

What's happening!

By Bob Johnson

The Ira Aldridge Dramatic Guild of Johnson C. Smith University presented a three act play March 13, 14 and 16. The play, "Ten Little Indians" by Agatha Christie was held in Biddle Auditorium on campus.

The young cast consisting of LARRY SMITH, DALE COBB, RONALD BURWELL, HELEN COUNCIL, MILTON TODD, THOMAS GLOVER, LEROI LANGSTON, WALLACE LOGGINS, PHOEBE SINGLETON, PERCY RIDGEWAY and ERNEST VANN performed very commendably under the



skillful direction of HENRIETTA RHEDRICK. Some of the people present for Sunday afternoon's performance ANITA DOVER, DELORES MCGHEE, JACKIE RODDEY, KATHERINE WEATHERS, DWIGHT PINSON, TONY GORE, GLEN ADDISON, CLARENCE CHISHOLM, JANCIE HAMLET, SHARON TRICE, LEONARD BODRICK, JAMES COVINGTON, JACOB REID, PAM FAVORS, FELICIA MILLER, KATHY MORRIS, ALTHEA JOHNSON, CONSTANCE FISHER, GWENDOLYN HENDERSON, GRILLIAM WILSON, ETHEL GRINKLEY, SHERLEEN MARK, DIANE PHILLIPS, SAM BLACKWELL and GLENICE RHEDRICK. DR. SHIRLEY GOODMAN, a psychology professor at Johnson C. Smith University was treated to a very exquisite bridal shower last Friday night. The affair hosted by BONNIE PINDER, and JANE THOMAS was held at MRS. PINDERS' charming place on Eastway Drive. Other ladies present at this connubial happening were: MARGARITE DELANEY, JONNIE COWAN, EVA REID, GLORIA PICKETT, DORIS HOLDEN, ANN RODDEY and MILDRED TAYLOR.

Little Miss CAROL JONES celebrated her eighth birthday last Saturday at the club house of the Claridge Apartments.

The pretty miss enjoyed all of the things that happened to make her birthday celebration a grand one, "pin the tail on the donkey" "Pool" "dancing," eating lots of ice cream, and cake, and listening to 10 year old CARL JONES play drums. "Look out BILLY COBHAM!"

Some of Carol's friends seen having big fun with her were ERIC GRANT, RHONDA FERGUSON, MONTRICIA FERGUSON, CORWIN ALEXANDER, CARLOS ALEXANDER, LISA CULBRETH, RODNEY CULBRETH, GEORGE WILLIAMS, JANICE WILLIAMS, LASONYA THOMPSON, CHRISTA McNAIR, RENA JONES, SHARON BING, NICKIE BING, TONY BING, ROSHON SISTRUNK, SMACK SISTRUNK, TAMMY FERGUSON, DANNY MARTIN and DEARDRE LEEPER. By the way little Carol is the daughter of Billy and Vera Jones.

Saturday March 22nd - The McCrorey Branch of the Y.M.C.A. will sponsor an evening of abundant happenings. Included are two basketball games and a dance.

Disappointment is traveling about 100 miles to see what must have been a real magnetic show, according to the number of people turned away. Happening is making reference to the rock show staged in Greensboro last Saturday night. A number of people traveled from this area to see the Ohio Players, Graham Central Station and B.T. Express perform. Among the disappointees who had to spend the evening doing the boogie to the sounds of Johnny White and the Crusaders at the Cosmos Club were: FREDDIE PURDUE, FREIDA BROOME, CHARLES and LOIS JOHNSON, MARILYN CUNNINGHAM, GWEN TATE, SANDRA BROOME, JACKIE BROOME, BRENDA HOPKINS, TOOTIE GRIER and BETTY GLENN.

West Charlotte High School's class of 1965 gave a tea at the Elk's Lodge last Sunday from 4-11. Some of the participants in this function were: JAMES DUNCAN, LAURA WEBBER, PEARL BAUKNIGHT, FREDDIE DIAL, IRIS JONES, GERALD JOHNSON, SARAH PHILLIPS, EVELYN PHILLIPS MOSS, JESSIE ROBERSON JR., BRENDA MOORE, FLORENTINE MILLER, DAVID MORGAN, MICHELLE GRAY, GALE MORGAN, SYLIBIA BOWEN, TENNYSON JOHNSON, ROBERT HUBBARD, SHELLY and BETTY LAWRENCE, ROGERS GRAY, CAMILLE SAUNDERS, CASSANDRA MATTHIS, WALTER BUFORD, LYCURGUS OATES, HAROLD RICE, PAULETTE WALLS, and ALPHONSO DUNCAN. Happening hopes the weather is more favorable the next time you sponsor something people.

JOE and MINNIE ALLISON are the proud parents of a 6 pound, 5 ounce baby girl TENITRA MIETTE ALLISON. Happening grants best wishes to two beautiful people, and may they have many more.

Happiness is neither within us only, or without us; it is the union of ourselves with God....Until our next rap session ROCK EASY!!



Rev. Ira Anthony, right helps a customer in one of his three "Stop Rite" convenience food stores around Winston-Salem, N. C. After some initial problems setting up in business, Rev. Anthony, with the assistance of the U. S.

Commerce Department's Office of Minority Business Enterprise (OMBE) now has a thriving business which he expects will gross \$650,000 next year.

Rev. Ira Anthony

Black Succeeds, "With A Little Help From Friends"

Rev. Ira L. Anthony was born near Blues Creek, N. C. in 1928. In that place, in those times, few blacks even learned a trade, much less owned a business.

