

# What's happening!

By Bob Johnson

**BANQUET AND DANCE...**The Bridgeteers Club, organized more than 20 years ago for the purpose of playing bridge on a regular and controlled basis, entertained their wives and friends last Friday night in a very grand manner. The annual affair was held in the dining room of Jimmy McKee's Excelsior Club, and consisted of cocktails from 7:30 - 8:30; dinner at 8:30 with a menu of sirloin steak, tossed salad, baked potatoes and green peas, along with a fabulous dance that followed.

There were many guests caught up in the web of enjoyment for several hours; among them were Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Caldwell, Dr. and Mrs. C.W. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. James Dixon, Dr. and Mrs. G.M. Nash Jr., Mr. and Mrs. W.W. Twitty, Mr. and Mrs. Rowe Motley, Dr. and Mrs. Charles Pearson, Dr. E.L. Rann, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Martin, Judge and Mrs. Clifton Johnson, Attorney and Mrs. Thomas Wyche, Mr. and Mrs. Wirion Stroud, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Stroud one of the founders of the group, Marion Cox, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Shute, Jean Brennon, Dave Holden, Attorney and Mrs. Julius Chambers, Dr. and Mrs. Wilbert Greenfield, Earl Colston and his daughter Constance, Mr. and Mrs. Edward High, Mr. and Mrs. Gerson Stroud, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph White, Mr. and Mrs. Zoel Hargraves Jr., Dr. Moses Belton, and William Lindsey.

**DANCE AND SHOW TIME...**The Realities, a super rock group from Gastonia, set Jimmy McKee's Excelsior Club on fire last Saturday night, figuratively speaking of course, getting down to some funky playing of all the latest tunes around. The dance started around ten and everybody rocked and rolled till 2 a.m. Some of the many people who were seen jamming with the Realities were Clyde Brown, Steve and Edwina Hayes, Duffie Hyatt, Hattie Adrey, Myra Maxwell, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Maxwell, Tina Flowers, Carrie Sullivan, Melvin and Emylene White, Pat Dixon, Shirley Horne, James Hudson, Donald Grigsby, Harold Winston, Sylvia Truesdale, Calvin Murray, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Shirley, Fats Spencer from New York, William Howard, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Davidson, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Fuller, Mr. and Mrs. James Evans, Mable Lattimore, Gloria Nolan, Ralph Jackson, "Sixth Street" Robinson, Otis Clanton, Bruce Williams and Frank Wright.

**CULTURAL EVENT...**The 1967 Class of West Charlotte High School sponsored the play "Ceremonies in Dark Old Men", last Saturday night at that high school's auditorium. The play, written by Lonnie Edler III, cast members of the Ebony Group and Company, Melvin McCullough, Willie J. Stratford Jr., Sandra McMullen, David Wilson, Arnold Haynes, Harold F. Dew, Jr., and June B. Worth.

Even though the crowd was relatively sparse, the characters performed quite well while communicating brother Elder's message.

Some of the people seen giving standing ovations at the curtain call were Helen Harrison, Arthur Crumpler, Titus Ivory, Steve McCullough, Brenda Walls, James Simmons, Minnie Ford, Daniel Stradford, Odell Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Williams, Harold Foster, Eddie Williams, Enloise Feaster, Jerri Hill, Dannel Hill, Raymond Ware, Ruth Dew, Melvin Holloway, Carolyn Johnson, Dianna Wallace, Frontis Gilliam, Jimmy Mann, Margaret Spears, Delores Newland, Vernell Osborne, Herbert Anthony, Daisy Hall, Gwendolyn Wingard, James Howard, Juanita Erwin, Harvey Witherspoon, Eleanor Weathers, Christine Walker and Angela Thompson.

**WEDDING SHOWER...**Patricia McManus became Mrs. Chuck Walters two weeks ago, and the two of them were honored at a fantastic reception at that time. As if that wasn't enough, last Saturday evening Mrs. Edna Norwood gave Patricia a post wedding shower at her lovely home in Hampshire Hills.

A wide variety of wines, exotic fruit punch, pig in the blanket, all sorts of cheese and a center piece of stuffed watermelon was the order for the evening.

The following ladies were in attendance; Betty McDowell, Sandra Rollins, Shannon Freeman, Pat Herring, Shenitta Reid, Sandy Murdock, Lavalette Featherstone, Peggy Stinson, Linda Fernandez, Gloria Osborne, Darlene Harris, Frances Wallace, Tina Jeffries, Evelyn McCorkle, Drucilla Matthews and Roberta Avery.

