

What's happening!

By Bob Johnson

WORLD'S GREATEST GOSPEL SHOW... Gospel music - born of the Black experience; music of the tired and poor and wretched; music that soothes the soul and eases the burden; music that promises a brighter day tomorrow; music that reaches out and makes participants of listeners. That's what gospel music is all about.

A full coliseum was bathed with this type of sound recently. Great gospel singers who reached out and touched an excited audience with the magic sound of their voices and the magnetic energy of their being. This combination was enough to rack the excited crowd with emotion and send them humming and singing as they dashed



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to their cars ducking the rain drops, when the show was finally over.

THE REV. JAMES CLEVELAND, who headlined the show, performed a variety of his greatest hits. However, the gospel sounds of the Mighty Clouds of Joy, with Brother Joe Ligon leading, put the audience in such a frenzy that only the fire department could have cooled them off or more singing by the Clouds could have taken them higher. Also performing grandly were Inez Andrews, The Williams Brothers, The Greensboro, N.C. Chapter Gospel Music Workshop Mass Choir, and The Gateway-Gospel Singers.

The following people really had a time, getting off on some fantastic gospel music: Sandra Price, Fred Spicer, Jackie McCullough, Mrs. R.B. Phifer, Carolyn McCleave, Janie McCleave, Beatrice Rogers, Johnny Mobley, Jeanette Spicer, Russell McDowell, Betty Morrison, Mrs. Bob Erwin, Jo F. Connor, Sybil Scott, Gloria Pickett, Ray Brown, and Betty Stroud.

RECEPTION TIME... Marriage is the mother of the world, and preserves kingdoms, and fills cities and churches, and even heaven itself. With that thought in mind, let's move on to the wedding reception held last Saturday at the Downtowner Motor Inn, honoring a marriage.

An elegant affair was given for Margie A. Appling and William H. McCoy as they began their new life together.

Many friends and relatives were in attendance aiding in the celebration. Among them were: Mr. and Mrs. Joe L. Appling and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. William H. McCoy Sr. and family, Maggie McCoy, Mattie McCoy, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Howie, Arthur Givens Sr., Ola Mae Ardrey, Eunice Gray, Shelia Ward, Hattie Leeper, Mattie White, Thomas Pharr, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Cureton, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey McCoy, Mr. and Mrs. R.L. Roseboro, Lois Bryant, Kit Massey, Mary Massey Rivens, Sarah Boyd, Marilyn Little, Delphia Horton, Marilyn Cunningham, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gillispie, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Walls, Mr. and Mrs. James Appling, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Word, Belinda Long, Jennie Green, Lovelia Weddington, Mr. and Mrs. Walter W. Weddington, Mr. and Mrs. John Berry, Margaret Maxwell, Dorothy Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Jackson Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Jackson, Denise Cathey, Naomie Miller, Frances Miller, Mr. and Mrs. June Woodard, Glenda Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Cunningham, Barbara Rice, Mr. and Mrs. James Whitmire and Sarah Polk.

DANCE FUN... All sorts of compliments and congratulations are in store for the ladies of the Las Amigas Social Club for putting together a real satisfying dance last Saturday night.

The vibrations that flowed between the Realities Band and the guests had even the die-hard wall flowers sweating from doing it anyway they wanted on the dance floor.

Some of the people seen doing their thing at this merrymaking affair were Mr. and Mrs. Sammy Lawrence, Mr. and Mrs. William Gill, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Johnson, Margaret Vaughn, Mabel Belton, Fred Caldwell who were celebrating birthdays, Sandra Caldwell, Ruth Vaughn, Beverly Brandon, Mary Massey Rivens, Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Durante, Louise English, Pat Daniels, Mr. and Mrs. Delano Rankin, Mr. and Mrs. William Samuels, Mr. Mitchell Hyde, Lelia Davis, Clara Davis, Mr. and Mrs. John Pryor, and Mr. and Mrs. James Murdock of Kannapolis.

KNICK'S FEAST... The New York Knicks along with their manager Matthew Shute enjoyed a bit of rewarding last Tuesday night.

The Knicks in this case is the name for the teams that won McCrorey Branch YMCA's annual membership drive.

For their untiring efforts the Knicks composed of Joe Bryant, Susan House, John Southerland and Matthew Shute were treated to cocktails and dinner at Jimmy McKee's Excelsior Club.

