

What's Happening!

By Bob Johnson

SURPRISE PARTY....Edna Washington is very pleased these days. The reason for the satisfied look she is sporting was the total success of a surprise birthday party she hosted for her nephew David Culp recently.

The family gathering was held at their home on Arrowood Road where everything that makes a birthday party great was evident. A variety of deliciously cooked food, including two birthday cakes, fine drinks and most of all beautiful people including: Willie Washington, Carrie Lee Washington, Rosetta Washington, Monroe Washington,



Jerry Culp, Raefield Culp, George Washington, Carrie Broome, Luvenia Culp, Richard Culp, Vivian Culp, Dwayne Culp, George Erwin, Doris Erwin, Fredrick Robinson, Deborah Robinson, James Robinson, Junior Robinson, Tony Robinson, Andre Culp, Mary Culp, Mary Washington, Chiang Washington, Maggie Washington, Shirley Ellison, Gwendolyn Buckson, James Limus, Albert Young, Ronnie Sanders, Jake Miller, Fred Culp and Teresa Culp.

CONGRATULATIONS....James Oscar Cuthbertson Jr. a talented young Charlotte writer takes his place in the winners circle this month. The 25 year old penman wrote a short story, entitled "Rag Sally", that will be printed in this month's issue of Essence Magazine. In this writer's opinion, the story is worth reading, and it shows promise of a great career for brother Cuthbertson.

FOOTBALL FUN....Controversy seems to be the order of the day whenever Johnson C. Smith plays in Memorial Stadium, and last Saturday was no exception. The golden Bulls of Johnson C. Smith won a very interesting football game at that time, against the Eagles of North Carolina Central University. Aside from the discontent shown by the fans concerning the officiating, the Bulls played one of if not their best game of the season.

There were many fans there from Smith and Central. Among them were: Cliff Johnson, Richard Jamison, Grady Johnson, Rayford Means, Zebria Baldwin, Troy Rivens, Bill Massey, Gwendolyn Diggs, Walter Brewer, Virginia Massey, Oren Alexander, Kathy Robertson, Bernard Roberson, Harold Parks, Robert Stradford, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Alston, Barbara Page, James Taylor, Bob Erwin, John Holloway, Bill Leak, Willie Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hubbard, Mr. and Mrs. John Granger, Sidney Verble, Jerry Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. Isiah Tidwell, Bob Wiley, James and Gloria Fredricks, Don Pearce, Ed Flowers and Cara Pearson.

DINNER PARTY....After a very pleasing afternoon watching Smith edge Central. Many people were invited to Mr. and Mrs. Belton Halls home on Barringer Drive for an after game feast. Mrs. Belton should have been a lady chef, for the meal she had prepared was scrumptious. The spread consisted of very tasty fried chicken, spaghetti and meat sauce, potato salad, tossed salad, fresh collard greens, potato pie, coconut cake and rolls. While the guest were digesting this very fine morsel, they engaged in rapt conversation that invariably drifted back to the earlier events of the day.

The guest list for this festive repast consisted of Chester and Leola Jenkins - daughter and son-in-law of the Halls, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph L. Milford, Darlene Brewer, Mrs. Ora Huey, Ms. Mary McGriff, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Riley, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin J. Nunn Jr., Mr. Lattis Jenkins, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Harrison, Mary Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Willie L. Johnson Jr., Richard Butler, Robert Johnson, Doris Massey, Thelma Hall and Inez Hall.

ALUMNI DANCE....Saturday night the Charlotte Chapter of the North Carolina Central Alumni Association sponsored a dance at the Royal Villa Inn on I-85. The dance featuring the Harper Brothers got off to a very slow start, but toward the end had everybody on the floor jamming. Willie Dunham, Purcell Bowser, Hazel Freeman, Barbara Floyd, Gussie Floyd, Otto Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Taylor Jr., Mr. and Mrs. James Yancey, John Elliott, Virginia Watson, Bill McComb, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Holman and Sam Davis were among the people in attendance.

ROCK SHOW....Graham Central Station put on what has been considered by some people as the best soul rock performance that's been in this area lately. Included in their show was a tamborine chorus to the tune "Can You Handle That", an audience participation section, and dy-no-mite playing of most of their tunes.

