

# What's happening!

By Bob Johnson

**MUSICAL PERFORMANCE...**"Purlie", a musical based on the play "Purlie" Victorious by Ossie Davis was magnificently performed recently at Peace Auditorium on the campus of Central Piedmont Community College.

The musical which was the first of Central Piedmont's Summer Theatre casted Michael Washington as Purlie, Josie Hudley as Lutie-belle, Elaine Elston as Missy, Michael Lowe as Gitlow, Peter Olson as Charlie, Annie Rosie Pool as Idella and Bill Crymes as Ol' Cap'n, all performing in such a manner as to evoke many varied emotions from a captivated audience.



Some of the willing captives were Vernal Osborne, Mr. and Mrs. Vic Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Williams, Joel Herron, Carrie Holly, Susan Spann, Otis Montgomery, Mr. and Mrs. John Maxwell, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Rowe, Mr. and Mrs. Amos Paige, Mr. and Mrs. Freddy Long, Mr. and Mrs. Maceo Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Harrington, Mr. and Mrs. James Teague, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Brown, Mr. and Mrs. George Ray and Mr. and Mrs. Steve Tingley.

Other performances that will be presented this summer by Central's staff and company will be "Tobacco Road", "West Side Story", "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof", and "Sweet Charity."

**AFRO AMERICAN FESTIVAL...**Last year around this time, I spent a very stimulating and enjoyable day at Marshall Park, enthralled in the creative sights and sounds of some very talented people.

Saturday, July 24, The Afro-American Culture and Service Center will again present its "Festival in the Park". A day-long festival of exhibits, music and drama beginning at 9 a.m. and ending at 10 p.m. The annual festival is free to the public.

**BATCH PARTY...**The Black Association for Tennis in Charlotte (BATCH) held a welcome party for the Ebony Racquet Club from Raleigh, last Saturday night at The Lake's beautiful and spacious clubhouse.

Among the folk caught in the act of enjoying themselves doing the muscle and washing machine while dining on a variety of hors d'oeuvres were Charles and Bernetta Parker, Wilma Mack, Carol Duncan, Buster Alston, Bernard and Deborah Reeves, James Cuthbertson, Connie Jamison, Ondina Outerbridge, Polly Manning, Nadine, Brenda, and Annette Johnson, The Nurry Johnson's of Raleigh, Eleanor Simmons, Debbie Wilkerson, Brenda Joyce Woods, Cathy Duval, Quay Wallace, Eric Berry, Cathy Milligan, Robert Hicks, The Floyd Young's, Hiram Jones, Jacques Johnson, Frento Burton, Claude Saunders, Tom Brown, Hal Seegars, Mike Turner, Connie Mack, Renae McGowen, Florence Avery, Kenny and Beverly Simmons, Clint Harton, Chamois Pride and Chet Aldridge.

Even though the party was quite a successful event, the match wasn't. Batch was defeated 28-23.

