



MR. AND MRS. J.L. TAYLOR
...Married 55 Years Ago

Taylors Enjoy Trip To Nassau

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His eyes lit up like a Christmas tree and his smile was genuine and wholesome as he told of a first experience.

Mr. J.L. Taylor had just returned from a vacation cruise to the Bahamas and the owner of the Taylor and Son Recapping Business on N. Graham St. was on Cloud Nine.

The occasion was the celebration of the 55th wedding anniversary of Mr. Taylor and his charming wife, Canary, who resides at 912 Campus St.

It all started when the Taylors motored down to Miami, Fla. last week following a one-night's stopover at Fort Pierce, Fla. They boarded the luxury ship, TS Flavia for a three day-two nights cruise to Nassau.

"She was so wonderful," Mr. Taylor said of his wife, who withstood the cruise without getting sea sick. "I would say she endured it like an old pro," he stated, praising his wife's first reaction to his first trip aboard ship.

The parents of three boys spent "two beautiful days and lovely nights enjoying the scenes at Freeport in the Virgin Islands. "There were so many impressive stores with attractive bargains and gifts, and my wife must have shopped in all of them."

One of the highlights of the cruise came during their second night aboard when the Taylors were honored by the ship's captain for being married longer than any other couple on ship.

"We thoroughly enjoyed it," Mr. Taylor beamed late Tuesday night. One of the many gifts they received was a bottle of champagne which Mr. Taylor has stored in his refrigerator for "safe keeping."

An active member of Ebenezer Baptist Church, Mr. Taylor praised the cruise to

the Bahamas as the best trip "we've been on. The food, the services and the sightseeing helps us to wish that all of our many friends had been on this beautiful ship with us," he said.

As a matter of fact, the Taylors enjoyed the trip so much that they are now planning a lengthier cruise to the Caribbeans for next July Fourth. It will be their 56th anniversary.

The cruise is scheduled to leave Fort Everglade, Fla. on Saturday at 4 p.m. It will arrive at San Juan, Puerto Rico on Monday at 3 p.m. Following a 12-hour visit, it will take them to St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands and to Montego Bay, Jamaica. A week later will find them returning to Port Everglade.

The Taylors have reserved passage on the Italian Ship SS Federico 'C.

"It's difficult, very difficult to adequately describe the beauty of a trip like this one," Mr. Taylor concluded. "I only wish some of my friends would join me and my wife on our planned cruise next year."

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Sport Car Buff Buys

\$7,100 Model A Ford

"I go for old cars," said Ransom Williams of 1411 Onyx Street, last Sunday after posing for a picture with his 1973 reproduction of a 1931 Model A Ford.

A 1931 Model A Ford was the first car ever owned and he "had been trying to buy one that looked like something for the last 15 years," said Mr. Williams.