**ACCIDENT VICTIM...**Kitt Massey is doing fine at home, after a brief stay in the hospital following an untimely car wreck. A very soulful welcome back is in order for this vivacious young lady.

Until we rap again beautiful readers - Take care of yourselves and **ROCK EASY!!!**



**HOUSE BLESSING CEREMONY**, conducted by Rev. T.W. Samuels, 3rd from left, was held last Sunday for Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Davis, Sr., right, at their first home at 4616 Munsee St. Soloist Mary Horne, left, and son, Robert L. Davis, Jr., 2nd from left participated in the brief ceremony.

## New Home Owners Davises Hold Dedication, House Blessing Ceremony

By James Peeler  
Post Staff Writer

After having lived in rented houses practically all her life, Mrs. Rosa Belle Davis, 72, and her husband Robert L. Davis Sr. - whom she remarried "about 12 years ago" - are in the process of becoming the owner of their FIRST HOME.

She and husband Robert moved into an impressive 6-room brick veneer house with a bath and a half on a spacious 100 x 200 lot at 4616 Munsee Street in Hidden Valley about a month ago. Last Sunday, to mark the occasion of home ownership, The Davises held a DEDICATION AND HOUSE

BLESSING CEREMONY that was attended by approximately 60 friends, relatives, and well-wishers.

Mrs. Davis, who retired this year after having worked for the past 12 years for Dr. T.M. Gellert in Huntington, Long Island, New York, says she lived in a rented house at 2305 Tate Street in northwest Charlotte for 30 years while she raised two families - while being divorced from her husband Robert most of that time.

After rearing the first 2 children, Robert L. Davis Jr. and Rosa Lee Davis Meeks, Mrs. Davis reared her brother's three children, Rosa Evans Martin, of Baltimore;

Mary Evans, also now of Baltimore; and Wade Evans, who presently lives in New York.

She has 9 grand children, and 3 great-grand children. The brief house warming and dedication ceremony last Sunday, presided over by her son Robert L. Davis Jr., included a solo by Ms. Mary Horne and a prayer and blessing by Mrs. Davis' pastor, Rev. T.W. Samuels, of Mt. Moriah Primitive Baptist Church.

Mrs. Davis said they received "numerous nice gifts" and she is thrilled at the prospect of home ownership and the best wishes received from her guests, who included Dr. and Mrs. William Pitts, a Charlotte brain specialist who is a former employer of her husband, Robert.

Mrs. Davis, whose appearance belies her 72 years of age, says "I'm still able and I plan to do volunteer work at the hospital and the church and just help people."

She was a member of Mt. Moriah Baptist Church before going to Long Island where she joined Evergreen Baptist Church and served as President of the Senior Choir for 6 years, taught the Women's Sunday School Class for 9 years, and was a member of the Mother's Board.

Since returning to Charlotte on July 23 she has rejoined Mt. Moriah Primitive Baptist Church where she served as President of The Choral Club for 16 years, a member of the Missionary Circle, Vice President of N.C. State Association of Primitive Baptist Churches, and was crowned first National Queen of the Primitive Baptist Convention in 1958 in Huntersville, Alabama.

Mrs. Davis, who noted that there are 110 trees on her lot, concluded, "Huntington, Long Island was good to me, but I like Charlotte better."

## Saves Families \$20,700 Where There Is A Will

By Charles E. Belle  
Special To The Post

Most people underestimate their wealth. College educated couples in their middle 30's will often have estates over \$100,000 when you figure in real estate, insurance and combine pension benefits. A house worth \$40,000, group and whole life insurance \$50,000, plus pension benefits of \$10,000.

Two simple wills are needed, one for each if they are parents providing for guardianship for the children. Untimely death of a parent, or incapacity, even simultaneous death of both is not uncommon.

The will is the prime document that lets you decide precisely how any assets will be passed on to members of the family. Simple wills cost between \$100 and \$200. Don't forget to update your will when circumstances change, like separation or divorce.

In selecting someone to be in charge of distributing your assets (executor), avoid sentimental choices like spouse, relative or close friend. The job will take six months, or a year, maybe even longer. It can sometimes involve property management until trustees take over.

If in doubt, name your spouse and a co-executor, remember if the co-executor is the family lawyer he will get

at least two percent of the estate. Incidentally, naming your spouse as a co-owner of property isn't a safe substitute for a will. Keep your bank accounts in joint names, but get professional advice about other assets.

The prime motivator for estate planning is the federal estate tax itself. The first \$60,000 is free and clear before you begin counting tax liabilities. But the tax jumps fast.

