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May is national JDF (Juvenile Diabetes Foundation) month, and the week of May 17 - May 23 has been declared JDF Week by Mayor John Belk. This week will be a concentration of very important, informative activities by the Metrolina JDF Chapter.

On Monday, May 17, Dr. J. Stuart Soeldner will be in Charlotte for a series of lectures and interviews. Dr. Soeldner is from the Elliot P. Joslin Research Laboratory in Boston, an affiliate of the Harvard Medical School. He is presently the only man in the country working on an artificial endocrine pancreas.

The public is cordially invited to attend the following activities to be conducted by Dr. Soeldner. They promise to be informative and will present a up-to-the-minute look at what is happening in the field of diabetes research.

MONDAY, MAY 17th: 12 noon-luncheon at the Sheraton Inn, McDowell Street-tickets are \$5. Dr. Soeldner will speak 4 p.m.-lecture by Dr. Soeldner, Memorial Hospital, Main auditorium-mainly geared for doctors, but the public is invited-admission is free

7:30 p.m.-reception honoring Dr. Soeldner, Sheraton Inn-this will give you an opportunity to meet Dr. Soeldner and chat with him in person

It is quite an honor to have such a distinguished researcher visit Charlotte. Dr. Soeldner's visit is sponsored by the Metrolina Chapter of the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation-a completely volunteer organization which gives 88 percent of its funds to diabetes research.

ALSO COMING DURING JDF WEEK: May 22-23-an extensive door-to-door canvass

May 17-31-an information booth will be set-up in Eastland Mall. SATURDAY, MAY 22 will be a very special day of prizes, entertainment and an educational movie. Prizes will be given away every hour!

Erie Anderson

Opens One-Man

Exhibition

Artist Erie Anderson will open a one-man exhibition at the Mint Museum May 15 to run through June 3.

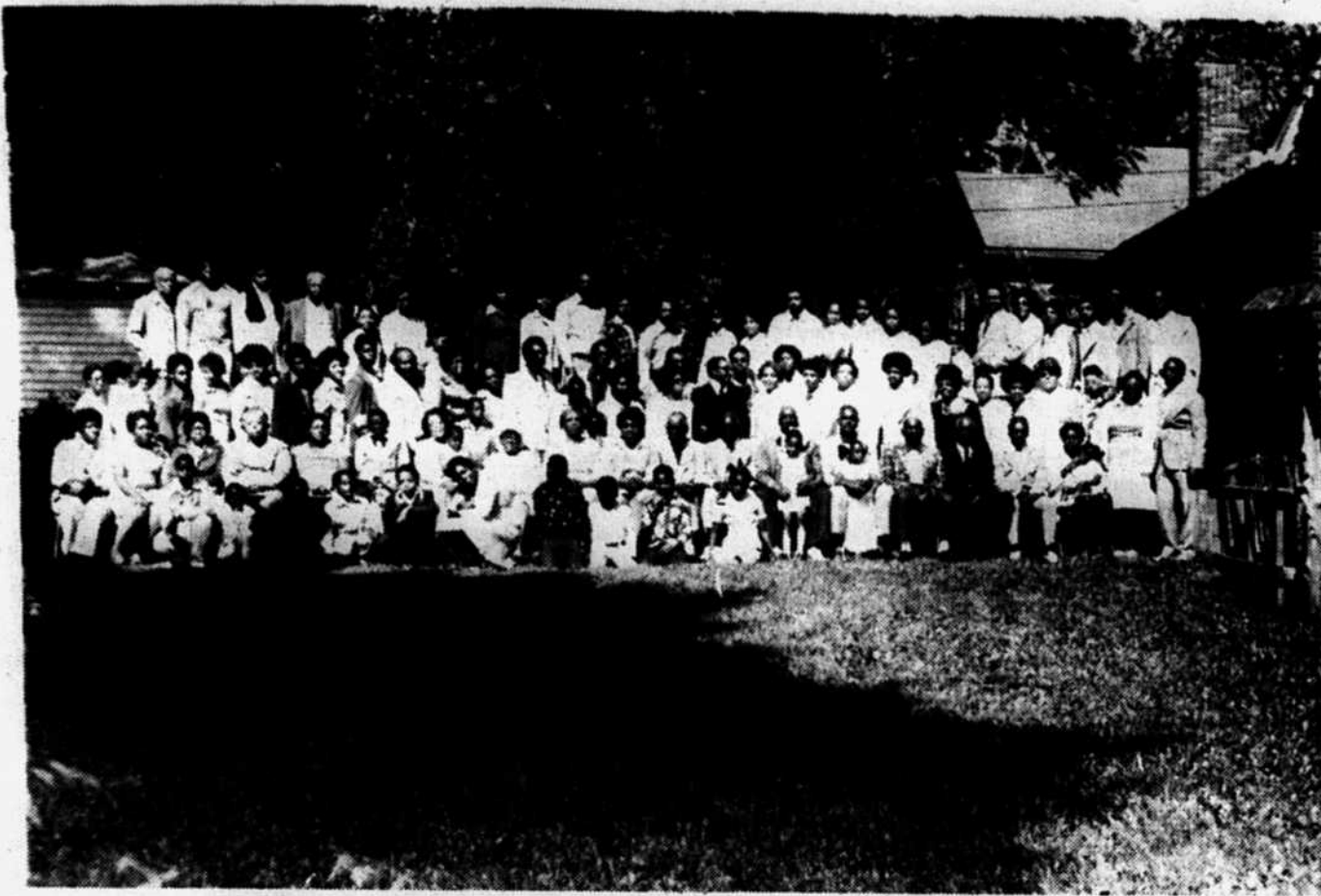
A reception for the artist will be held at 6 p.m., Saturday, May 15.