The following people helped the Knicks enjoy their spoils of victory: Mr. and Mrs. Zoel Hargraves, James Hannah, Kathryn Allen, Robert Faulkner and Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Rorie.



"MISS YMCA 1977"

Saturday night, November 20, the McCrorey Branch YMCA presented its Sixth Annual Miss YMCA pageant at the McCrorey Branch YMCA Gymnasium on Beatties Ford Road. The title of Miss YMCA 1977 was bestowed at the well attended pageant upon Miss Theadora Tolbert, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny S. Tolbert Sr., 2132 Barringer Drive. Miss Tolbert is a student at Alexander Graham Junior High School. The pageant featured a fashion show, awards and presentations, and musical entertainment by the Terrestrial Funk Band. Miss Tolbert was crowned by Miss YMCA 1976, Miss Tina Roberson. First and second runners-up were Miss Lenoir Duff and Miss Alesia Smith, respectively. Miss Duff is the daughter of Mrs. Barbara Duff of 1712 LaSalle Street. She is a student of Independence High School. Miss Smith is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Smith of 3625 Griffith Street and a student at Robert F. Kennedy Junior High School.

NCAARPP Calls

Freedom Is Constant Struggle

The North Carolina Alliance Against Racist & Political Repression Tuesday issued a call to all interested organizations and individuals to attend its state-wide organizing conference to be held Saturday, December 5 at North Carolina Central University in Durham.

Alliance spokesperson, Anne Mitchell, explained, "Our aim is to share experiences and establish new channels of cooperation in the struggle against racist and political repression in North Carolina." She continued, "The poor people of this state, Black, Brown, Red and White, are coming together to sharpen our understanding of the repression we experience and to unite in active, organized struggle against it."

The one-day conference will focus on the issues of criminal

justice, civil rights, the death penalty and working peoples' efforts to unionize. There will be workshops on the Wilmington 10 and Charlotte 3; the struggle to Abolish the Death Penalty; Labor's Right to Organize; Prison Conditions; Police in the Community and Repression in Educational Institutions.

Scheduled to participate are many North Carolinians distinguished in the struggle for human rights and social justice. They include Dr. James Grant, Charlotte 3 Defendant; Rev. W.W. Finlator of the N.C. Commission of the U.S. Civil Rights Commission; Atty. Jerry Paul of Durham; and representatives from Women's International League for Peace and Freedom.

Registration begins at 9 at NCCU's Alfonso Eder Student Union, the site of the confer-

ence which will last from 10 am to 5:30 p.m. Registration fee is \$2, general public; \$1 students, unemployed and senior citizens.

For More Information: Kay Anderson 919-755-9196.

Boy Scouts Plan Skill-

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The Tai-Lai-Hi District (old Katapa District) Boy Scouts will hold a SKILL-O-REE at Camp Steere, December 4th, from 8 a.m. till 5 p.m.

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All citizens 18 years of age and older are eligible to receive free flu vaccinations at the Mecklenburg County Health Department. The vaccination program will continue through Tuesday, December 14. The vaccine is available at these locations, and it is suggested that you come at these hours in order to avoid a wait.

- 1. Health Department Building,**
1200 Blythe Boulevard
MONDAYS
8 to 11 A.M.
2 to 4 P.M.
THURSDAYS
8 to 11 A.M.
FRIDAYS
2 to 4 P.M.
- 2. BELMONT COMMUNITY CENTER,**
700 Parkwood Avenue
MONDAYS
10 A.M. to 2 P.M.
WEDNESDAYS
2 to 4 P.M.
FRIDAYS
2 to 4 P.M.
- 3. HUNTERSVILLE HEALTH CENTER**
Highway No. 115
TUESDAYS
10 A.M. to 12 NOON
2 to 4 P.M.
FRIDAYS
1 to 3:30 P.M.

Each person who receives the vaccine must sign a consent form. These forms are available at all branches of the Public Library and at the Health Department and its annexes. Monovalent vaccine will be given to healthy persons 18 through 59 years of age, and bivalent vaccine will be given to those who are 60 years of age and older and to those who are chronically ill. The monovalent vaccine is protection against swine flu and the bivalent vaccine is protection against swine flu and A-Victoria flu.

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