

What's happening!

By Bob Johnson

ONE ACT PLAYS...The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Youth Council Community Players sponsored two one-act plays recently in the Rowe Recital Hall on the campus of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.



The plays: (Sand Dune Hillbillies), a hilarious comedy filled with bits of wisdom, casted Sherry Foust, Laura Swartz, Buddy Barks-

dale, Jackie Cunningham, Dale Swanger, Steve Douglas, Roger Barksdale, Bill Billups and Pam Phifer. (A Day of Absence) This successful off Broadway

Production, a clever and enormously amusing satire was described by the author as "a reverse minstrel show."

Here the black cast featuring Willie McCullough, Larry Thompson, Rose Frazier, Lennal Williams, Delores Benjamin, Madeline Simpson, Maria Johnson, Tangie Clifton, Arnold Haynes, Harold F. Dew, Nathaniel Rorie, Tyrone Chambers, Willie J. Stratford, Jr. and Norma Jean Davis, made up in white face, recount the uproarious and tragic emergencies which occur when a southern town is faced with the sudden and inexplicable disappearance of all of its Black citizens.

The evening didn't end when the play did. The Afro-American Cultural and Service Center sponsored a reception for the community players and guests in the lobby of the Rowe building, where people got a chance to browse and look at the visual arts display of lithographic, paintings, prints, photography, and textile designs on loan from the Stu-Art Gallery, Ltd. and talk with some of the artists.

Among the guests at this cultural affair were Jake Suggs, Rudolph Carter, Patrice Johnson, Andrea Johnson, Michael Porter, Matt Freeman, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Curry, Mr. and Mrs. Brian Parris, Vicki Torrey, Sylvia McGriff, Pat Benjamin, Mr. and Mrs. Lavelle Roberts and Tamara Walker.

BIRTHDAY GATHERING...James Barnes was honored recently at a birthday party given by his favorite woman "Dee." The intimately cozy set was held at 3325 Sargeant Drive. The guests for this event included George and Tina Yeldell, Issie Perry, Phyllis Coleman, Cindy Robinson, Sam and Margaret Clarke, Don Highsmith, who just recently signed a contract to play football with the Washington Redskins, Jerri Wilson and Bob Acre.

The menu that eventful night consisted of tender T-bone steaks, baked potatoes and salad topped with "Dees'" special home-made sauce, along with a wide variety of other goodies to snack on.

CONCERT FUN...Last Friday night Charlotte's Coliseum was filled to the brim with fans of the Brass Construction, Commodores, and the fabulous O'Jays. Brass Construction and The Commodores set the mood for the the 14,000 or so people, and the O'Jays magnified this mood to a real orgasmic pitch, with such great tunes of theirs like "Money" "Stairway To Heaven", "Living For the Weekend," and "Let Me Make Love To You."

Some of the many people attending this super rock show were: Carolyn Gaither, Tina Roberson, Julius and Robbie Cousar, Annie Mae Harris, Steve Hayes, Hattie Ardrey, Jimmy Teeter, Janet Wilson, Slack Johnson, and all of the other WGIV personalities, Linda Richardson, Deanna Abraham, Joe Ruffell, Diane Young, Bobby Jordan, Polly Manning, Anthony Drafton, Catherine Vance, Desiree Abraham, Betty and Eugene Slade, Reginald Hall, Connie Jamison, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel McCrae, Edsel Flowers, Gwen Tweedy, Carolyn Jones, "Bobo" and Willie Mae Slade, Diane Taylor, Mary Jordan, "Snookie" and Corley Hall, James Watson, Melvin Simms, Rufus Davidson, Harriett Ware, Carla Thompson, Shelia Wall, Christine Goodman, Daisy Cummings, and Bobby Helms.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION...The date was March 18, the time was 7 p.m. until, the place, 1521 Newcastle St., the occasion was a birthday party for Addison Yongue given by his wife, Cleo.

A very merry evening was had by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ray, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Boyd, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Costner, Rose Jones, Johnnie Yongue, Mildred Williams, Mrs. Battle, Monroe McGriff, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hosley, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Poe, Henrietta Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Shute, Robert Yongue, Charlie and Vaughn Yongue, Bernice Henry, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Swift, and Addison's daughter and granddaughter Dee and Pam.

Included in the fun was a tasty menu consisting of grilled hamburgers, potatoe chips, peanuts and other mouth watering morsels.

UNTIL...we speak on other happiness in our community...ROCK EASY!!

Four Black Girls To Compete In 1976

"Miss Charlotte-Mecklenburg Pageant"

by Sidney Moore Jr.
Post Staff Writer

Four young black women have qualified as contestants in the 1976 Miss Charlotte-Mecklenburg Pageant which will be held Friday, March 26, at 8 p.m., at Queens College's Dana Auditorium.

They are Edith Asbury, Ouida Byrd, Rosalind Cook and Elmira Houston.

Edith Elayne Asbury, 19, a contestant in the 1975 pageant, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kato Asbury of 1312 Morretz Avenue.

A student at Central Piedmont Community College (CPC), she is sponsored by Cablevision of Charlotte. She will perform an original dramatic presentation as her talent in the pageant.

Ouida Cammi Byrd, 18, entered the contest because a friend of hers was a contestant last year and she promised herself she would be a contestant this year. She was not able to enter last year because of her age. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Byrd of 2726 Grimes St.

Also a student at CPC, she will sing "I Got Love," a song from the hit Broadway musical "Purlie."

She is being sponsored by Mutual Savings and Loan Company.

