

# What's happening!

By Bob Johnson

**HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS...** Shakespeare once said, "If all the year were playing holidays, to sport would be as tedious as to work". Sporting was the name of the game played last weekend in this town, as many people from places like New York, New Jersey, Washington, D.C., Georgia, and other points north and south did the do, amid the congeniality of our hospitality. Some of the doings were:

**VIP FUN...**The new VIP Social Club at 505 Beatties Ford Rd. sponsored a jam Friday night with the local jazz aggregation "Touch" backing up a Lou Rawls styled singer by the name of Donald Daviss. This show started at 9 p.m. and ended around 2

a.m. on a very good note proved by the satisfied expressions on the face of Walter McCoy, M.



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and Mrs. Fred McCare, Ann Copeland, Hazel Freeman Jr., Joan Nelson, Frank Wright, Ambrose Goines, Steve Hayes, Curt Ardrey, Raymond Mason Jr., Brenda Moore, Otis McClurkin, Jack Shropshire and Walter Jackson.

Keeping in the same vein, VIP Productions will be sponsoring a Grand Opening Tea featuring Donald Daviss former Budda Records recording artist in "The Romantic World of Donald Daviss," on Friday, July 9th and Saturday, July 10th, at the VIP Social Club, from 8 until.

**COOK OUT TIME...**Two sho-nuff lovelies, Toni Dawson and Elaine Thompson joined forces last Friday night and sponsored a groovy get together for Toni's brother Archie and his partner Thomas Caldwell. The cook out type function was given in Dutch Village and many brothers and sisters did the "washing machine" and "muscle" to tunes by Brass Construction, Earth, Wind and Fire, along with other top groups of today. Some of the guest included Federick and Mary Isler, Gena McEntyre, Joe and Carolyn Powell, Montressa Boulware, Bettie Beatty, Joyce Leak, Dinah King, Parker Harvey, Phillip and Kathy Starr, and Oleta Sumter.

**ANNUAL 4th PARTY...**The "Over The Hill Gang" comprised of Jack (Chicken) Benson, Jack Aikens, Robert Pettice and Bumpy Springs held their annual 4th of July bash at Excelsior Club last Sunday from 6 p.m. til late.

Many friends and relatives participated in this once a year party, that just happened to be a real fantastic affair. Among them were Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Pettis, Thomas Caldwell, Hazeline Grier, Curtis Johnson, Otis McClurkin, Mable Latimer, Steve and Edwina Hayes, Charles Hodges, Mutch and Carolyn Evans, Jim Richmond, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Holloway, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Grigsby, Luther Caldwell, Randolph Cunningham, Mr. and Mrs. Charles McCullough, Bob Davis, Jo Ann Smith, Adrian Hampton, William McCombs, Harold Winston and Margaret Robinson.

**HOLIDAY TEA...**To put on a successful tea takes a lot of hard work and special kinds of people. The 1961 class of Second Ward High School has the hard workers and talented individuals, and sponsored a successful tea last Sunday, too. One of my favorite spots "The Midway Lounge" was used to house this venture, and many people braved the Carolina Jam traffic to participate. Some of them were William Bogle, Robert and Dorothy Cousar, David Owens, Doris Bolden, Leonard White, Richard and Pat Reid, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Freeman, Cora Howard, Toy Lee Parks, along with class members Archie Haywood, Gene Grier, Samuel Reid, Willie McGill, Jimmy Owens, Mason Fleming, Bobby Harris, James Dodd, Maxine Weathers, Mae Frances Reid, Louise Hemphill, Mary Jones, Dollie McNeely, Martha Parks, Hazeline Izzard, Theresa Filmore, Angela Johnson, Diane Anderson, and Edna Gabriel.

**FAMILY REUNION...**The Yancey, Bonaparte, Abraham and Haynes families held their second annual family reunion, July 3-5 in New York City. The family spans 5 generations and has more than 200 members. The oldest member of the family is Mr. Lewis Yancey who is 94 years old, and the youngest, Joi Trelese Abraham 10 months. Other families who are direct descendants of the families that were represented at the reunion were the Wilsons, Dents, Jones, Murrys, Owens, and Beckhams.

Activities included a family dinner held at the home of Mrs. Dorothy Dent of Springfield Gardens on Saturday night, July 3rd. Sunday included a dance, games, a cookout and the cutting of the reunion cake by Mr. Yancey on the estate of Mrs. Francis Cushion of Bellport, L.I.

The reunion was highlighted by an all day picnic held at Glenn Island Park in New Rochelle on Monday July 5.

Until we rap again - be good to yourselves and **ROCK EASY!!!**



**HELPING HAND GOSPEL SINGERS** before 17th Anniversary celebration at Nazareth Primitive Baptist Church last Sunday, they are: Left to Right, front row, Gloria Jean Barrett, Bernice Walker Grier, Goines Walker, Willie L. Walker, Ella Mae Walker, Rosa Marie Walker, Second Row, Left to Right, Isabelle Pickens, Lucille Steward, John H. Steward, Janie Dubose, Rosa Lee Kelton, Mattielne Roseboro, Vivian Smith. Photo by Peeler.

