Robert Jeffries, C. B. Hauser, Kenneth Faulkner and Clarence Smith (photo by James Parker).

and will invite members of the other clubs.

Recently, the club participated in the Fourth District Garden Council show, winning five first-place ribbons and two second-place ribbons. Smith proudly says, "Every year, somebody in our club has won something."

Prince's Feather member Delray Hartsfield sings the club's praises. "It's been beautiful," he says. "The fellowship has been good."

Hartsfield says the club has also been an asset to the council. It helps the ladies with some of the Please see page A14

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

THURSDAY, JUNE 13

• The Winston-Salem Urban League will launch a "Male Responsibility Campaign Kick-off" at 11 a.m. at the Winston Lake Family YMCA.

SATURDAY, JUNE 15

• The Winston-Salem State University "Arts for Tots Program" will open with a conference for persons who work with youth ages 2 to 6 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Fine Arts Building. For more information on the project, write: WSSU, Box 13053, Winston-Salem, N.C., 27110.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19

• Nationally prominent black artist William T. Williams will open his one-man exhibition with an informal lecture in SECCA's Main Gallery at 8 p.m. The exhibition will last until July 21. Admission is free.

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

• The Effort Service Club is sponsoring a two-day, one-night trip to Washington, D.C., Saturday, July 13 and Sunday, July 14. The trip includes transportation, one night's lodging and tours of Ford Theatre, the Kennedy Center and the Smithsonian Institute.

The Chronicle welcomes Community Calendar notices. Announcements should be concise and typed or neatly printed. They should include the day, time, place and sponsors of the event, plus a number to call for additional information. Announcements should be addressed to the Winston-Salem Chronicle Community Calendar, P.O. Box 3154, Winston-Salem, N.C. 27102. The deadline for announcements is Monday at 5:30 p.m.

Social Notes

PAC Institute hosts reception

The 21st Century Institute for Political Action, an independent bi-partisan political action committee, hosted a reception honoring the delegates to the North Carolina State Black Republican Conference in Winston-Salem on June 7.

More than 70 PAC steering committee members and prospective members attended the reception.

The event focused on identifying prospective steering committee members, encouraging black Republicans to stand for elected office and promoting the PAC's campaign management training seminar planned for Winston-Salem, Aug. 16 through 18.

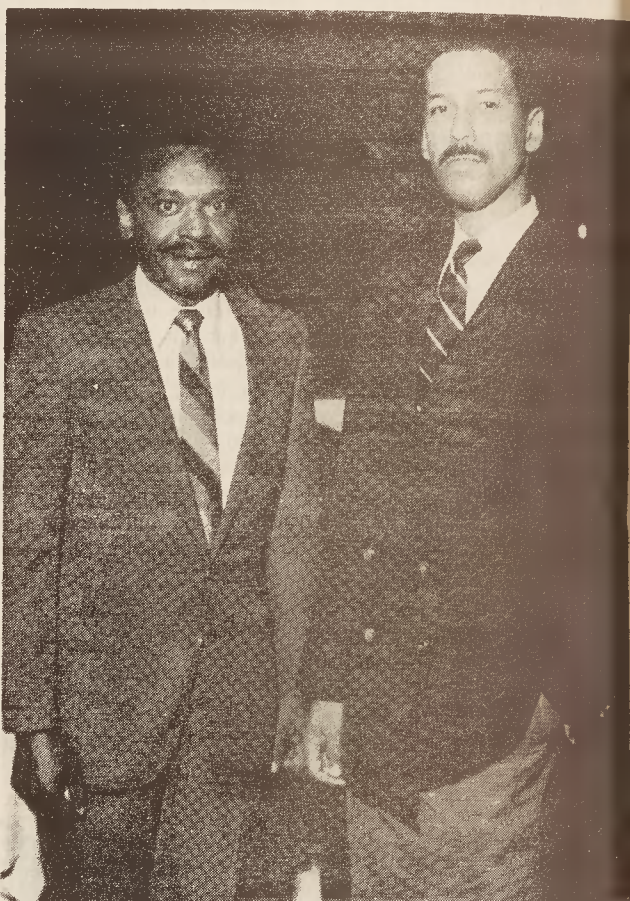
The campaign management training seminar received the endorsement of The Honorable Aaron Johnson, North Carolina Department of Corrections Cabinet Secretary; Sylvania Wilkerson, Department of Transportation assistant secretary for planning and programs and of Marion "Rex" Harris, on the board of directors of the Rainbow Coalition.

