

What's happening!

By Bob Johnson

TOURNAMENT TIME...While joining in a game of golf, I might make a play for the caddy, but if I do I won't follow through, cause my heart belongs to daddy.

Whether you are a caddy or a daddy there is a place for your participation in the second annual Four Ball Golf Tournament sponsored by "The Par Buster's."

The tournament will be held at the Sunset Hills Golf Course, Saturday and Sunday, April 2 and 3.

There will be six flights with trophies and prizes for the first, second and third place winners of each.

So come out and join such golfers as Carl Love, Robert Sanders, James Polk and John Love in what should be a super affair.

See you on tee one!

TEA FUN...The members of the Extraordinaires Social Club are resting on their laurels at this point in time and rightfully so.

This group of energetic men and women put over a whale of a tea last Sunday evening at the Elk's Lodge on Tuckaseegee Rd.

The success of their venture was predicated upon the team work shown in doing the many things necessary to insure the patronage and that each patron enjoyed himself once there.

Some of the guests at this sip and snack were Jimmy Teeter, Mary Rivens, Penny Wallace, Carolyn Davis, Darrell Taylor, Gene (Killer) Blakeney, Joe Smith, Jimmy Smith, Ambrose Goines, Cynthia Jones, Sandra Stroud, and Ruby Clark.

PARTY TIME...Have you ever come suddenly upon unawareness, been struck with astonishment, or captured by an unexpected attack. These things happened to Alvin Green last Saturday night at his home on Heatherbrook Dr.

The perpetrators of these unexpected happenings were his wife Carolyn, with some friends, and relatives, Earl and Johnnie Mae Brown, C.J. and Queen Whaley, Harold and Faye Batiste, Johnny and Yvonne Hinton, who traveled from Winston-Salem with John and Cheryl McKnight, Sylvia Miles, Nelson and Branch Bailey, and Richard and Jackie McElrath just to name a few.

The reason for the surprise was his birthday which honors XX number of years. And you could tell by the tired smile on Brother Green's face, that he enjoyed all of it.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION...Little Rodney Cyrell Maxwell celebrated his 5th birthday last Sunday, March 13, at 4 p.m. To Rodney it was a ceremony with very festival type overtones.

This big event was held at Farrell's Ice Cream Parlor, in the Eastland Mall Shopping Center.

Among the relatives and friends there to help him celebrate this once a year occasion in a very unique and fashionable way were: Colton Blake, Lisa Blake, Pamela Blake, Rita Blake, Shelton Maxwell, Tina Maxwell, Eric Maxwell, Antoine Maxwell, Demon Maxwell, Joilette Maxwell, Dandre and Derrick LaMont, Kenyatta Waddell, Christopher Lawhorne, Tonya Ballard, Leslie and Valerie Hughey, LeBraun Evans, Brian Alexander, Andria and Acquinetta Jackson, Lisa and Niketra Wise, Marlon and Stephen Harris, Che and LaTonya McClurkin, Sametra McKnight, Kelly and Tara Massey, Kimberly Johnson and DiJuana Harris.

Rodney is the son of E.L. (Flip) Ingram and Sandra Maxwell.

REGIONAL WORKSHOP...Mountain Region Assemblies Order of the Golden Circle held a one day workshop recently at the D&F Cafeteria in the Tryon Mall Shopping Center.

The Loyal Ladies of Zack Alexander No. 35, sisters to the Charlotte Consistory No. 35, spearheaded the workshop, that boasted many necessary features.

The agenda included demonstrations, grand honors and discussions on such things as entering assembly, sign and motto, attending the altar, deputy's trestleboard, council of deliberation, and reports for council.

Leaders and speakers of these different concerns were: Loyal Lady Priestess Lena Jackson, Loyal Lady Guide Mary McDowell, Past Associate Ruler Loyal Lady Mary Sherrill, State Chief Associate Secretary Loyal Lady Ruth Mann, Loyal Lady Outer Guard Thelma Hunter, Loyal Lady Inner Guard Roberta Ford, State Grand Organizer - Overseer Bertha Ferguson, Loyal Lady Rulers Julia Banks and Patricia Perry, and Associate Ruler Rose Richardson.

CONGRATULATORY NOTE...Walter J. (Dub) Cuthbertson, of 1408 LaSalle St., is walking around with a big grin on his face and humming catchy little tunes these days.

The reason for the high spirits is that Dub has been awarded a handsome company gift from Pritchard Paint and Glass Co., for 25 years of service.



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DR. MARTIN L. KING SR.
...Challenging audience

Dr. King Enthralls

Civic Center Crowd

By Deborah Gates
Post Staff Writer

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Sr., Pastor Emeritus at the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, Georgia, was the guest speaker at the 21st Annual Calendar Tea sponsored by the Clinton Chapel AME Zion Church's Birth-Month Club on Sunday, March 27 at the Civic Center.

Dr. King was officially welcomed to Charlotte by the County Commissioner, having Mayor Belk present him with a key to the city, and Mrs. Elizabeth Hair, chairman for the County Board of Commissioners induct Dr. King to the Order of the Hornet.