Elmira Houston, 20, heard about the pageant on the radio and decided to enter. She was the winner of the 1975 Miss Black Union County Pageant last June. This pageant included 12 contestants.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William S. Houston of Wingate.

She said in a recent interview that there are differences between this contest and the one she won last year. But, she does not think these differences lessen her chances of winning.

"I feel like I have a good



Miss Edith Asbury

chance if I give it my all," she said. She also noted that the "competition is stiff."

This contestant is being sponsored jointly by Mechanics and Farmers Bank and Dudley Cosmetics Company. Sponsors pay \$150 to help the



Miss Ouida Byrd

Jaycees to cover the cost of producing the pageant.

Contestant Rosalind Cook of 3122 Ross Avenue was not available for the interview.

Each of these contestants has tickets to the pageant.



Miss Elmira Houston

"I'm hoping," said Miss Asbury, "that many people from the black community will show an interest in the pageant." The other contestants expressed agreement with this statement.

Each of these three contestants interviewed by the Post said the treatment they are receiving has made them enjoy being contestants. They all are also cheerleaders at CPC.

Las Amigas' Founder's

Day Event Is Impressive

The Mecklenburg Chapter of Las Amigas, Incorporated held an impressive Founder's Day observance recently at the home of President Theodora Alexander Witherspoon in Hidden Valley.

The president presided over the Rededication Ceremony, Dora Johnson (previous winner) presented a plaque to Arcasia Brewer "Most Outstanding Member" for 1975-76.

A financial contribution in memory of the late Ann Mc Griff was presented to Mrs. Anita Stroud for the Summer Camp which she sponsors for black children every summer.

A covered dish dinner was enjoyed by Las Amigas members and their guests.

Members of the Mecklenburg Chapter Las Amigas, Inc. are: Founder - Dora R.

Mason, National President, Gerri W. Wiley; Local President, Theodora A. Witherspoon, Ethel Alexander, Veris Armstrong, Barbara Atwater, Arcasia Brewer, Lula Gaskin, Mildred Grier, Bettye Hairston, Paula Jeffries, Dora Johnson, Sandra Murdock, Helen Price, Sarah Staten, Frances Tarpley, Evelyn Turner, Carol Williams, Catherine Williams, and Johnnie Young.

Staff Members To

Appear On WGIV

Two staff members of Planned Parenthood of Greater Charlotte will appear on WGIV radio program this weekend.

Denise Williams, community educator, and Jim Laney, a vasectomy counselor, will appear as guests of the Rev. Joe Sherman from 9:45 to 11 p.m., Sunday, March 28. The program is called "Speak Out."

Barber-Scotia College Sets

Inauguration For McLean

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the Black Arts Festival Group of the North Carolina School of The Arts, Winston-Salem, N.C., on Monday, March 29, an organ recital by Dr. Richard M. Peek on Tuesday, March 30, a musical theatre production, "Journey Into Blackness," by Voices, Inc., of New York, on Wednesday, March 31, and a concert by the Johnson C. Smith University Choir on Thursday, April 1. All of these events will occur at 8 P.M. in the College Convoca-

tion Center. Members of the committee planning the inaugural activities include Dr. Robert Goetzman and Mr. L.A. Warner, co-chairmen, and Mr. R. Wilbur Campbell, Mr. Spencer Colbert, Mr. William Gibbs, Dr. James E. Lyons, Mr. Euleas Milling, Mrs. Martha Porcher, Miss Wilma Powell, Miss Marveta Scott, Mrs. Amy Snipes, Miss Catrelis Steele, Dr. Albert Turner, Mr. Frank Williams, and Mr. H.A. Wilson.

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tion models, and a wealth of pamphlet literature. All of these resources are available to the general public free of charge. To arrange for a speaker call Planned Parenthood at 377-0841.

Cut-A-Thon

Planned For

Easter Seals

Beauty Salons in two major department stores have joined together to help handicapped children and adults in our local community.

On Friday, March 26 and Saturday, March 27, the Hair Cutters will be having a Cut-A-Thon for Easter Seals at Eastland Mall. For a donation of \$8.50 you can get a haircut and blow dry for \$4.50 a haircut.

All proceeds from the Cut-A-Thon will be used to buy braces, wheelchairs and other orthopedic equipment. It will also be used to sponsor handicapped children and adults to Easter Seal Camps in North Carolina.

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On Friday, April 2, Dr. Mable Parker McLean will be inaugurated as the ninth President of Barber-Scotia College, Concord, N.C.

To commemorate this event and to express its gratitude to its many friends, Barber-Scotia College is both honored and pleased to present a gift to the community of a week of pre-inaugural activities.

SUNDAY, MARCH 28

6 P.M. - Vespers

First United Presbyterian Church of Concord
127 Cabarrus Avenue, W.

MONDAY, MARCH 29

8 P.M. - Black Arts Festival Group of the North Carolina School of the Arts - Winston-Salem, N.C. (drama, song, and dance)
The College Convocation Center

TUESDAY, MARCH 30

8 P.M. - Organ Recital
Dr. Richard M. Peek
Minister of Music, Covenant Presbyterian Church,
Charlotte, N.C.
The Charlotte Convocation Center

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31

8 P.M. - "Journey Into Blackness (musical theatre)
Voices, inc. - New York
The College Convocation Center

THURSDAY, APRIL 1

8 P.M. - Concert - The Johnson C. Smith University Choir,
Charlotte, N.C.
The College Convocation Center