

# What's happening!

By Bob Johnson

## Gala Birthday Party Surprises Mrs. Henderson

A surprise birthday party, given by Mrs. Ruby Alexander, in honor of her mother, Mrs. Frankie Henderson of Huntersville, N. C. was held recently at the Holiday Inn at I-85 and Sugar Creek Road.

As the honoree (Mrs. Henderson) entered the party room, there was singing and merriment among the guests. Afterwards, Mrs. Alexander presented her mother with a red and white corsage which enhanced the red and white decor that permeated throughout the party room.

Another highlight of the evening occurred when Ms. Brenda Tucker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Quincy Tucker of Cornelius, N.C. serenaded Mrs. Henderson with a beautiful rendition of the song, "Sweetheart Tree."

Sharing in the birthday celebration were Mrs. Henderson's five sisters, Mrs. Barbara Brown, Ms. Helen Currence and Mrs. Buelah Reid of Salisbury, N.C.; Mrs. Mamie Strong of Huntersville, N.C.;



MRS. FRANKIE HENDERSON  
...Amid singing, merriment

and Mrs. Novella Wingard of Greensboro.

The special events of the evening included getting acquainted and guessing games,

presentation of gifts, serving of refreshments, dancing and socializing, providing for everyone present an enjoyable and festive occasion.

## Pinworm Control Effort Starts Here

A community-wide information campaign to alert Charlotte area residents to the problems of pinworm infection will be launched Monday, spearheaded by a visiting pediatric specialist.

According to medical experts, national averages suggest approximately ten percent of the Charlotte population suffer from pinworm infections.

The campaign aims to inform residents of towns such as Charlotte of this community health problem. Until more people are aware, the widespread incidence of this intestinal parasite cannot be controlled, nor reduced.

The main target of the program will be parents of pre-teenage and grade-school children. Medical sources emphasize that while children ages 4 to 12 are the most readily identified victims, anyone can become infected.

Experts say some 70 to 80 percent of pinworm cases are unreported and untreated because people seem to feel that a diagnosis of pinworm infection is a reflection on their personal hygiene standards. The experts explained this to be an unwarranted feeling. Pinworm eggs, they said, can be picked up anywhere and by anybody -- from a table top, a washroom towel, a school bus seat--almost anything an infected person has contacted.

The pinworm is the only

intestinal worm that does not require development time outside the human host. Pinworm eggs can survive up to two weeks in the open air and still cause an infection. Pinworm infection shows no significant seasonal trend and occurs widely in temperate zones, including all of the United States.

Medical sources say ingestion and inhalation are the two ways pinworms are transferred from one person to another. A child could eat a sandwich or a piece of candy with microscopic pinworm eggs still clinging to it, that was given to him by an infected child. The child swallows the food and the eggs, thus contracting a pinworm infection.

Another way of transferring the eggs according to the pediatric specialist, results from a mother of an infected child shaking out the bed sheets, unknowingly sending pinworm eggs airborne. These eggs can be inhaled by anyone in the area and pinworm is spread once more.

The medical spokesperson explained because pinworm infection spreads so easily, only a concentrated community awareness program can call parental attention to the pinworm problem and thus lead to its reduction.

The major symptom of pinworm infection is rectal itch-

ing especially during sleep when the female pinworm emerges to deposit her eggs on the rectal area. In young children, the often violent scratching of the perianal area can lead to inflammation, as well as loss of sleep, drowsiness during school hours, and irritability.

Medical personnel report there are pleasant tasting medications available that have proven extremely effective in treating pin worm -- usually with just one dose. But they stress the major problem remains in controlling the spread and getting those infected to see their doctors.

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FISH FRY EXCITEMENT.....Edna Washington of 717 Arrowood Road sponsored a two day fish fry recently, that was filled with a lot of excitement and a lot of food. The food for the occasion consisted of hot dogs, potato salad, pickled pig feet, all kinds of cakes, pies and custards, with a variety of tasty beverages to wash it down.

Many rock tunes were danced and listened to while Bennet and Mary Miller, Raphael and Peggy Culp, Daisy Hicklin, Shirley Crawford, Isabelle Crawford, Adele Hicklin, Freddy Purdue, Minnie Purdue, Alfreda Broome, Andre Culp, Jerry Culp, Hazel Holmes, James Limus, David Culp, Levant Washington, Mary Culp, Carrie Broome, Monroe and Osie Culp, Maggie



Washington, Roosevelt

Broome, George and Doris Erwin, Joe McCornin, Albert Young, "Jake" Miller, Harold and Barbara Jones, Willie Washington, Carrie Washington, James Crawford, Haskill Hicklin, Fredrick and Deborah Washington, Mary Elizabeth Brown, Sammy Simmons, David Simmons, D'Armon Culp, Darius Culp, Mabel Culp, D'Anissa Culp and Monroe Washington enjoyed the festivities.

OOOOPS! ..... In a recent article this reporter spoke about a fantastic evening helping L. C. Cook celebrate his birthday. L. C.'s name though is not Cook but Smith. Sorry about that buddy.