Anderson has been a faculty member in visual arts at UNC since 1967 and received the NCNB Award for outstanding teaching last fall. He is currently coordinator of the art area in the bachelor of creative arts program.

He refers to his current work as an attempt to move from his past systemic and formal style toward a more interpretive, high-energy translation of form, space and color.

In the exhibition, a drawing series entitled "Sea Theater" reflects a group of works executed very much like a theater performance in that each drawing symbolizes an awareness of physical movement, time and energy.

Anderson was born in Cleveland, Ohio and received his M.F.A. degree from Pratt Institute.



SMALL-LEWIS FAMILY REUNION CLAN MEMBERS

...Gathered Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Witherspoon

Small, Lewis Family Members

Gather Here For 22nd Reunion

By James Peeler
Post Staff Writer

More than 190 family members and friends were on hand last Sunday for the 22nd annual FAMILY REUNION OF THE SMALLS-LEWIS clan at the home of Maso and Refula Witherspoon at 412 Vale Street.

County Commissioners

To Hold Public Hearing

The Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing Friday, May 21, for the discussion of budget priorities for 1976-77.

The hearing will be at 2 p.m. in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, fourth floor of the County Office Building, 720 East Fourth Street.

In announcing the meeting, Commission Chairman Elisabeth "Liz" Hair said that this will be a year of limited resources, both at the State and at the County level, and it is unlikely that new programs will be funded.

"We want very much to be in touch with the public's values and priorities," she said. "so that we can take these into consideration as we study budget requests and needs for the coming year."

The public hearing, she said, will "enable the Commissioners to assess public sentiment and support," as they relate to County programs and services.

"The fact that some programs will not be funded this year," Mrs. Hair said, "does not mean they won't be considered in future years...and this is another reason why we want citizens to state their thoughts on priorities in the County budget."

Citizens who wish to be heard during the Public Hearing are requested to notify Mrs. Hazel H. Hatley in the County Manager's Office, 720 East Fourth Street, 374-2472. Those persons whose requests are received in advance will be given priority on the agenda. Each person who speaks is requested to limit his presentation to five minutes and, if

As has been the custom in the past years, the one-day activity began at 1:00 P.M. with a formal ceremony-presided over this year by Deacon Claudia Smalls, of Winston-Salem, N.C., who opened the program with the solo singing of "One More Time."