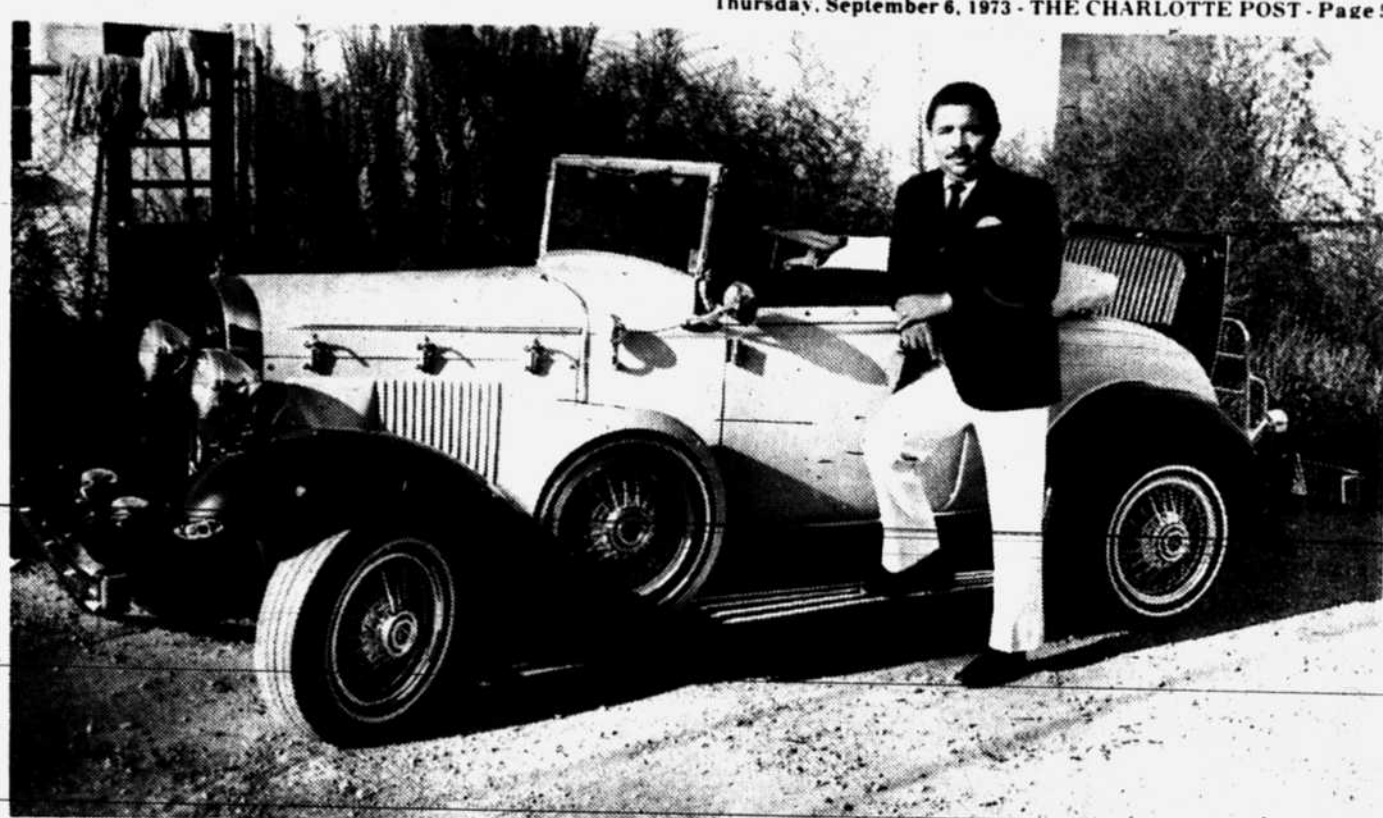
Having had no success, Mr. Williams decided to settle for a 7,100.00 Fiberglass reproduction with its 302 cubic inch engine and stick in the floor. There is no similarity between the sound of the original Model A engine and the well-tuned purring of his present pride and joy. Its lavish leather-like upholstery, from rumble seat forward

also sets it apart from the original which probably cost \$700.00 dollars instead of its luxury car price. The car is sold locally by Courtesy Ford.

Mr. Williams also owns a 48 Chevrolet which is "fixed up." He did own a 40 Ford which he gave to his son, Clarence, who still has it.

Although he goes to and sees the large crowds at antique car shows, Mr. Williams said "I don't know how many people have been to my house to look at that car." "Some people followed me home from church today," he continued just to look at it.

Old car buff, Ransom, says he has thoroughly enjoyed driving his new, old-looking car.



MODEL A FORD in its 1973 version supports old car buff and owner, Ransom Williams, as he "profiles" last Sunday after church. The classy convertible, with its rumble seat, plush

upholstery, 302 cubic inch engine spoke wheels, and fiberglass body, and costing \$7,100.00 ends Mr. Williams' 15 year quest for an original of the prized antique.

Ervin Creates New Mortgage Banking Firm

The Ervin Company has announced the formation of a mortgage banking subsidiary to be headquartered in Charlotte, North Carolina. To be named E.M.B., Inc., the wholly owned subsidiary will operate primarily in the residential lending field, in North and South Carolina.

E.M.B., Inc. will provide a full range of residential mortgage banking services, including construction and permanent loan financing. Within the first year of operation, emphasis will be placed on residential mortgages for the Ervin Company and other builder-developers operating within communities located in North and South Carolina. Future plans call for expansion into other geographical areas throughout the southeastern United States.

