

What's happening!

By Bob Johnson

TEA TIME... Every now and then a group of men will get together and form a club that withstands the tests of time and individual differences to become a strong and influential force in the community. Such a club is the Kingsmen Social Club with Willie Flemming - President, Phillip Dunston - Vice President, Jimmy Neal - Treasurer, Jimmy Dodd - Secretary, Roy Ezell - Sports Information Director, Thierial Nichols - Public Relations Director, James Wall - Chairman of the Social Committee, and Kenneth Gallaway - Director of Media Services.

The Kingsmen used the facilities of the VIP Lounge to host what turned into a very hip tea recently. Some of the patrons for this successful function were: James Lilly, Harold Dease, Otis McClurkin, VIP President Tony Daviss, Robert Martin, Dillon Blakeney, Billy Manning, Betty Thomas, Betty Staley, Oleta Jones, Brenda Froneberger, Anita Tate, Delores C. Perry, Cora Lee Owens, Beucenia Dodd, Gale Benson, Betty Lockett, Robert Proctor, Celeste Proctor, Luvenia Ivey, Luella Smith, Ethel Massey, Dellarea Mackey, Doris Harris, Dolly McNeely, Robert Parks, Martha Parks, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Porter, Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Myers, Euthenia Mungo, Luther Carelock, Thelma Ross, Terri Hogan, Vernon Long, and "Killer Lloyd."

CLASS PARTY... The Human Development and Learning class of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, recently held a Learning Center Fair and one of the learning centers consisted of how to teach dancing. Some of the folks caught boogieing and instructing at the Dance Learning Center were Brenda Dinkins, James Cuthbertson, Linda Herring, Sylvia Booker, John Davis, Mary Lester, and Vinton Bell.

BATCH PARTY... The Black Association for Tennis in Charlotte (BATCH), held a welcome party for the Gate City Racquet Club recently. The affair was held at the Window Lounge on Mint Street.

Some of the guests that were seen dining and dining under the dimly lighted atmosphere with plants hanging from the ceiling were Carol Duncan, Robert Hicks, Charles Parker, Denise Williams, Raeford Johnson, James White, Emmanuel Freeman, Carol Woods, Author Lanier, Hiram Jones, Keith Haywood, and Cletis Dozier.

WINE AND CHEESE SIP... The Extraordinaires Social Club, a group of young men and women dedicated to the ideals of friendship, loyalty and truthfulness for the betterment of the individual and the unity of the group, held a very successful wine and cheese sip last Sunday at the Excelsior Club on Beatties Ford Road.

The dynamite event was characterized with assorted brands of the finest cheese and the best wine. Music was also included which added to the enjoyment for Ellis Carter, John Mobley, Tony Daviss, Donald Daviss, Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Sullivan, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Allison, Mr. and Mrs. Curt Ardrey, Mr. and Mrs. Luke Vassar, Gerald Blakeney, Josephine Allison, Cornelia Curry, Arthur Moore, Charles Hodges, Mr. and Mrs. James Dodd, Brenda Wells, David Prince, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Porter, Jack Aiken, Barbara McCoy, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Pettis, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pettice, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Gillard, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Watson, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Scruggs, Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Harris, Ruby Bodrick, Betty Jean Alexander, Gene Grier, Richard Lattimer, Thelma Grier, Diane Jeter, Tony Watson, Jackie Morrow, Jackie Scruggs, Vince Marmo, Vanny Marmo, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Scruggs, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Carl Clegg, Carolyn Westbrook, Shirley Moore, and Calvin Murray.

FAMILY REUNION... The family of Bolts and Lattimer held a gathering last Saturday in Park Road Park that was well attended by the family members.

Along with the delicious food consumed and the tasty beverages drank, a program was held including welcome remarks, a song (Lift Every Voice and Sing) a prayer, history of the family tree, greetings, and the family song written by Joe and Queen Thompson Byrd.