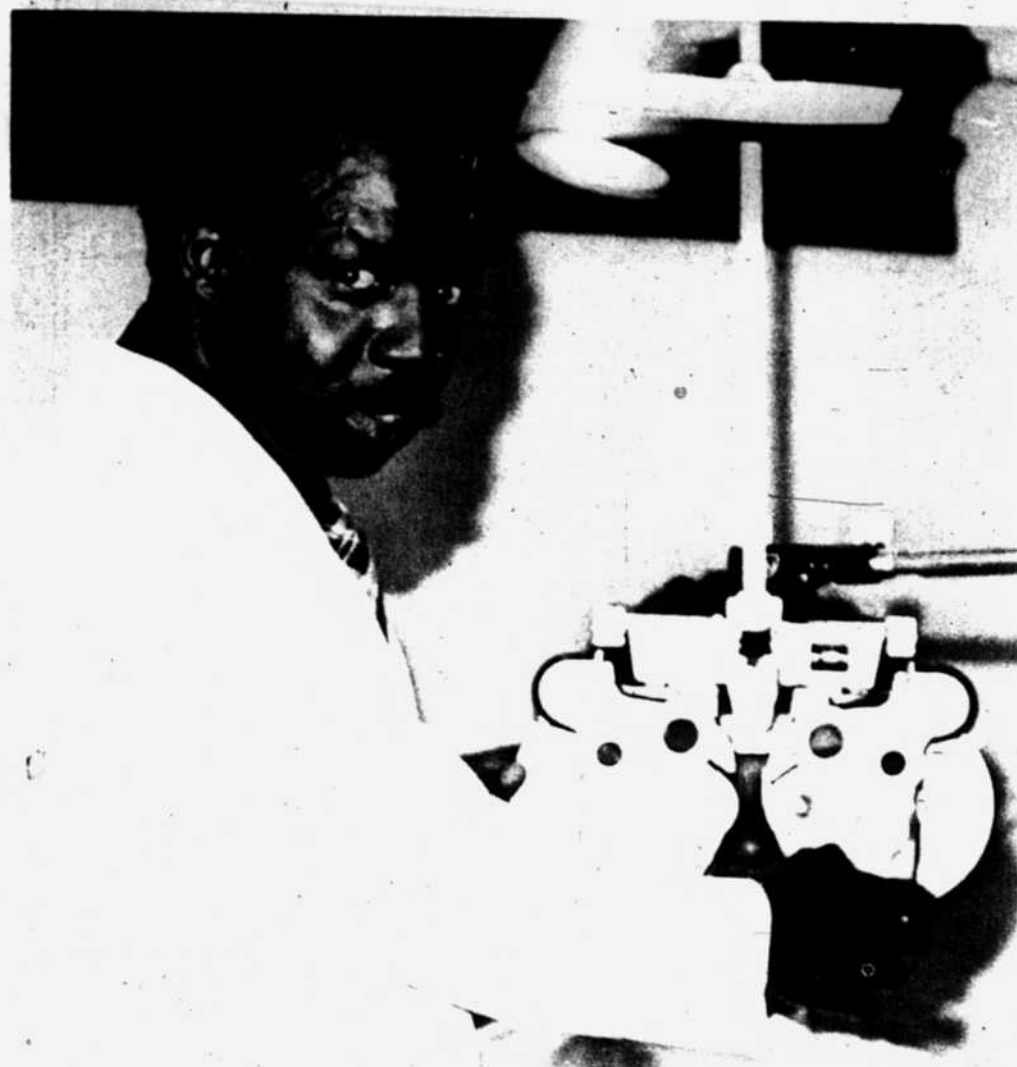
**TEA FUN...**Sunday, July 18 was a very hot day outside, not a time for your air conditioning to break. However that's exactly what happened at the Metrolina School of Driving offices. It didn't however keep the crowd away nor stop them from having a jolly time. I am speaking about the crowd that helped West Charlotte's class of 1957 have a greatly rewarding tea function.

The affair started around 6 p.m. and didn't end til around midnight. Many people contributed to the ultimate success of this venture, some of them were Billy Neal, Amanda Adams, Bobby Fewel, Frank Wright, Robert Willis, Rogers Grey, Melvin Johnson, Jimmy Teeter, Robert Ballard, Hazel Freeman, Roy Ezell, Anita Tate, James Blackmon, Phyllis Dean, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bland, Garnell Dye Bailey, Danny Herron, Billy Anderson, Annette Robinson, Jean Sanders, Calvin Harris, Rhonia Dixon and Robert and Celeste Walker.

**WELCOME VISITOR...**Miss Marie Emily Nixon former superintendent of nurses at the Old Good Samaritan Hospital was back in the Queen City recently as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. C.R. Anderson of 1616 Beatties Ford Road.

Miss Nixon, who now makes her home in Edenton, N.C., was superintendent of nurses for 36 years. During this time she touched many lives with her charm and warmth, which was evidenced by the number of calls and flowers she received along with the dinner invitations.

In order to give these long time friends an opportunity to see her, Mrs. Anderson hosted a come and go party last Sunday from 6-9 on her lawn. Some of the guest included Emma Flowe, Pauling McClurkin, Madge Babs, Estelle Rodrigues, Carolyn Wyche, Florence Goodwin, Rosa Smith, Ruth Gregory, Julia Corruthers, Berdie Mae Howell, Annie Rose Ellington, Elizabeth Crawford and Mattie Yates.