The tax on a \$100,000 estate is a cool \$20,700, and a \$200,000 taxable estate costs the heirs about \$50,000. One-third of a one million dollar taxable es-

tate must be paid in taxes. Most blacks will generate their estate in non-liquid assets such as real estate. If you are under 40 and have a family, it will be wise to get mortgage insurance that pays off the home mortgage if the chief breadwinner should die. Cost is about two to four dollars per \$1,000 per year. This will avoid selling property to raise cash.

The big money people, estates of over a quarter of a million dollars, will want to establish a Trust. This is the most practical way to protect children. The typical trust will allow easy tax avoidance.

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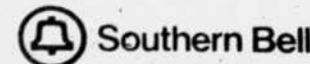
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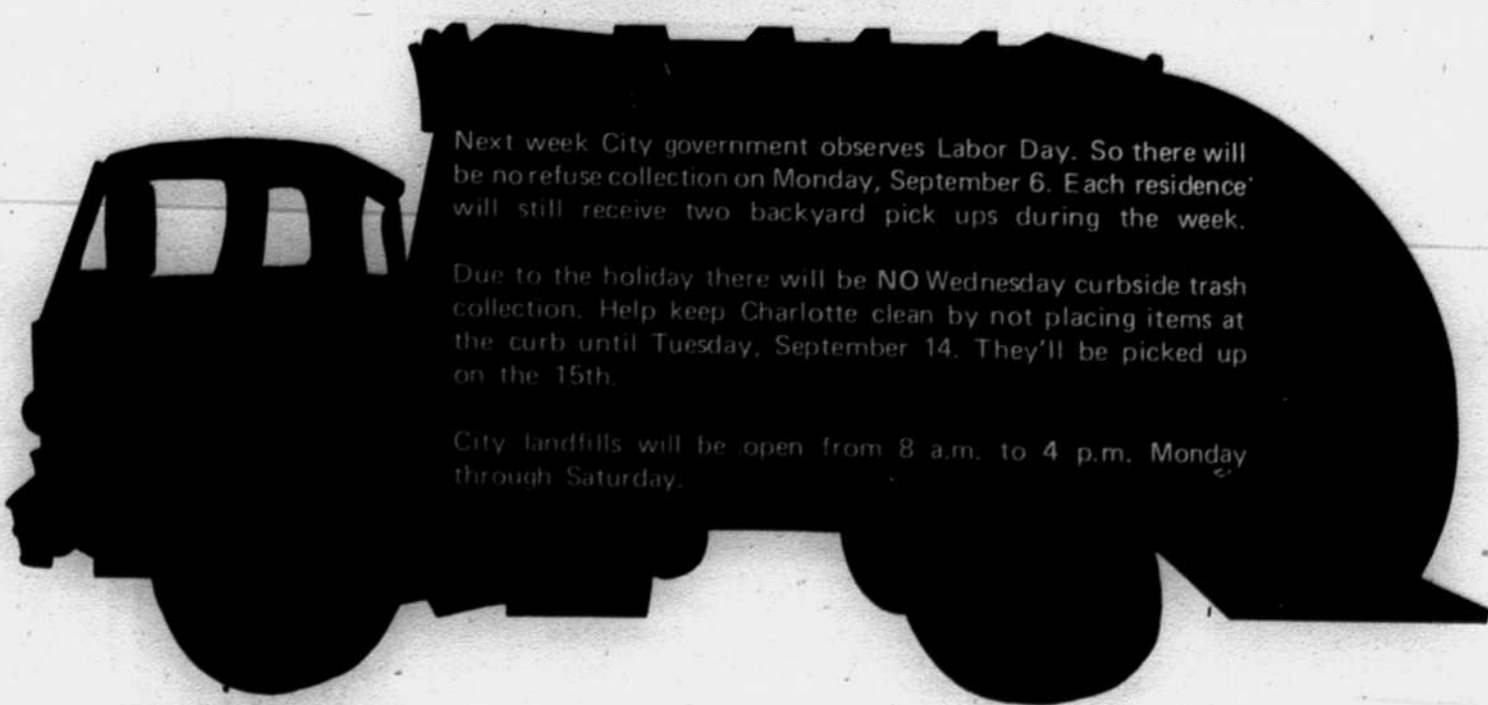
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## No Curbside Next Week



Next week City government observes Labor Day. So there will be no refuse collection on Monday, September 6. Each residence will still receive two backyard pick ups during the week.

Due to the holiday there will be NO Wednesday curbside trash collection. Help keep Charlotte clean by not placing items at the curb until Tuesday, September 14. They'll be picked up on the 15th.

City landfills will be open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

Remember! No curbside trash collection Wednesday, September 8.