Today, "with a little help

from his friends," Rev. Anthony is a community leader in Winston-Salem, and the owner of a prosperous three-store convenience food chain which he expects to gross \$650,000 this year.

How did he do it?

"Hard work, determination, and a feeling of dissatisfaction with the way things were - but 'constructive dissatisfaction' these things helped me to get ahead," says the 47-year old Rev. Anthony.

His "Stop-Rite" food chain operation had its roots in Rev. Anthony's distant past, when he came as an ambitious young man to Forsythe County "from the country" to secure employment with the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company as a "Sweep-up" man.

While still an employee of R. J. Reynolds, Rev. Anthony borrowed \$2,000 from two loan companies to open a small family grocery store, which was run by his wife, although she still had seven children to raise.

But it wasn't until he visited the Forsythe County Economic Development Corporation (FCEDC), funded by the U. S. Department of Commerce's Office of Minority Business Enterprise, that Rev. Anthony saw the possibilities of expansion and success as a businessman.

With the help of FCEDC's Jim Hansley, a graduate of Temple University with extensive venture capital and business experience, Rev. Anthony was able to put together a loan package to assist him in acquiring a successful operation which was expanded to seven convenience food stores.

North Carolina A&T

To Build New Stadium

North Carolina A&T State University's Board of Trustees announced Tuesday plans to build a football stadium.

The trustees approved a proposal to seek more than \$1,293,000 in funding for the stadium. Dr. Lewis C. Dowdy,

chancellor of A&T, said it is hoped that \$500,000 of the amount will be sought in a campaign from friends and corporations. The remaining \$793,000, he said, would come from student fees.

Dowdy said the proposed stadium to seat 20,000 fans, would be constructed on the university's present practice field on the campus. He said that a successful drive would mean that the new facility would be ready for use by next September.

The new facility would be constructed of steel with aluminum seating and backs and would contain concession stands, locker rooms and an Aggie Booster and VIP club-room.

Dowdy said the university will seek 1,000 individual or corporate contributions for the stadium fund. Contributors of \$500 or more will be given a lifetime pass for the stadium events.

JCSU To Offer

Water Safety

Courses

Water Safety Training courses will be held during the month of April at Johnson C. Smith University. The program is sponsored by the Johnson C. Smith University Physical Education Department.

"Updating Senior Life-saving" for life safety instructors presently holding certificates will be held from Tuesday April 1 through Friday April 4 from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m.

"Advance Senior Life-saving" for new people will be held from Saturday April 5 through Friday April 11 from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. From 7 p.m. thru 10 p.m. on April 14, 15, 16 and 21, 22 and 23 Part I of the "Water Safety Instructor Course" will be held. Part II will be held at Queens College starting April 28.

Registration is presently being conducted at the University Swimming Pool on the JCSU campus or at the Red Cross Building on Park Road.

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Optional School Deadline Set For Thursday, March 27

Optional schools and components have begun the process of asking present optional school parents to indicate whether or not their children will continue in optional programs next year. Charlotte-Mecklenburg School officials said today.

However, school officials said, selection of new students to attend optional schools or components next year will be delayed until the Board of Education makes final decision about selection guidelines.

Beginning last week, each optional school is sending re-enrollment request forms to the parents of each child enrolled. These forms must be completed and returned to the school by Thursday, March 27. The Board of Education has decided that present optional students, except some in kindergartens, will be given priority to continue in those programs next year.

Present optional kindergarten students will not be automatically reassigned to their optional school's first grade if such assignment would seriously reduce enrollment in the first grade of the conventional school which they would normally attend or if such assignment would increase to more than 45 percent black the ratio of the conventional school's first grade.

The actual selection of new students had been previously planned to begin after April 15, school officials said. A new deadline will be set and announced shortly after final board actions are taken.

Complete step-by-step guidelines are necessary before applications for new

students can be made available, school officials said, and these regulations depend in part on actions by the board.

After the Board makes its final decisions, school officials said, adequate notice and ample time will be given for new students to apply for admission to optional schools next year.

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Prepared from the Annual Statement filed with the NORTH CAROLINA State Insurance Department December 31, 1974

Assets	Liabilities
Cash \$ 1,881,092	Statutory Policy Reserves \$102,774,169
Bonds U.S., Canadian and Other \$ 3,855,821	Policy Claims Currently Outstanding 8,311,644
State and Municipal 8,334,943	Dividends to Policyowners 4,237,762
Railroad 4,279,085	Other Policy Liabilities 12,697
Public Utility, U.S. and Canada 23,195,770	Interest, Rents, and Premiums Paid in Advance 483,502
Industrial and Miscellaneous 37,638,590 77,501,209	Taxes and Accrued Expense 2,055,653
Stocks Preferred \$ 3,087,037	Employee Benefit Reserves 598,490
Common 1,031,347 4,118,384	Mandatory Security Valuation Reserve 50,868
Mortgage Loans Conventional \$28,366,017	Other Liabilities 1,591,472
Insured or Guaranteed 7,455,160 35,821,177	TOTAL LIABILITIES \$120,116,257
Real Estate Properties for Company use \$ 6,776,573	Contingency Reserve and Surplus
Other Properties 224,238 7,000,811	Reserve for Contingency \$7,004,922
Policy Loans 3,290,326	Asset Fluctuation Reserve 2,500,000
Investment Income Due and Accrued 1,682,421	Unassigned Surplus 9,000,000 18,504,922
Premiums in Course of Collection 6,824,479	TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS \$138,621,179
Cash Value - Policies on Officers 390,232	
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