

What's happening!

By Bob Johnson

POLICEMAN'S BALL...The Charlotte Chapter of the North State Law Enforcement Officers Association in a concentrated effort to become more involved in the community, are doing a number of positive things. In putting the better part of their being into force, these men have turned a number of after work hours into meaningful experiences.

One such experience was a social held recently at Charlotte's Civic Center. The second annual Policeman's Ball which hosted somewhere near 1,300 patrons was a blazing success in the words of officer T.C. Barrett, president of the local organization.

The Magnificents, a super band from Gastonia, rendered the musical sound that surrounded the gaiety of this affair. The features included the crowning of the beautiful Joyce Wilson as Queen of the ball. Prizes were awarded to George Funderburke, Marie McMahon and Robert Richardson. Plus a whole lot of boogieing by people like Mr. and Mrs. Robert Washington, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Howey, Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Williams, Harvey Gantt, Mr. and Mrs. George Funderburke, Mr. and Mrs. Randy Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. John Goodman, Eli Tillman, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Mobley, Mr. and Mrs. A.B. Coley, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Gaines, Mr. and Mrs. Curt Ardrey, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Allison, Rudy Torrence, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Walton, Julius Lloyd, Carolyn Hailey, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Goodman, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Erwin, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Reeves, Charles Hodges, Metter Collins, T.C. Barrett, Wesley Everett, William McCullough, Brenda Mansel, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Johnson, Jack Moore and Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Brown.

SIP AND SNACK FUN...The fantastic Omega Psi Phi Mardi Gras will be coming our way soon, complete with queens and all.

Group 4 of the Ways and Means Committee of Pi Phi Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity sponsored a Tea last Sunday evening to assist their choice for this year's queen, Mrs. Willette Harvell.

The Elk's Lodge on Tuckaseegee Rd., considered the tea house by many, was chosen as the place for this event.

The Pi Phi Brothers responsible were Charles Bell, Peter Bell, Gilbert Donald, John Blackwell, Charles Gillespie, Dan Cunningham, John Green, Zoel Hargraves Jr., Elo Henderson, Edward High, Gerald Johnson, Richard Maxwell, Oren McCullough, Dan McLaurin, Jo Matthew Murphy, Harold Shuford, Matthew Shute, L.A. Warner, James Woods, Milton Young, Ernest Cherry and Joseph Gaston.

Many people participated in the fun, and hated to depart when the time came. But as fate would have it, all good things must come to an end, even the counting of the money made by the brothers of Group 4.

WEDDING TIME...Breon Hasket and Delores McClure, two very beautiful people were united in wedlock last Saturday afternoon.

After the private wedding this brother and sister used the facilities of Jimmy McKee's Excelsior Club to have their disco type reception.

Many friends and relatives helped them celebrate the embarkation into their new life together.

I would personally like to say to them that marriage is not a union merely between two spirits; and the intention of that bond is to perfect the nature of both, by supplementing their deficiencies with the force of contrast, giving to each sex those excellencies in which it is naturally deficient.

As a closing note, may the bluebird of happiness never let them out of his range.

EBONY FASHION FAIR...Whorling, whirling, wheeling down the runway of Ovens Auditorium, the elegantly sleek models of El ny's "Care-Free Life" fashion parade show'd off some fantastic designs last Monday night.

The Auditorium was jammed packed with oohers and aahers as the performers gracefully glided through fashions of the showcase variety, the city lifestyles, the traveler, easy living, summer wear, casual, evening and wedding attire.

Pamela Young was still on cloud-21 this morning, dreaming of when and if and quite possibly with whom.

ARTS FAIR...Saturday, October 30, from 11 a.m. til 6 p.m. at the Civic Center, Charlotte will host its first indoor arts fair.

There will be approximately 200 artists, craftsmen and performers, demonstrating and selling work in pottery, sculpture, jewelry, woodwork, painting, macrame, printmaking, weaving, drawing, photography and leather.

There will be continuous performances of jazz, choral music, dance, Broadway music, mime, and classical music.



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Photo by Peeler

1946-57 Class President Rudy Torrence presents trophy to WCHS Senior Class President Sharon Covington.

W. Charlotte Cited For

30 Years Of Progress

By James Peeler
Post Staff Writer

Rudy Torrence, class of '46, President of the combined West Charlotte High School graduating classes of 1946 and 1947, formally organized in June of 1975, presented a plaque to Senior Class President Sharon Covington, class of 1977, in commemoration of the school's 30 years of progressive change, growth, and highly beneficial influence on the citizenry of northwest Charlotte.

The presentation was made during halftime ceremonies at West Charlotte High School's Homecoming game with East Mecklenburg High School.

Approximately 40 members from the two classes actively participate in various functions since their June 1975

organization.

Their activities in 1976 have included a Wine Sip at Tega Cay Club on Lake Wylie, a boat ride on "The Outrigger" pleasure craft at Lake Norman, and a Cookout at Cove's Cove in the resort community of Dixie Shores on Badin Lake.

The organization plans a Breakfast Dance at Excelsior Club on November 19, which will end this year's social calendar, and a cruise on the "Caribbean" to the Bahamas in June of 1977 as part of their bi-annual Class Reunion Activities.

