

# What's happening!

By Bob Johnson

Nuff said about Lincoln, Revere, Washington and the likes. In order to create a better educated awareness of the roles that Blacks have played in history, which contributed to the economy, wealth, and sovereign power of this country today. This week, which is observed throughout this country as "Black History Week", focused more attention to the darker faces of American History.

Even though contributions by Blacks have been, is, and will be made daily and therefore should rightfully take their place in the regular annals of American History.

In view of this fact some individuals and organizations presented some very appropriate affairs. Happening is proud of two of these events.

The National PHI DELTA KAPPA Sorority with ROSA GRIER as chairman, sponsored a teachorama at the Greenville Neighborhood Center. The purpose of the teachorama was to inform black children of the contributions and achievements made by Blacks in this country. Children from Chantilly, Oaklawn, and Double Oaks Elementary Schools participated in these classes.

JIMMY LOVE, PHILLIP STEELE, and DARRYL JONES were just 3 of the many students who attended. The Sorors of this progressive organization are: HELEN ALEXANDER, FRANCES WADDELL, KATHRYN WILLIAMS, ETHEL POLK, MATTIE IVEY, DIANNE SCOTT, JOHNSETTA McCLURE, WILLIE POWELL, MARY FLOWE and NELL OXNER.

The LES AIMES Social Club, in conjunction with the Gaston County Public Library, sponsored "BLACK AWARENESS WEEK" which included art exhibits by JAMES BIGGERS, ROY WOODS, and DOUGLAS SIMMS. Among the week's list of programs was one given Monday night entitled "Fulfilling America's Promise." The following people were participants: MRS. BRENDA FRIDAY, MS. HELEN GOODE, DOT GUTHRIE, JYMI McCLURE, THERON CHOATES, and MRS. AMY NEELY. DIANE HOPKINS, YVONNE GARY, MR. and MRS. DUNN, MILDRED SADLER, REV. SCOTT, FERMAN DAVIS, LORETTA GILL, ELLA McCLINTON, and MR. and MRS. HAMILTON were seen in the audience. By the way, MRS. HAMILTON received an outstanding educator award for her "untiring work in the community."

MR. and MRS. ARTHUR GARY of 2420 LaSalle Street will celebrate their Golden Anniversary (50 years) on Saturday, March 8.

MR. and MRS. GARY have gifted our community with seven lovely daughters and two sons. There remains an off-spring of thirty grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Big Daddy and Big Mama, as they are addressed by all members of the family, have resided in Charlotte since arriving from Greenville, South Carolina more than half of a century ago. He is 67 years old and she is 65.

They will repeat their vows at the First Baptist Church, 1020 South Church Street, where they are members. Following, will be a reception held at the Excelsior Club on Beatties Ford Road.

A big welcome back home is in order for REGINALD "DUCK" SCALES and CHARLES and BETTY JEFFERS, who spent some time last week in New Orleans at the Mardis Gras.

MABEL WILLIAMS of Dawnshire Drive hosted a Hawaiian Luau last Saturday night. The affair which featured Polynesian Rice, all sorts of Hawaiian food and Hawaiian music was attended by KATHY STARR, HAZEL KOONTZ, DIANE SPENCE, JACKIE PETERS, LIBBY WEBBER, AILENE NEELY, DEBORAH DAWKINS, and DORIS JOHNSON. The hostess, who was attired in a beautiful Hawaiian outfit, showed films of her stay in Hawaii amid decorations and pictures of many of the Hawaiian Islands.

A baby shower was given recently for MRS. MINNIE ALLISON. The shower, which had as its basic color scheme green and yellow, was hosted by EDNA JOHNSON and PAULA MASON. BRENDA HOOVER was seen playing Pokeno and other baby games. Along with BRENDA were: EDWINA HAYES, ELLOREE ERWIN, ALVINE ROBINSON, DEE DOLBY, HATTIE AUDREY, MARY ARNOLD, CAROLYN EVANS, ROBERTA FORD, BETTY McDOWELL, JOSEPHINE ALLISON, LINN MITCHELL, GERALDINE BROWN, and THOMASINA JOHNSON.

HAPPENING has run out of space...But before I let you go....Remember that reality can be swinging...Until next time why don't you..... ROCK EASY!!



THREE GENERATIONS OF AKAS - Mrs. Letha Caldwell, left, daughter, Thomasina, center, took the occasion of last Saturday night's Founder's Day Dinner to pose for a three generation photo with the youngest member. The Buffet dinner was held at Heart of Charlotte Holiday Inn. See story and pictures on page 6. Photo by Peeler.

## For New Uniforms

# J. C. Smith Initiates Fund-Raising Project

Johnson C. Smith University has recently initiated a fund raising project to purchase 100 new band uniforms for the school term 1975-76. According to Marvin Davenport, the JCSU band director, this effort was spurred by the current band members and has been accepted as a total school community project.

Dr. Wilbert Greenfield explained the need for new uniforms in these words: "Traditionally, in schools and colleges across the nation, the

most overt signs of school spirit are demonstrated by marching bands and the drum majors and majorettes which accompany them in parades and at athletic events. This is an important element in the life of an institution. Not only does it spur athletic competition. It also tends to bind together people of common interest in mutual support of team and school."

The students are being joined in their support of the band uniform drive by the administrative, faculty and staff.

Signs displayed on the campus are printed with such slogans as: "Give a Hoot! Buy a Suit" and "Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is - Support Your Band Uniform Drive."

Local businesses, organizations, alumni and friends of the University have been asked to participate in the drive which will culminate next June. "With the help of these groups, the entire Charlotte community can feel the pride and exhilaration that a well-dressed band stimulates," Dr. Greenfield asserted.

With new attire, the band expects to expand its membership and to offer more public programs and concerts in the future.

## Charlotte Links Honor

### Outstanding Prep Students

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bit at the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Library.

Members of the Charlotte Links are Mrs. John Randolph, president; Mrs. Howard Barnhill, Mrs. Joseph Belton, Mrs. Cora Booton, Mrs. J. A. Boykin, Mrs. William Bullock, Mrs. Eddie Byers, Mrs. Walter Byers,

Mrs. Julius Chambers, Mrs. Sidney Dobson, Mrs. Spencer Durante, Mrs. Robert Greene, Mrs. Wilbert Greenfield, Mrs. Reginald Hawkins, Mrs. Aurelia Henderson, Miss Edna Morris, Mrs. Iris North, Mrs. Raymond Rorie, Mrs. Marvin Rorie, Mrs. John Shadd, Miss Allegra Westbrook, Mrs. A. J. Williams, and Mrs. Roy Wynn.

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## Tips On Filing Returns

Here are tips from the Veterans Administration on federal income taxes for veterans filing returns.

In general, officials noted, veterans benefits are exempt from federal income tax, and need not be reported as income.

This income tax exemption applies to dividends and proceeds from government life insurance policies, but federal estate tax does apply to insurance proceeds. Also, interest earned on government life insurance dividends left on deposit or credit with VA is considered income and must be reported on federal income tax returns, it was explained.

Among major tax exempt veterans benefits are compensation, pension, GI Bill and other educational assistance, including subsistence payments to vocational rehabilitation trainees.

Also exempt are grants to service disabled veterans eligible for specially adapted homes and cars.

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