Yvette Audrey, Derrick Henry, Doris Stackston and Frank Jones really enjoyed the show. Betty Davis was also on the bill that was m.c.ed by the very colorful David Wilson.

Defeated Candidate

Walton Is Disappointed But Not Disillusioned

By Sidney Moore Jr. Post Staff Writer

In an exclusive statement recently made to The Charlotte Post, defeated City Council candidate Robert "Bob" Walton said, "It's only human to be disappointed but I'm not disillusioned."

Walton expressed his deep appreciation for all the people who volunteered to work with his campaign. He indicated that he will try to maintain contact with many of these workers. He hopes they will help solve some of the problems that prevented him from being elected in his first try at running for public office.

Of these problems, Walton said the black community needs further education and preparation to reach the point where it can take better advantage of "the political opportunities that are occa-



Robert "Bob" Walton
...Wachovia Bank Manager

sionally available to it." Walton explained that if more black people had voted, two black candidates could have been elected to city council this year. Incumbent

Harvey Gantt, who was first appointed to city council, won his bid for election to the council.

One way to get more people to vote, Walton indicated, is to get more black people registered.

"We are going to be doing what we can with other black groups," said Walton. "We are going to try to find out what it takes to get black people involved in politics." The defeated candidate did not blame all of his problems on the community, however. He said, "Perhaps I did not spend enough time in the black community."

Walton said he was especially disappointed that black voters in middle class communities did not turnout in as great of numbers as he had anticipated. They also voted for one candidate -- Gantt -- seemingly forgetting that Walton was also a black candidate.

With these kinds of analyses it would seem that Walton intends to run again for political office.

He said, "I certainly do feel that I will offer myself again for public office. I don't know what or when."

His election to office is not the main thing people should look at, Walton insisted. He said blacks, while not a majority of the citizens of Charlotte, are a large enough minority to determine the outcome of many elections. He said the community should be more aware of the power it can wield in this community and use it to the best advantage possible.

Walton, a bank employee and pastor of St. Paul United Presbyterian Church, said his motives are not selfish. He said he wants to render service to the community.

Las Amigas Inc. Will

Sponsor "Harvest Ball"

The Mecklenburg Chapter of Las Amigas, Inc., will sponsor a "Harvest Ball" (Dance) on Friday, November 21, from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Civic Center, 200 East Trade Street.

Music will be played by the Magnificence Band of Gastonia.

Proceeds from the dance will benefit Las Amigas' charitable projects.

Tickets may be purchased in advance from any of the following Las Amigas mem-

bers: Mrs. Ethel Alexander, Vertis Armstrong, Barbara Atwater, Arcasia Brewer, Lula Gaskin, Johnnie Geire, Mildred Grier, Bettye Hairston, Dora T. Johnson, Dora R. Mason, Paula M. Jeffries, Sandra Murdock, Helen Price, Madie Smith, Sarah Staton, Andra Surratt, Frances Tarpley, Evelyn Turner, Gerri Wiley, Carol Williams, Catherine Williams, Theodora Witherspoon, Johnnie Young.

YMCA To Offer Lifesaving Courses

An advance lifesaving course will be taught November 18-20, 24-25 and December 1-3, 8-10 by the Hartley Woods Gymnasium.

The course will be taught from 7 to 9 p.m. in the gymnasium swimming pool. Registration for the course will be held Tuesday November 18 from 6:45 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. at the gym.

The textbook for the course, Lifesaving: Rescue and Water

Safety, is available at the American Red Cross on 2425 Park Road at a cost of \$2.50.

In some cases college credit can be arranged for the course. For further information contact C. R. Cox of the Johnson C. Smith University physical education department.

Attend the church of your choice each Sunday.

Public Library To Celebrate "Book Week"

Children (and adults, too) will be able to vote for their favorite children's books in a special celebration of National Children's Book Week (Nov. 17-22) at the Public Library of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County.

All 16 public libraries in the system will have voting machines programmed with the titles of twenty children's

classics. Voters may select up to three titles. Librarians and some volunteers from the League of Women Voters will be available to help the children learn how to operate the voting machines.

The project is planned to call attention to Children's Book Week as well as to serve to educate children in the use of voting machines.

The week-long program is made possible with help from the Board of Elections and the Voter Education Committee of the League of Women Voters.

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