

What's happening!

By Bob Johnson

JUST JAZZ...I am sure you are probably tired of me speaking on the subject of music and how it seems to be really moving up and out in Charlotte like a flower in the morning sun.

I write about it because it is what's happening now. In addition to what was written in other articles, another good indication of the growth and acceptance by the Charlotte public was the turnout at Dana Auditorium on the campus of Queens College recently.



"Just Jazz" was the name of the concert sponsored as a memorial

for George Shaw and John Wilhelm, with the proceeds being used to purchase recording equipment for Central Piedmont's music department.

There were six groups featured on this show that started at 8 p.m. and ended around midnight. The "Jerry Lambert Quartet", "Anahg", "Outback", "Chesire Cat", "Breaking Point", and the "Bill Hanna Quartet." All of the groups performed superbly, but "Breaking Point", with Leroy Paige, Juici Carter, Steve Rucker, Chip Dabney, Chris Peck, David Winters, John Towe and Allen Yann, used their playing time on one tune.

The performance was called a "suite" and the tune was an original composition entitled "2176". It was a very unique type of performance and, judging from the audience's applause, well received.

Some of the people mellowed by the just jazz sounds were Zack Hill, Lynwood Sawyer, Ellis Carter from San Francisco, California, Terry Keyes, Michael Lowen, Joe Newland, Bruce Shuttle, Richard Cavendish, Reece Fitzgerald, John Gelinis, Carl Fuerstman, Theresa Cline, Wayne Biggs, Denise Elsnor and James Crown. "PURLIE"...The CPCC Summer Theatre opens its ambitious 1976 season with the rollicking musical "Purlie", featuring Micheal Washington in the title role. The musical is based on the play "Purlie Victorious" by Ossie Davis, and is a hilarious satire about the cotton-pickin' South.

Set in plantation country of the Old South, the farcical plot of Purlie centers around a Black preacher intent on getting back a ramshackle church from Ol' Capin Cochipee, the bullwhip-wielding owner of the plantation.

In addition to Michael Washington as Purlie, the impoverished, scheming preacher, the cast will include Josie Hudley as a Sopsy-like country girl, Michael Lowe as the Yassuh-man who knows how to manage the racist white boss, CPCC and Little Theater Veteran Bill Crymes as the personification of all the julep-drinking Southern Colonels rolled into one, Peter Olson as his educated, liberal son, Elaine Elston as Missy and Annie Rose Poole as Idella.

Tom Vance is directing this combination folk comedy and social document with sets by Christian Tucker and Choreography by Susi McCarter with musical direction by Benjy Haywood.

Performances are nightly at 8:15 in the Pease Auditorium on the CPCC campus from July 8-17 with a 2:30 Sunday matinee on the 11th.

KOOL JAZZ FESTIVAL...If you ask me, I think the Kool Jazz Festival should be named the Kool Music Festival, because it is not a jazz festival as such. Of course you didn't ask, did you? Anyway, there were alot of people in Atlanta, Georgia and Hampton, Virginia last weekend spending big duckets and a lot of time some real funky shows, put on by some of the top artist in the country.

One such group was the West Charlotte Alumni Club of 1958. These folk took an exciting trip to Atlanta, to get away as a group for some good ole wholesome fun in a new environment. While there some of them chose to soak in the music furnished by the jazz festival, while others spent their time at the underground and doing other things that Atlanta has to offer.

One of the highlights for this celebration was a one man fashion show put on by Joseph Walker in the hospitality room of one of Atlanta's leading motels. Joe modeled outfits for all occasions including an extravagant bicentennial fashion in red, white and blue. Go on Joe!

Participants in this fun filled show were Gussie Floyd, Barbara Floyd, Joyce Corbett, Joseph Walker, Betty Richardson, Paula Carter, Barbara Foster, Betty Foster, Patricia Foster, Leela Streeter, Robert and Rosa Davis, Charles and Doris Alexander, Eurania Young, Hazel Freeman, Carolyn Anthony, Shirley Johnson, Joe and Carolyn Smith, James and Brenda Stewart, Arlethea Littlejohn, Kenneth and Joyce Grier, Tommy and Edna Williams, Dr. William McCant, former Charlottean Brady Dorsey, Roy Ezell and Bynum Nicholas.



"MAN OF THE YEAR" AWARD recipient Ruben McKissick, second from left, received plaque from Layman's League President Charles Porter, right. Receiving awards for

"Outstanding Service" during the Men's Day ceremony were Rev. R. W. Dalton, left, and Deacon Herman Massey, second from right.

Photo by Peeler

Layman's Choice

Ruben McKissick Named

Ebenezer's "Man Of The Year"

By James Peeler
Post Staff Writer

The Layman's League of Ebenezer Baptist Church, which is composed of all the approximately 100 men of the church, celebrated its FIRST MEN'S DAY, Sunday, June 20, during time provided for the regular Morning Worship Service.

Rev. R.W. Dalton, Associate Pastor at Friendship Baptist Church, who has been serving as interim minister at Ebenezer, delivered the Men's Day Message.

State Receives Planning Grant

The State has received a \$1,680,514 federal grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development for fiscal year 1976-77 to assist all levels of planning in the state, Governor Jim Holshouser said today.

Under HUD's Comprehensive Planning Program, the funds will be shared by regional planning agencies, large cities, counties, and small communities throughout the state.

Three large cities which have chosen to receive grant assistance through the state are: Raleigh, \$45,000; High Point, \$35,000; and Fayetteville, \$22,000.

