

What's Happening!

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LIVE ENTERTAINMENT...Entertainment-a public performance designed to divert or amuse and cause someone's time to pass agreeably.

For the past couple of months I've been hearing complaints from people about their time not passing agreeably when they are guests at live performances here. To these people and other skeptical critics who enjoy good music and super atmosphere, I would like to know where you've been?

There are a lot of great things happening in the way of sounds around our town. For instance; Every Tuesday night from 9 til 2, you are invited to the "Big Apple Lounge" on Beatties Ford Road, to a jazz jam featuring Grady Siegle and "Touch" as the main attraction, along with "Touch" there are other groups and individual musicians that drop by just to play, and believe me, everybody really gets off.

The "Double Door Inn" on Independence Blvd. is another place that boasts good live entertainment on weekends. Thursday night from 9 til 2 is jazz night and the main characters are members of a group called "Cheshire Cat."

Sunday evenings from 5 til 9 Raymond Gassaway's group plays jazz at the very plush "Mr. Silks Lounge" on Statesville Avenue. This attraction usually turns into a real jam session before they're through.

Matt Freeman, a very notable jazz trumpeter in this area has hand picked several local musicians, and formed the Matt Freeman's Combo. These dudes help set the atmosphere at the "Window", formerly the "Astrology Lounge" on Mint Street, every Sunday night from 9 til 2.

"The VIP Lounge" on Beatties Ford Road has quickly become the talk of the town. This is due to the electrifyingly smooth voice of Donald Davis, a young man from Atlanta, Georgia who in just a few short weeks has captured the hearts of all the people who happened to be in the vicinity of his voice. Donald does two shows nightly. Thursday thru Sunday, from 10 til 2.

The live entertainment is here, and what I have just capsule is only a small portion of what's happening. Therefore, if we as a live music loving public will support it, not only will it be here today but it will be better tomorrow!

WINE SIP...The Extraordinaires Social Club will hold a wine and cheese sip, Sunday, August 15, at the famed Excelsior Club, 921 Beatties Ford Road. This function will last from 4 p.m. til 8 p.m., and promises to be out of sight.

TEA FUN...West Charlotte High School's Class of 1967 used the facilities of the Greenhouse Lounge on Brevard Street to sponsor a very successful tea. The music for last Sunday afternoon's function was handled by Linwood Adams in a disco manner.

Some of the guests seen having a fine time in a fine place were Mr. and Mrs. James F. Boston, Belinda Huntley, Margaret Murray, Alexander Allison, Allen Allison, Doris Sallers, Walter Dewalt, Meles Friday, James W. Whiteside, Shirley Gaiter, Luanda Stinson, Constance Russee, Cynthia Brown, Audrey Glenn, Elaine Windham, Steve Edney, Frank Hayes, William Southerland, Eugene Berry, Betty Jackson, Phyllis Grier, Thomas Casey, Dianne Clyburn, Delores C. Lowry, Fred Fountain, Linda Johnson Clawson, Wanda Walker, Gin Ingram, Richard Mape, Fay Jones, Angela Allison, Gerrie Hill, Enloe Feaster and Veronica Davis.

The good time experienced by all these folks is directly related to the hard work done by Class members Delores Newland, Helen Hairston, Odell Brown, Steve Montgomery, Arnold Sanders, Daniel Stradford and Butch Simmons.

By the way, this same class is sponsoring the Ebony Group and Company in Lonnie Elder's play, "Ceremonies in Dark Old Men", at West Charlotte High School's auditorium, Saturday night, August 28.

The group presented the play earlier in the summer at the Little Theater, and the response they received was so fantastic that it was mandatory to do it again.

Melvin McCullough, Willie J. Stradford Jr., Sandra McMullen, David Wilson, Arnold Haynes, Harold Dew Jr., and June B. Worthy portray the characters in brother Elder's play.

The successful New York production is a serious, forceful and moving drama about a black family and their struggle to change their way of life.