Deacon Smalls' solo was followed by a scripture reading by Rev. J. Fowler, of Winston-Salem, who read verses 28 through 31 of the 40th chapter of Isaiah.

The scripture reading was followed with prayer by Rev. A. D. Smalls, of Washington, D.C.

The formal program was concluded with testimonials by all the brothers and sisters of the immediate family, friends, relatives, and the oldest clan member, an aunt, Mrs. Virgil Lowery, 80 years-old.

Family Reunion organizer Laura Johnson, of Washington, D.C., noted with pleasure that no member of the Smalls-Lewis Clan had deceased since the last family reunion and the newest member in attendance this year was 4-month-old Sharon E. Barber, daughter of M. and Mrs. Richard E. Barber of Pittsburgh, Pa.

Mrs. Johnson also noted that "more family attended this year than before and the char-

tered bus from Washington, D.C. was full."

Hostess Refula Witherspoon said, "It was the best Family Reunion, ever" and pointed out that William and Martha Witherspoon of Brooklyn, N.Y. had traveled the furthest to attend the 22nd Family Reunion.

She said they will have the family reunion at the same time and same day next year.

The oldest members of the immediate family attending this year's reunion were: Laura Johnson, of Washington, D.C.; Refula Witherspoon, Charlotte, hostess; Rev. A. D. Smalls, Washington, D.C.; Claudis Smalls, Winston-Salem, N.C.; Mansel Smalls, Rock Hill, S.C.; Walter Smalls, Greensboro, N.C.; and Mayfield Smalls, Greensboro, N.C.

The formal program was followed by a buffet dinner of numerous home-cooked dishes and the day's activities were concluded at 12 midnight.

Blacks Start Business

Encouragement Week

By Abigail L. Flanders
Post Staff Writer

Black businesses and Black businessmen are growing in North Carolina, but the questions that are particularly posed by Blacks living in the state are: Where are they? What are they? and Who are They?

The problem is that Black businesses are not advertising and often Black businessmen after becoming somewhat successful, hibernate in their offices, enjoying their profits and rarely if ever share the secrets of their success with upcoming Black youth.

This past week, groups of interested and concerned Blacks from Gaston and Cleveland counties assembled in Gastonia to formulate the first annual "Business Encouragement Week." We decided to invest some time in stimulating the minds of Black youth by showing them the makings of a successful business and allowing them to participate so that they will have some idea of what it feels like to be involved in certain businesses," Joe Roberts, co-ordinator of the workshop, said.

Each night, a particular group sponsors a certain type of business and the audience is readily invited to participate after the lecture. One night was sponsored by the Gaston County lawyers, who had a "mock trial" in which at least one member of the audience was asked to play the roll of lawyer and another, that of a judge. This enables the audience to become more familiar with the functions of the lawyer and judge professions.

The inspiration for this week according to Mr. Roberts, was one of many alarming statistics concerning income and professional training for the average Black family. Statistics show that the average Black family's income is considerably lower than the average White family's income. Crisis magazine quotes the figure to be as high as \$6,000 a year less. "There is definitely an analogy between income and professional training. We have found that many Blacks

who choose for one reason or another not to go to college or even to finish their high school training will drop out of school and take a job in the mill. We must try to stimulate a spirit of ambition in our Black youth, in order to increase Black professionalism particularly in the state of North Carolina," Mr. Roberts said.

Mr. Roberts further states that another reason for the decline of interest in professional careers for Black youths in North Carolina is the lack of support and encouragement at home. Many Black families constantly live under the strain of worrying about how to make ends meet and therefore have little time to devote to encouraging their children in their quest for knowledge.

In recognition of this dilemma, "Black Encouragement Week" will continue through

the years to provide encouragement to interested youth and perhaps inspire more Blacks to become more interested in promoting and sharing the secrets of how to make Black businesses work in North Carolina.

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