Dr. King's message concerned pride in one's self. He told listeners to face facts, and be honest with one another. He said that he was very proud of himself, as everyone should be of themselves.

The theme for the event

was "The Third Century, A Projection Toward Century 21," and Rev. Morgan W. Tann, pastor at Clinton Chapel said they chose Dr. King as guest speaker because, "Dr. King could best depict the theme for us."

"This 21st annual presentation is another of the small but beautiful recurring events that our congregation takes pride in presenting annually, and which we hope adds to the social and religious awareness of our community," Rev. Tann said.

The purpose of the Tea was to assist the denominationally supported schools, and to extend their overseas mission work, by raising funds for these purposes. According to Rev. Tann, no report has yet been made as to how much money had been raised at the Tea, but he said, "It was a tremendous thing. We had

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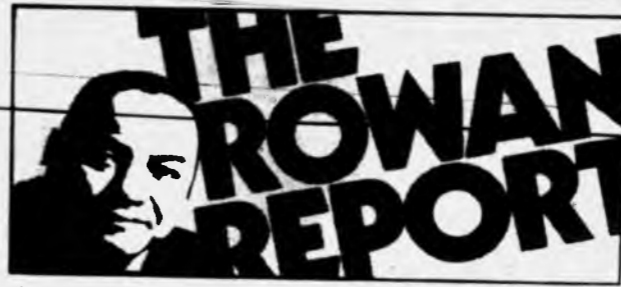
CMS Student Among 43 Scholarship Finalists

GREENSBORO—Charlotte High School student Stacey Cole Webster is among 43 finalists in competition for a Spencer Love Scholarship in the fine arts at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

Miss Webster is the daughter of Mrs. Bobbie C. Wilson, 4825 Farm Pond Lane, and is a student at East Mecklenburg High School.

Each student will audition before a screening committee in drama, music or art on Saturday, April 2, on the UNC-G campus. The screening committees will make recommendations to the University Financial Aid Committee, which will select the winners. Scholarship recipients will be announced in mid-April.

Spencer Love Scholarships are awarded each year to four incoming freshmen at UNC-G. Each scholarship is worth \$500 annually, and is renewable for three additional years of study, provided the student's scholastic record and conduct are satisfactory. Since 1964, the foundation has provided a total of \$94,000 for the scholarships.



BY CARL T. ROWAN

Carter and Tax Reform

Millions of Americans are very skeptical about President Carter and his campaign promises. This cynicism is deepest when the subject of tax reform is raised.

One of Mr. Carter's most dramatic promises came during his acceptance speech at the Democratic convention when he said: "It's time for a complete overhaul of our income tax system. I still tell you it's a disgrace to the human race. All my life I have heard promises of tax reform, but it never quite happens. With your help, we are finally going to make it happen and you can depend on it."

Most Americans relate this to "tax loopholes" which have permitted the rich to avoid billions in taxes. They assess Mr. Carter's promise in terms of things like the Treasury Department announcement recently that in 1975 182 wealthy persons with at least \$200,000 in income paid no tax. About 6,000 other persons with adjusted gross income in excess of \$200,000 had an effective tax rate of about 20 percent, the same paid by a father of three children earning \$11,000.

But if the President's promise of "tax reform" is to mean anything, it must go beyond wiping out such

glaring inequities. The simple question is whether Mr. Carter means to really try to alter the pattern of income distribution in this country.

The Census Bureau tells me that in 1975 the 11,250,000 families who make up the lowest 20 percent in terms of income got only 5.4 percent of the money. The 20 percent of our families with highest income got 41.1 percent of the money.

This means that 11 million poor families got just over one-tenth the income they would have received if the money had been distributed equally to all families, while the top 11 million families got double their "share" of the income.

In fact, the top 5 percent of our families (about 2,800,000 of them) had just about the same income in 1975 as the 22,000,000 families at the poor end of the totem pole.

Census Bureau reports that blacks make up a whopping 20 percent of the poorest fifth of our families which got little income, but only a handful of black families (3.8 percent) are in the top 20 percent getting most of the money.

President Carter surely knows that those figures do not represent

any recent phenomenon. They symbolize the American way of life—as evidenced by the fact that the pattern of income distribution in 1975 was almost precisely the same as in 1948 or 1968 or any other year you wish to name.

Part of the cynicism about Mr. Carter and his promises relates to the question of whether he really intends to try to alter income distribution in America. His Budget Director, Bert Lance, suggested to a few of us at breakfast a few days ago that he doesn't think that is the President's primary goal in pushing for tax reform.

Lance said he doesn't think it's Mr. Carter's intention to take from those who have money and give to those who don't have any.

But what kind of meaningful tax reform can there be if it doesn't achieve this result to a significant degree?

The reason real tax reform "never quite happens" is that it involves some serious changing of "the American way," or what is loosely called "the free enterprise system." We wait to see if the President is committed heart and soul to this complete overhaul of our tax system.

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Your biggest investment: How to improve on it.



If you're like most people, your home is your biggest investment. All told, you've got thousands upon thousands of dollars involved.

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