Seen among the welcomed family members were Glenell Watson, Thomas Watson, Tonie Watson, Tara Watson, James Evans, Carolyn Evans, Arthur Gary, Ardie Bell Gary, Bessie Gary, Rufus Harris, Maxine Harris, Connie Harris, Rufus Harris Jr., Dana Harris, James Mickles, Beverly Mickles, James Mickles Jr., Shirley Blackmon, Russell Blackmon, Phillip Blackmon, Andre Blackmon, Jeffrey Balckmon, Rochelle Blackmon, Ralph Alexander, Betty Alexander, Bunnie Alexander, Ralph Alexander Jr., Anthony Boderick, Richard Boderick, Donald Boderick, Calvin Boderick, Roger Boderick, Martha Boderick, Peaches Boderick, Ruby Boderick, Onetta Boyton, and Lula Mae Gary.



MRS. JAMES ODELL BARKSDALE III
...She was Miss Carolyn McCullum

Miss Carolyn McCullum

Weds James Barksdale

Carolyn McCullum became the bride of James Odell Barksdale III, Saturday, August 14th at 4 p.m., in a lovely ceremony in the Johnson C. Smith University chapel. Rev. C.E. Dewberry heard the nuptial vows.

The former Ms. McCullum is the daughter of Mrs. U.V. McCullum of 3107 Columbus Circle in Charlotte. She received her undergraduate degree in music from Johnson C. Smith University and her masters from the University of Michigan. She is employed as an instructor at Brewer State Junior College in Tusculusa, Alabama.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Barksdale, Jr. of 2013 Lutheran Street in Greensboro, North Carolina. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in business at Johnson C. Smith University and is presently employed by the Saga Food Service at the University of Alabama. Carolyn wore a long, white empire-waist gown, embroidered with roses and lace and a long lace veil. She was given in marriage by her uncle, Mr. James Lowry. Her matrons of honor were Mrs. Francine Jordan and Mrs. Audrey Blue. The bride maids were Lillian McCray, Gwen Jackson, Lorena Kinard, Jennifer McDowell, Pamela Barksdale, Arelia Barksdale, Sheila Hughes and Brenda Torrence. The ushers were Reginald McCullum, Steve Cooper, Joseph Faust, Michael Washington, Wyman Henderson, Thomas Lattimer, Wallace Johnson, James Blue and Thomas Ivory.

Michael Washington and Mildred Cannon served as the soloists for the ceremony. Mr. William Lindsay was the organist. Mr. Joseph Majors served as best man for the groom.

A reception at the J.C. Smith University union preceded the wedding. The happy couple will reside in Tusculusa, Alabama after their honeymoon trip to the North Carolina mountains.

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Happiness Through Health

Marijuana Eyedrops Effectively

Relieves Symptoms Of Glaucoma

MARIJUANA EYEDROPS. Marijuana eyedrops effectively relieve symptoms of glaucoma and are ready for tests on people suffering from the eye disease, researchers say. But those taking the drops will have to put up with a side-effect - "getting high."

A Medical College of Georgia researcher says animal tests show liquid marijuana "is as good or better than any anti-glaucoma medication currently available." Dr. Keith Green, associate professor of Ophthalmology, says research emphasis was being placed on substances related to or derived from marijuana. "That hopefully won't have the euphoric side effects." He said a new anti-glaucoma drug would give patients a valuable alternative treatment to the few drugs now available for this purpose.

Major Cause of Blindness

Glaucoma is a condition in which the fluids of the eye do not drain properly, causing a buildup of pressure within the eyeball. This pressure can damage the optic nerve and distort the structures of the eye, leading to loss of vision.

The condition is the third leading cause of blindness in the U.S. and effects an estimated two million persons. If detected early, drug treatment can slow down or arrest glaucoma. But if this fails, frequently surgery is the final outcome. Dr. Green said he became interested in marijuana as a possible glaucoma drug in 1971 after a report by researchers at the Jules Stein Eye Institute in Los Angeles. That study found that volunteers who smoked marijuana showed a drop in pressure within the eye.

Green found that a single drop of marijuana's most ac-

tive ingredient, called THC, dropped eye pressure in rabbits for five hours. The rabbits also got a marijuana "high".

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