



"FIRST LADY" IRIS BATTLE poses with her birthday cake and members of The Second Mile Club who honored her with a Birthday Fellowship last Friday in the basement of Gethsemane A.M.E. Zion Church's Cemetery and Campus Streets location. A delighted Mrs. Battle received numerous gifts to mark the occasion. Photo by Peeler.

Second Mile Club Fetes

Mrs. George E. Battle

The Second Mile Club of Gethsemane A.M.E. Zion Church feted Mrs. Iris Battle, their pastor's wife, with a Birthday Fellowship in the church's lower level last Friday night.

Approximately 100 guests, including 11 members of the Second Mile Club, greeted a happy Mrs. Battle at the 8:30 p.m. affair. Many of the guests also attended the Friday Night Holy Week Service

which was held prior to the party, according to Mrs. Francine Jordan, President of the organization.

An atmosphere of joviality pervaded the gathering as they snacked on home-made cake, Lime Frappe and nuts.

The club chose a color scheme of blue and green for the tables and pink and white for Mrs. Battle's birthday cake.

The honoree received many beautiful gifts including an assortment of perfumes, an apron, electrical appliances, jewelry, cosmetics, a hand bag and monetary gifts.

Mrs. George Battle, the honoree, is a member of the club whose officers are: F. Jordan, President; S. Currence, Vice President; E. Anthony, Secretary; I. Limous, Treasurer; E. Harrison, Chairman of the Program Committee, and M. Collins, Chairman of the Cheer Committee.

mezzanine of the Main Library (310 N. Tryon). It will run until April 20 and is free and open to the public.

The show will feature works by area artists including Juan Logan, Ethel Guest, B.D. Roberts, Lamar Brigman, Dean Barber, Edna Ratliff, Charles Rodgers, Winston Fletcher and Terry Baucom. Painting, sculpture, drawings, and crafts will be exhibited.

The exhibit is the first of a three phase "Fine Arts in Focus" program undertaken by the local Links. After the visual arts phase, the local group will emphasize the performing arts in 1976 and the dramatic arts in 1977.

Links, Inc. is a national organization of 132 chapters. The local chapter, organized in 1955, has set up scholarships, distributed food and clothing to the needy, helped build a playground and contributed to the United Negro College Fund.

Links Will Present First Phase Of Art

An art exhibit, sponsored by the Charlotte chapter of Links, Inc., will open at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, April 6, on the

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Adult Education courses will begin at Independence Senior High School on April 8. Classes are held in conjunction with CPCC on Tuesdays and Thursdays evening from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Registration will be held on April 8 and 10.

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Mrs. Betty McCain Heads Bennett Alumnae

Bennett College alumnae chapters in North Carolina, South Carolina, and Alabama recently met in Charlotte, to lay the foundations for The Southeast Alumnae Region.

And three Charlotteans are among the newly elected regional officers. They are Mrs. Betty McCain, president; Miss Doris Bowman, assistant secretary; and Mrs. Shirley Kennedy, business manager.

Other officers elected are Mrs. Carrie Mayfield, of Winston-Salem, as Vice President; Miss Myra Davis of Greensboro as secretary; and Mrs. Estelle Miller of Gastonia as treasurer.

"This is the fifth regional organizational structure for Bennett's National Alumnae Association," explained Mrs. Ellease R. Browning, Director of Alumnae Affairs.

"It is our feeling that such a structure affords more control over the alumnae giving pro-

gram, while also improving the channels of communication between alumnae and Bennett."

She added that the regional structure would stimulate well planned support programs and draw chapters in the seven regions of the country closer together to work for common goals.

Bennett's president, Dr. Isaac H. Miller addressed the group of women at Charlotte's Downtown Motor Inn. He discussed the colleges' projected plans as based on its receiving of a \$1.5 million grant under the Advanced Institutional Development Program. He cited the priority areas of development including the improving of institutional management; upgrading and innovating of the curriculum and added advancement options; and improving of the student services

program. Among the concerns of alumnae attending the one-day organizational meeting were alumnae recruitment programs, alumnae involvement in the community, training of more qualified black educators, the establishment of a continuing education program, and the importance of alumnae annual giving.

During a period of interaction, Dr. Miller urged the alumnae to become more involved in publicizing the success stories of the black colleges and universities. He stated that support meant more than just "writing a check."

The regional officers will be meeting on the Greensboro campus of the school to formulate plans for the first regional conference on May 9 during the Alumnae-Commencement Weekend.

States represented in the Southeast regional are North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi and Tennessee.

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By selling general obligation bonds for the Airport, this will remove \$55 million from the City's authority to sell bonds for more essential needs, such as parks, sidewalks, housing, health and human services facilities. Each dollar spent on a general obligation bond for the Airport means that, that dollar cannot be spent on things we have asked for."

The Northwest Community Action Association will work to inform Black citizens of the reasons we oppose the Bonds," said Campbell.

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