Speaking of agreeable ways to spend your time, this I believe is one of the most agreeable. I'll see you there!

CLASS MEETING...The 36 and 37 classes of Second Ward High School met last Saturday. The classes are planning a joint meeting and cook out on September 18. This is a family affair and for more information contact Ray Booton.



CONCERNED CHARLOTTEANS heard Dr. John T. Larkin, Co-Campaign Manager for gubernatorial candidate Jim Hunt, last Friday at Sheraton Center. The dinner gathering was attended by approximately 25 persons.

Pictured, left to right, Sarah Stevenson, Robert L. Davis Jr., Willie A. Smith, Rev. P.S. Nelson, Dr. Larkin (standing), James Richardson, Mary Richardson, and Rudy Torrence.

Local Jim Hunt Supporters

Hear Dr. John T. Larkin

By James Peeler
Post Staff Writer

Dr. John T. Larkin, Co-Campaign Manager for gubernatorial candidate Jim Hunt, spoke to a gathering of approximately 25 Charlotteans last Friday night following dinner in conference rooms A-B-C-D of the Sheraton Center to solicit their support in electing Jim Hunt as Governor of North Carolina.

Dr. Larkin, a noted educa-

Stumptown

Festival Set

For Labor Day

Plans are well under way for the FIRST ANNUAL MATTHEWS "STUMPTOWN" FESTIVAL, to be held Labor Day weekend, September 4-5.

Festivities begin Saturday

with the "Stumptown" Festival Parade at 11:00 a.m. This will be followed with an arts and crafts show, numerous displays, a carnival, plus bicycle tours thru the Matthews area. The big event Saturday evening is the Miss Matthews Pageant, a preliminary for the Miss North Carolina Pageant.

Sunday will be a time for fellowship, with church services as usual, followed by a Bring-Your-Own picnic lunch and gospel show.

Again on Monday there will be another arts and crafts show, more displays, and additional events like a fashion show, an exhibition football game, a street dance in the evening, with a fireworks display marking the end of the festival's first year.

The group told Dr. Larkin to express their concerns to Hunt that he "must seek our continued relationship after he becomes Governor", and give consideration to a list of concerns of 16 and 17 year-olds to be sent to him (Hunt) by Stan Reynolds and Michael Rainey.

Before adjourning at 10 the group decided to conduct a

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as Dr. Benjamin Mays, president of the Atlanta Board of Education and former president of Morehouse College and Dr. Wilson Riles, state superintendent of education in California.

In urging greater emphasis on education, the self-styled civil rights leader declared: "Life begins in the bedroom, it is developed in the classroom and it is directed in the board room...I argue that in our schools, prayer came out and new ones.

Medlin To Chair

United Ways

Industrial Group

Joe N. Medlin, General Vice Chairman of the 1976-77 United Way Campaign announced today that Randall Phillips will serve as Chairman of the Industrial Division of the Union County campaign. Phillips is Distribution Manager of the Lock and Hardware Division of the Eaton Corporation.

He is a member of the Monroe Rotary Club, the Chamber of Commerce, and the National Association of Accountants. He also serves as a coach for Babe Ruth and Little League Baseball.

Mr. Phillips and his wife, Sandra, have three children. They attend Central United Methodist Church in Monroe.

pistols went in. Hope came out and dove went in.

A PUSH Housing Task Force to coordinate direct action against the Department of Housing and Urban Development to demand an open housing market in all areas, by rehabilitating old housing in the inner city and building new ones.

Establishment of a Department of Health and Welfare by PUSH to monitor the social welfare programs of the U.S. Department of HEW.

A Black business bill of

rights to help develop minority owned business. The Black Press is threatened by the constant unwillingness of many major corporate advertisers to support them as they do the White Press and other community cultural institutions, such as record and book companies, are under constant attack, Jackson declar-

He also urged economic sanctions to support Black majority rule in Africa by consumer programs against U.S. firms.

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