DR. RALEIGH BYNUM

...Treating a patient

## Dr. Bynum Named President Of Optometric Association

By Abigail L. Flanders  
Post Staff Writer

Sophisticated and business-like, Raleigh Bynum enters his small office armed with the quiet sincerity and patience of Marcus Welby.

After some small talk and a brief introduction, his patients soon realize that he is both competent and professional...

**Mutual Savings**

Lenoir C. Keesler, President of Mutual Savings and Loan Association has announced that A. Michael Burnett and James M. Patterson, Jr. have been promoted to Vice Presidents of the Association. Both were formerly Assistant Vice Presidents.

Mr. Burnett has been with Mutual for four years and serves as the Manager of the Residential Mortgage Loan Department.

is getting people to realize that optometry is the science of vision care. Many people confuse this form of medicine with other specialized forms," Dr. Bynum said.

Raleigh Bynum is the only black optometrist in Charlotte. He was recently honored by being elected as the President of the National Optometric Association. The inauguration is scheduled in Montreal, Canada in June of 1977. This is only one of many accomplishments made by the astute doctor. He has been named in Who's Who in the South.

After some extensive study at Florida A&M University, Roosevelt University, Trenton State College and the University of Vienna in Austria, Dr. Bynum decided to work on his masters in public health at the University of South Carolina in Columbia. After acquiring his pilot license, he commuted to Columbia by piloting his own private plane. He received his masters this year.

Raleigh Bynum did not always feel that doctoring was his calling. During his early days in his home town of Jacksonville, Florida, he dreamed of becoming a pro-

fessional musician. He has played trombone for some of the nation's most popular band leaders including the late Cannonball Adderley and Lloyd Price. It was only later in life that he decided on medicine. He has been practicing his profession for nine successful years in Charlotte.

Becoming president of such a large and dignified group as the National Optometric Association has been an exciting move for Dr. Bynum, but it has presented him with a few problems. "The only drawback is the fact that I will have to do some extensive traveling, and I really don't feel that I can afford to be away from my office as much as I might have to be," Dr. Bynum said. Being the father of three children and a devoted husband has added to his concern about the amount of time he will have to spend away from home.

Raleigh Bynum's rewards can be deemed as rewards for the entire black community. He has opened many doors for perspective black doctors and perhaps even disproven the age old theory that success is merely a dream for the hard working black man.

## Happiness Through Health

# Alcohol Linked To Sex Problems

**ALCOHOL IS LINKED TO SEX PROBLEMS:** Prolonged drinking of alcohol, which alters male sexual behavior, accomplishes changes by stimulating the liver to drastically step up its destruction of the male sex hormone, according to results of a scientific study that was reported recently.

The study showed that the toxic effects of the alcohol led the liver to produce up to five times the amount of the liver enzyme that normally breaks down testosterone, the male sex hormone. There was no compensatory increase in the body's production of testosterone under the test conditions, according to the report.

The research, on men who volunteered to drink the equivalent of a pint of 86 proof whiskey a day for four weeks, was done in New York by a group of researchers at the Mt. Sinai School of Medicine, the Bronx Veterans Administration Hospital and New York Medical College.

In discussing the study, Dr. Emanuel Rubin, a pathologist at Mt. Sinai and the senior investigator, stated, "The findings go a long way toward explaining the sex problems of alcoholics. It is not a reaction peculiar to some chronic alcoholics. Anybody who drinks continuously can get the effect."

This is a pure effect of alcohol in any form you take it - whiskey, wine or beer, the total amount of alcohol is the only thing that counts.

The chronic effects of continual alcoholic abuse have long been known to doctors who have observed that many male alcoholics develop feminine characteristics. Among the known damages that result from excessive prolonged alcohol intake are a withering away, or atrophy, of the testicles, enlargement of the breast, loss of male distribution of hair, and impotence.

**HAITIAN HEALTH DEVELOPMENTS:** The government of Haiti is embarking on a rural health program that is expected to increase outpatient contacts by over 50 percent for nearly two million people living in outlying areas. The funds for the program, which will come from the Inter-American Develop-

ment Bank as well as from private sources, will be used to build and equip 36 dispensaries, 23 health centers and one new health and training center.

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