Johnson, a five-term elected official from Fayetteville prior to his cabinet appointment, said, "I ran for office three times before I won. If I had had access to a campaign management seminar to train my people, I would have won the first time out."

Vernon L. Robinson, a 21st Century Institute National board member from Winston-Salem said, The PAC's reception was well received, well attended and is an important first step in creating a bi-partisan financial base from which to pursue policy objectives including economic development, equal access to public education resources and public safety."

The three-day black Republican conference featured North Carolina Gov. James G. Martin, Congressman William Cobey, a Republican from Chapel Hill and Melvin Bradley, President Reagan's special assistant.

The conference also conducted workshops on economic development, education and grass roots politics.



Vernon L. Robinson, right, a 21st Century PAC board member, chats with Melvin Bradley, special assistant to President Reagan, during the statewide convention of the Black Republican Party held in Winston-Salem last weekend.

About Town

Chronicle receives Fortune fellow Bill Hamilton

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The Chronicle has added a new staffer for about 10 weeks. His name is Bill Hamilton, and he is a writer/instructor at Kentucky State University in Frankfort.

Hamilton comes to the Chronicle via the T. Thomas Fortune fellowship program, co-sponsored by the Miller Brewing Co. and the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA).

The Chronicle, a member of NNPA, was chosen to host this year's fellow by virtue of being named the top black newspaper in the nation for 1984.

Hamilton says, "I will have a chance to spend the summer with a quality black newspaper where I'll get a chance to share my journalism experiences with the Chronicle and the Chronicle will share its experience with me."

"I'm looking forward to a good experience."

Hamilton, 38, is an alumnus of the University of Connecticut, where he received a bachelor's degree and Columbia University



Bill Hamilton

in New York, where he received his master's.

Before teaching at Kentucky State, he worked as an intern with the Associated Press in Hartford, Conn.; as a copy writer in the advertising and public relations department of the Connecticut General Life Insurance Co., also in Hartford; as a reporter with the Bridgeport

(Conn.) Telegram, where he eventually became a copy editor; as a reporter with the Louisville Times, and as a communications specialist with South Central Bell Telephone Co.

Hamilton has been at Kentucky State for a year, where he teaches journalism and works in the university relations office. He also advises the production of the school newspaper and the yearbook.

Hamilton is married to the former Cheri Bryant, an attorney with the Kentucky Commission on Women. They have an 8-month-old daughter, Victoria

Ernest H. Pitt, co-founder and publisher of the Chronicle, was featured recently in the volunteer

spotlight of the Winston-Salem Chamber of Commerce's News Line publication.

Pitt also publishes the Black College Sports Review, a black-oriented sports magazine.

At the Chamber of Commerce he is a member of the Board of Directors and chairman of the Minority Business Council

Barbara Yvonne Hargrave of Winston-Salem recently received her doctorate in physiology from Wake Forest University's Bowman Gray School of Medicine.

She is the daughter of Dollie Hargrave of 2829 Gilmer Ave. in Winston-Salem.

She received her bachelor's degree from Hampton Institute and a master's from the Medical College of Virginia.

Eastern Star helps sick

The Eleventh District Order of the Eastern Star, Prince Hall Affiliate, held the annual sick and shut-in day at the Masonic Hall on East 14th St. on Sunday.

Dorothy Sprinkle, grand district deputy, was mistress of ceremonies.

The scriptures and opening Please see page A7



Maude Jackson, of Garden of Iris Temple No. 220, and Edward Hawkins, of Camel City Elks Lodge No. 1021, were honored at Elks Day of the Sixth District Councils of the Improved Benevolent Protective Order of the World (photo by Art Blue).

Hawkins and Jackson honored

Edward Hawkins and Maude Jackson were honored at the Fifteenth Annual Elks Day of the Sixth District Councils of the Improved Benevolent Protective

Order of the World on Sunday, June 9.

The program took place at the St. James CME Methodist Church. Please see page A13