## Helping Hand Gospel Singers

## Celebrate 17th Anniversary

By James Peeler  
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The Helping Hand Gospel Singers celebrated their 17th Anniversary Sunday, June 27, with a program at Nazareth Primitive Baptist Church beginning at 2:30 p.m.

The gala gospel singing celebration raised over \$270 to be used for various Helping Hand charities and was attended by approximately 250 persons who heard sparkling music renditions from Annie Rosie Jordan Poole, Adrena Beatty, of Brooklyn, New York; The Matrons Choir of Nazareth Primitive Baptist Church, Christine Collins of

East Stonewall A.M.E. Zion Church; Walls Memorial Church Choir, The Thompson Gospel Choir Group from Gethsemane A.M.E. Zion which, featured soloist Joe Huntley.

Mrs. Bernice Walker Grier was Mistress of Ceremonies for the 3-hour-long program, which featured remarks by Nelson Likes, a car salesman at Dick Keffer Pontiac, and the presentation of a plaque to Mrs. Willie Lou Walker by Mrs. Janie Dubose for "17 Years of Devoted Service and Unselfish Interest in The Purposes and Goals of The Helping Hand Gospel Singers."

According to founder Goines Walker, "A free dinner was served for about 100 persons at the Salvation Army 901, Belmont Ave. following the program." Mr. Walker added, "We are eternally grateful to Nazareth Primitive Baptist Church and pastor James Frieson for letting us use their facilities all these years, and grateful to other churches who have let us appear and take up donations to help the needy."

The Helping Hand Gospel Singers is composed of Goines Walker, Founder and Manager; Bernice Walker Grier, President; Janie Dubose, Corresponding Secretary; John Henry Stewart, Treasurer; Ella Mae Walker, Secretary; Robert L. Davis Jr., Advisor; Sarah Funderburke, Publicity Chairman; Ernestine Walker, Hazel Miller, Eugene Walker, Jerome Barrett, Gloria Jean Barrett, Willie J. Walker, Rosa Marie Walker, Madeline Roseboro, Nathaniel Priester, Willie L. Walker, Eliza Preston, and Cecil A. Matthews.

In addition to their annual anniversary celebration, the Helping Hand Singers have Fish Frys, and make appearances at various churches to give money to the Sick-And-Shut-In, elder people at Aery's Rest Home, and have helped a lady, Mrs. Rosa Caldwell of the Fairview Homes with her financial needs for 17 years, according to Mr. Walker, who termed this year's efforts a successful affair.

## Schools' Immunization

### Records Rate Highly

North Carolina has one of the highest percentages of adequately immunized children entering school in the nation, according to statistics compiled recently by the State Division of Health Services, in cooperation with the Department of Public Instruction.

A 1973 survey of school immunization records showed an 85.1 percent compliance rate with the North Carolina Immunization Law. A more recent survey showed that the rate had risen in 1976 to 95.6 percent compliance.

State law requires that every child be immunized a-

gainst diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough, polio, and red measles (rubeola) before entering school.

Surveys are made each year to determine the level of protection by checking the number of immunizations given to kindergarten and first grade students.

According to survey results over the years, reported cases of red measles (rubeola) have been almost non-existent. There have also been no reported cases of diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough or polio in school children for many years.

## Barber-Scotia Receives NIH Grant

The National Institute of Health under Allied Health Professions-Special Grant Program has awarded Barber-Scotia College a total of \$217,808 for five years to strengthen the College's Medical Technology Program. Dr. Koosappa Rajasekhara, Professor of Biology and Director of the Center for Natural Institute and Allied Health Professions who was instrumental in securing this grant, stated that during the 1976-77 academic year, the first installment will be \$73,008.

The purpose of the grant is to prepare well-qualified undergraduate minority students for a career in medical technology through strengthening the academic curriculum at Barber-Scotia College. To meet this goal the project is designed to identify, train, and retain minority students in this field. Development of new courses in medical technology and strengthening of

the supportive fields in Natural Sciences are planned during the project. Some courses required for medical technology major will be offered on an interdisciplinary basis, thus utilizing the talents of the science faculty. The project is also designed to expand the use of audio-tutorials, audio-visual aids, program learning exercises and other innovative practices to accelerate the training of minority students in medical technology.

The ultimate aim of the project is to enable the students to successfully complete the college educational training in three years and enter the 12-month clinical training program at one of the Schools

of Medical Technology with which the college is affiliated. These include Cape Fear Valley Hospital, Fayetteville, North Carolina, and Self Memorial Hospital, Greenwood, South Carolina. Upon successful completion of this training,

it is hoped that the students will pass the American Society of Clinical Pathologists' Board of Registry Examination thus enabling them to become well-trained Health Professionals.

Dr. Raj, as he is popularly called on the college campus, is also directing a project under the National Science Foundation.

Dr. Raj joined Barber-Scotia in 1968. He received his Ph.D. from the University of California at Berkeley. He was born in Mysore, India and became a naturalized citizen in 1974.

Dr. Raj is married to Saroja. They have two sons and a daughter.

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