TEA TIME.....The Extraordinaires social club, a rising young club in our community will sponsor a tea, Sunday, March 7, at the Elk's Lodge on Tuckaseegee Road. The affair will begin at 4 and end at 11 p.m. So come out and join the gang in some sip and dip fun.

DEFENSE FUND FRY.....The committee for the Slade brothers defense fund sponsored a fish fry recently to raise funds toward the legal defense of John and Douglas Slade. The committee has been formed to combat the life-sentences handed down by the courts for attempted robbery. This is the first of many such fund raising projects in an effort to get the best legal defense possible.

Some of the people who attended the fish fry at 3203 Apt. 7 Faye Street were: Mr. and Mrs. Albert President, Eugene Slade, Lewis Rankin, Mary Ann Slade, Mr. and Mrs. Toby Brown, Penny Currence, Kathy Slade, and Paulette Parks.

The Fish Fry was a success and the committee hopes it's a good sign for the future of their progress and accomplishments for the defense fund.

GOING AWAY PARTY.....Charlotte Observer reporter Cynthia "Joie" Rich was given a going away party by some of her friends. The party was held last week in the ballroom of the Excelsior Club. Attending this bon voyage jam were Murdies Arnold, Art Norman, "Rockin" Ray Gooding, Freddy Scott, Janice Smith, Sheryl Gant, Patrice Johnson, Carrie Graves, C. B. Claiborne, Elizabeth Richardson, Howard Blythe, Dave Blevins, Milton Jordan and Charles Hardy.

TOURNAMENT FUN.....The sixth annual MEAC Tournament held at the Greensboro Coliseum last weekend lacked the usual electric excitement, the quality of basketball was markedly different from what long time fans were used to, and the hot dogs lacked that tournament taste. However 21,000 people showed, and judging from the response this reporter received had a very enjoyable time.

Some of the people attending this once a year activity were: Mr. and Mrs. Willie Erwin, Mr. and Mrs. "Duke" Dunham, Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Erwin from Atlanta, Mr. and Mrs. James Evans, Mr. and Mrs. George Reid, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hubbard, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Allison, Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland Riddick from Greensboro, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Hayes, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Outterbridge from Greensboro, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Dodd, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Ezell, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Erwin, Willie Boulware, Charles Shute, Joe Tisdale, Lynwood Foust, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Erwin from North Wilkesboro, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Faulkner, Mr. and Mrs. John Staley, Raymond Rorie Jr., Robert Johnson, Kitt Massey, Oscar W. Bidgood, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Barnhill, O. N. Freeman, Walter Byers, Mr. and Mrs. John Trimmer, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Herron, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Mangum, Mr. and Mrs. Isiah Tidwell, Melvin Gross, Mr. and Mrs. Barry Gwinn, Marvin Rorie, Mr. and Mrs. Clint Whitney from Durham, Mr. and Mrs. James Clyburn from Durham, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Austin from Durham, and Frank McCain.

Highlighting this reporter's time spent in Greensboro was a super dinner Saturday afternoon hosted by former Charlottean Cleveland Riddick at his home on Ollano Street,

## Happiness Through Health

## Diabetes Rate Third Biggest Killer In United States

By Otto McClarrin  
Special To The Post

Diabetes rated third biggest killer in United States: Diabetes has become the nation's third-ranking cause of death, is increasing rapidly and should be given broadened and enlarged attention through research and other programs, a national commission reported to the Congress recently.

The National Commission on Diabetes said "Last year 38,000 persons died directly from diabetes, and there is strong evidence that perhaps as many as 300,000 deaths could be attributed to diabetes and its complications. This would make diabetes the third-ranking cause of death, after heart disease and cancer."

At the current rate of increase, the number of Americans with diabetes will double every 15 years, the commission said. There are an estimated 10 million diabetics at present, about half of whom are unaware that they have the disease.

The cause of diabetes is

unknown, nor is it known why the disease appears to be increasing in the U. S. Part of the increase may result from more detection, but the specialists seem to doubt that is the entire story.

In a summary of the facts developed by the commission's work during the past year, the following points were made:

Women are 50 percent more likely than men to have diabetes.

Nonwhites are 20 percent more likely than whites to have it.

The disease is three times as common among the poor as among middle income and wealthy people.

The chances of developing diabetes doubles with every 20 percent of an individual's excess weight and doubles with every decade of increasing age.

The commission said little progress has been made in treating the disease since the discovery of insulin more than 50 years ago. The life of the diabetic was estimated to be shorter by one-third than that

of the nondiabetic. The diabetic's risk of blindness is 25 times that of a person who does not suffer from the disease, and the diabetic's risk of heart disease is twice that of other persons, the report said.

To cope with the disease and its estimated \$5.3 billion drain on the American economy, the National Commission on Diabetes developed a long-range plan of increased research, education and control programs.

All States drop Smallpox Vaccinations: Smallpox vaccination is now almost as extinct as the disease it was designed to prevent. Over the past five years, on the recommendation of the U. S. Public Health Service, the 29 states that had legislation requiring children to have smallpox vaccinations on entry to school have dropped such laws.

Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands are the only areas of the United States that now require smallpox vaccination for school children, according to the Center for Disease Control in Atlanta.

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