Fourteen of the 17 regional planning agencies in the state will be given a total of \$581,521 of the grant.

The N.C. Department of

Natural and Economic Resources will receive \$540,000 which it will allocate to small cities and counties. The remaining \$457,093 will fund statewide planning activities based in the Department of Administration.

"Although funds under this program have been cut by one-quarter nationally, North Carolina received only 16 percent less than it received for the previous fiscal year. Our state's activities in land policy development, the Coastal Management Act and the overall quality of planning throughout the state account for HUD's awarding North Carolina a grant at a rate above the national average", said Governor Holshouser.

Check the ads in the Charlotte Post each week for outstanding buys.

Shop on Beatties Ford Road. The effort raised a total of \$2,300, according to League President Charles Porter, who also presented plaques to Rev. R.W. Dalton and Deacon Herman Massey "FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE" during the ceremony.

Porter said, "The Layman's League has only been organized for three months and we consider the affair a success." He concluded, "A lavish dinner was served in the church's Dining Hall following the Morning Service."

Officers of Ebenezer Baptist Church's Layman's League are: Charles Porter, President; Ceasar Wallace, 1st Vice President; Ruben McKissick, second Vice President; Timothy Pressley, Third Vice President; Andrew Brewton, Fourth Vice President; Walter Kennedy, Secretary; Claude Boyd, Treasurer; Clayton Cuthbertson, Assistant Secretary; and John Wade, Financial Secretary.

Rev. A.B. Sutton is the new pastor of the church.

Sickle Cell Face

Funding Cutbacks

Raleigh - The Sickle Cell Syndrome Program can no longer fund medical services for patients with sickle cell disease. This measure, effective July 1, 1976, is part of statewide cutbacks in spending.

Included in the services being eliminated are inpatient and outpatient hospitalization, physical and dental services, drugs and appliances.

The program will continue to provide education, testing, screening, counseling, referral and follow-up services. These services are provided by local health departments, funded sickle cell projects and the Division of Health Services' Regional Office Staff.

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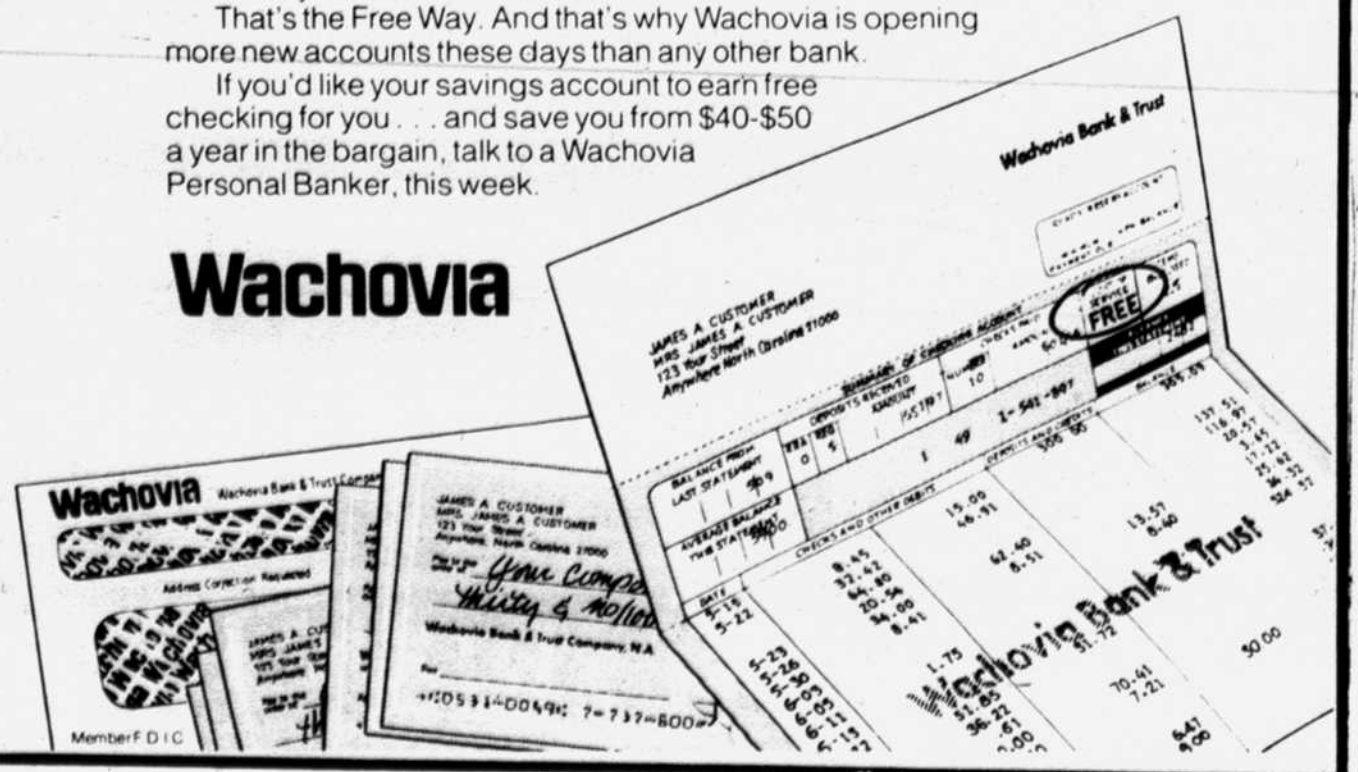
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