

### Protect Those Eyes

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If you wear prescription glasses, they are probably made with plastic or heat-treated safety lenses. It is the conviction of the National Society for the Prevention of Blindness that eye safety should not be optional for those who wear glasses.

This conviction could be upheld by NSPB's newspaper clipping files alone, where week after week reports from across the country document accidents that would have been minor...but turn into tragedies when eyeglasses are broken and silvers of glass penetrate the eye. Ironically, such accidents are almost always referred to as "freak" happenings.

Further corroboration of the incidence of such eye injuries has come from surveys of ophthalmologists, reports from armed forces medical officers, and other sources who share the Society's concern about the problem. For example, the Massachusetts Society surveyed their 261 state ophthalmologists, and received 152 responses.

Of those who responded, 52 had seen eye injuries which resulted from shattered lenses, for a total of 142 cases, within the past two years. Fully one-half of those cases resulted in temporary disability for the patients; 22.5 percent received a permanent vision impairment. The efforts of the National



Dr. Raleigh N. Bynum Society, along with other concerned organizations and individuals, have been long and uphill, in attempting to secure shatter-resistant eyeglass and sunglass lenses, and flame resistant frames for every American wearing glasses. About 100,000,000 Americans wear spectacles all the time or for specific purposes such as reading. Although eye safety in industry and educational institutions has produced commendable results in economic as well as human terms, ordinary lenses and flammable frames still represent a needless hazard for both children and adults. If eye safety is routinely provided for the general public, as well as for workers and technical students, the National Society's premise that half of all blindness is preventable will come closer to realization.



### SECOND WARD'S GRADUATION CLASS OF 1926

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## 125 Participate In Second Ward's Golden Celebration

By James Peeler  
Post Staff Writer

Around the first of August, 1976, Mildred Morris, Katherine Newkirk Bowser, Fred Alexander, Frances Wheeler, Cecelia Wilson, and Mary Lee Henderson met at Mrs. Bowser's home for the purpose of organizing an affair to mark the occasion of the 50th anniversary of their graduation from Second Ward High School.

Plans begun then were consummated last Saturday at Waggoner Convention Hall of Holiday Inn on North Tryon Street when 22 classmates and approximately 125 guests participated in a "GOLDEN CELEBRATION OF SECOND WARD HIGH SCHOOL" which began with a Champagne Sip at 6 and was followed by a dinner at 7 p.m. with classmate, N.C. State Senator Fred D. Alexander, as the featured speaker.

Mrs. Mary Lee C. Henderson presided over the 7 p.m. program which included participants Tony Jordan, who delivered the invocation; Mrs. Mildred M. Simmons, who delivered the Welcome Address, and Mrs. Mary Grace Haynes who conducted an "In Memorium" Service.

After the reading of a poem by classmate Cecelia J. Wilson, Mrs. Katherine N. Bowser recognized the presence of honored guest and former

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Dr. Marlow F. Shute, now of Greensboro, N.C., introduced guest speaker Fred Alexander, whose address was followed by "Class Reminiscences" by Eunice C. Blocker, Juanita E. Blount, and Elouise B. Berkeley.

After a rendition of the Second Ward Class Song, the group enjoyed dancing to the music of Lew Currie and his Combo.

Officers of the Second Ward Class of 1926 are: Fredrick Dougals Alexander, President; Mildred Morris Simmons, Vice President; Katherine Newkirk Bowser, Recording Secretary; Mary Grace Johnson Haynes, Assistant Secretary; Cecelia Jackson Wilson, Treasurer; and Mary Lee Cousar Henderson, Publicity Chairperson.

Other participating classmates were: Elouise Bradshaw Berkeley, of the Bronx, N.Y.; Eunice Carson Blocker, of Lancaster, S.C.; Juanita E. Blount, of N.Y. City; Edmonia Tanner Herderson, of Winston-Salem; Dr. Marlow F. Shute, of Greensboro, N.C.; Vallrea Ray Davidson, Mrytly Young Dixon, Clifton Ezell, Helen Beatty Hardin, Tony Jordan, George W. Justice; Lucille Henderson Mackey, Lonnie Bell McDowell Wallace, Mable Roddy Watson,

Frances Harris Wheeler, and Lillian Gillard Williams, all of Charlotte.

Saturday's activities were followed by the attendance of the 11:00 Worship Service at Little Rock AME Zion Church, pastored by Rev. William Milton White, which featured Mrs. Maggie Beard, wife of Rev. Grady Beard, pastor of Mt. Pisgah AME Zion Church of Rockingham, N.C., a guest speaker for Women's Day Services.

Second Ward Class members had dinner at Morrison's Cafeteria, Eastland Mall, following the worship service.

Out-of-town-guests for the occasion include: Mrs. Jessie Hannon, of Roanoke, Va., guest of Mildred Simmons; Mr. and Mrs. Graham Caldwell, of Washington, D.C.; James H. Grier, of Detroit, Michigan, guest of Mrs. Katherine Bowser; Mr. and Mrs. George James of Newark, N.J., guest of Cecelia Wilson; Carrie Shute, wife of Dr. Marlow Shute; and Mabel Washington, of Jamaica, L.I., N.Y., guest of Mabel Watson.

According to class spokeswoman Mary Lee Henderson, "we plan to keep the class together and meet at intervals. Our next meeting will be held on October 26 at Greenville Community Center at 2:00."

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