In a related move, James F. Nash, Ervin's Vice President and Treasurer, named Peter J. Rooney as President of the newly formed E.M.B., Inc. Rooney, prior to joining Ervin was with New York Federal Savings and Loan Association, and has been associated with the mortgage banking industry for over 20 years in the New York metropolitan area.

In commenting on the new mortgage banking firm, Nash said that "the service and financial aspects of mortgage banking represent an appropriate tie-in with the objective of Ervin's primary business of community

development, and our relationships with other builder-developers within new cities technology. With the growing trend toward conventional financing, and the increasing shortage of conventional money in the two Carolinas, this was a necessary parallel to our continuing growth. We feel that this new mortgage banking subsidiary will bring outside capital and investment funds into the Charlotte area, and provide greater stability in mortgage money markets."

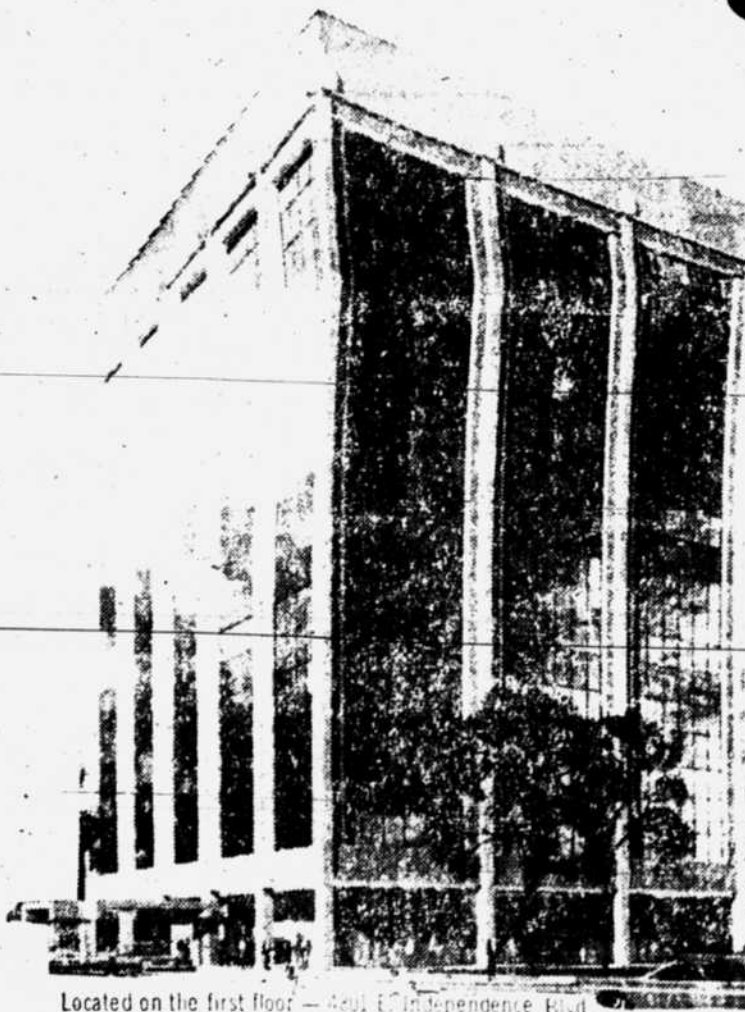
Nash added "during July-August of this year Ervin and other builders were faced with a virtual shut-down on FHA-VA funds. We anticipate that our move into mortgage banking will provide better availability of financing for our home buyers and those of builder-developer clients."

Other large building firms have taken the "grass roots" method of entering the mortgage loan business including U.S. Home and Ryan Homes. Other builders, notably Kaufman and Broad have entered via acquisitions. The National Association of Home Builders has frequently endorsed builder entry into the field, primarily as a method of promoting financing availability and stability to the home buyer.

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The dying semipro baseball season will get a re-awakening here Sunday afternoon when the Charlotte Hawks, third place finishers in the Mecklenburg County League race, will encounter the Charlotte Chief, champions of the fast Piedmont League.

The game will be played at Griffith Park, starting at 3 p.m. The Chiefs defeated the Hoskins Giants, 8-6, here last Sunday behind the slick pitching of Elmer Hunt, a 9-1 winner in Piedmont League play this year.