The combined classes, who meet once a month at different members homes, at 7 p.m., is headed by Rudy Torrence, President; Mae Burns, Vice-president; Rudy Johnson, Secretary; and Walter Holsey, Treasurer.

Gourley To Head Carolinas MBAC

Willard Gourley Jr., executive vice president of NCNB Mortgage in Charlotte, was elected Friday as president of The Mortgage Bankers Association of the Carolinas Inc. (MBAC) for 1977.

Elected at the group's fall meeting in Asheville, Gourley was vice president for North Carolina of the MBAC during the past year.

A native of Greensboro, Gourley has worked with NCNB since 1951.

Also elected by the MBAC Friday were: Watson Chamblin, Mid-South Mortgage Co.,

Columbia, S.C., as vice president for South Carolina; Roger L. Earnhardt, Cameron-Brown, Co., Raleigh, as vice president for North Carolina; W. I. Henderson III, Home Realty & Management, Co., Charlotte, as secretary-treasurer; George Hayworth, Wachovia Mortgage Co., Winston-Salem, to the board of directors; Dee McCandlish, First Atlantic Co., Charlotte, to the board of directors, and Richard Kay, Carolina National Mortgage Investment Co., Charleston, S.C., also to the board of directors.

In Tuesday's Election

12 Million Blacks Don't Plan To Vote ?

Special To The Post

National elections are upon us but the warnings from every direction indicate that the black vote will be far below par. Congresswoman Barbara Jordan, in a short but powerful speech to the recent annual Congressional Black Caucus dinner, predicts that 12 million blacks "are going to the back of the bus and don't plan to vote this fall."

A consortium of black leadership that is called the National Coalition on Black Voter Participation, has been decrying the "alarmingly low" turnout of black voters, and is busy cranking up their "Operation Big Vote" to help combat this negative situation.

In "Operation Big Vote," black leaders in 36 target cities have developed local coalitions seeking to increase black registration and, most important, turnout. For it does little good to mount a massive voter registration drive to put folks on the rolls and not follow up on election day with massive "turn out the vote" drive.

It seems incredible that just a little over 11 years ago, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. stood on the capital steps in Montgomery, Ala., at the end of a historic Selma-to-Montgomery March to proclaim that Black Americans would "march to the ballot box, until we send to our city councils, state legislatures and the U.S. Congress men who will not fear to do justice." Twenty-five thousand folks, black and white, rich and poor, followed Dr. King on that hot, muggy, rain spattered march in 1965, as Army helicopters buzzed overhead and federal troops lined the black macadam road that snaked like a ribbon through "Bloody Lowndes County" and the flat stretches of the country-side to Montgomery.

They sang "We Shall Overcome" on that march and they were vividly aware that thou-

sands of blacks had gone to jail, some beaten and hosed, countless numbers were murdered and maimed throughout the south in the long, bloody fight of blacks to secure the ballot.

As they marched and sang, they were urged on by the knowledge that obstructionist sheriffs and county clerks who insisted they count the number of bubbles in a bar of soap, or pass some complicated

written test in trigonometry or calculus as prerequisites to registration, were everywhere in the south blocking entry to the voter's booth. And they

were determined to pass through and exercise their God-given franchise.

What has happened to that dream? Why are black people after this historic struggle, turning cynical or indifferent and disdaining the ballot box that so many had suffered and died in quest of for so many years? Don't we know "that those who forget history are doomed to repeat it?"

Why do black people, too many black people, shrug their shoulders and say "My vote won't count for anything anyway?" Other races say the same. But black voter en-

franchisement is of too recent vintage to be shrugged off so quickly and dismissed so lightly.

Black people cannot afford to permit cynicism or apathy to keep them from registering and from voting, once registered. And I do not believe we will permit these negative attitudes to keep us from exercising our franchise as free men and women.

Nobody gave us the 1965 Voting Rights Law. We earned it. We earned it by paying our dues in blood, in sweat, in tears, in sacrifice and in humiliation.

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The only way to get over is to vote.

Black America has paid a high price for the vote. From the un-kept promises of reconstruction, to the violence that threatened voter registration of the 60's, Blacks have filled history pages with pleas, confrontation, and finally struggle to win their franchise as American citizens.

Now, as a result of voting power, Blacks have become a viable political force in America. The 1970's have witnessed the election of numerous officials on every level of government. Blacks have won mayorships in many cities. And, perhaps the most significant of all achievements, the creation of one of the most important congressional powers in history. The Black Caucus.



Nikki Giovanni



Willie Stargell

in terms of politics only comes through voting. Whether it's getting a bill through Congress, or having the sanitation department do a better job at collecting the garbage. It's the people you put into office that make these things happen because they represent you and your willingness to shape your environment.

People like Willa Bengé, Community Relations Specialist for the Gulf Oil Corporation,



Ossie Davis



Willa Bengé

Ossie Davis, Actor/Director, Willie Stargell, one of Baseball's greats, and Nikki Giovanni, Author and Poet, urge you to vote. They are all influential in their own right, and their knowledge of the American system has helped them get over. But when it's time to make a personal political statement, they vote. Do you?



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