

# What's happening!

By Bob Johnson

**CAROLINA JAM...**Jam was not a misnomer for the action carried on at the Metrolina Fairgrounds recently. It was hot, heavy and long. It kicked off around noon and didn't shut down until after midnight.

A number of bands performed for this 17,000 plus crowd. Featured were the Ohio Players with special guests including Mother's Finest, New Central Connection, Hamilton Bohannon, Brass Construction, Undisputed Truth, Plair, King Sporty and brief encounter. The bands cavorted on stage from the super heat of the day through the cooler heat of the night, doing what they do best, entertain.

Mother's Finest, a six member group from Atlanta, Ga., used their high energy and progressive rock style to steal the show. Even though the group has experienced great success with their albums, the live show is their calling card, as evidenced by their tremendous performance.

Joyce Kennedy, considered the mother of the group and undoubtedly the finest member, coupled with the extraordinary talents of lead singer Glenn Murdock, formed the nucleus of a group that did ballads, and jump tunes with an equal amount of dexterity.

Some of the ecstatic crowd that were full of accolades for Mother's Finest and the other performers of what turned out to be a very successful engagement were: Rodney Groves, Kim Freeman, Linda Jackson, Brian Gross, Arlena Lowery, Jack Ramsey, Nina Reeves, Carolyn Gaither, Chick Nelson, Carlton Mason, Robert Stouts, Marion Jenkins, Christine Oliver, Gary Graham, Mike Sturdevant, Joyce Davis, Gino Simpson and Wanda Springs.

**COLISEUM JAM...**Last Saturday night, a powerful group from England finally performed before a sell out crowd in Charlotte's Coliseum. The group Fleetwood Mac cancelled shows on March 31 and May 25, but the wait was worth it.

Kenny Loggins, who was late arriving began the show, and more than made up for his tardiness. In fact, after he had finished his electric performance he was called back for more.

However, it was the blonde witchy dressed Stevie Nicks and old timer Mick Fleetwood and company that the audience came to see, and they loved every minute of it.

The group, featuring Lindsay Buckingham on lead guitar, kept the audience alive with tunes from their last two albums "Fleetwood Mac" and "Rumours," and returned for two encores. Still the 13,500 mesmerized fans didn't want them to go.

Mr. and Mrs. Greg Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Watts, Joyce Abraham, Jerry Sikes, Rick Austen and Valerie Stinson were just a minute portion of the crowd that didn't mind the 4 month wait.

**WEDDING TIME...**Central Piedmont Community College evidently has more going for it than just education. Somewhere in the halls of this hallowed institution furks cupid with an over-abundance of highly infectious arrows.

Alexander Moore and Sharon Diane Robinson were infected not to long ago and last Saturday's marriage at Oak Grove Baptist Church in Pineville, was the evidence.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Robinson Sr. of old Pineville Rd.

The bridegroom is the son of Mary Moore of 2011 Norwick Place and the late Rev. Lawrence Moore.

After a honeymoon trip to Florida, the happy couple will make their nest on Roseridge Place.

**WCCB FUN...**Part of the fun of being away from the old nine to five is being able to relax and socialize with people that are very close to you.

Last Saturday evening some of the gang from WCCB-TV gathered at the home of Ruth Edwards, 1027 B. McAlway Road for some fun and games. The group had a very loose time enjoying cocktails and a variety of munchies. The highlight of the evening was to view with a bit of critique a special television show. Unfortunately though, the show wasn't aired, so the crowd ventured out on the town as an alternative.

The bunch reconvened Sunday afternoon for a splash party and roast beef luncheon around the pool at the Woodhaven Apt. complex, hosted by Robbie Thompson.

The WCCB horde finalized their spunky weekend at Clara White's apartment, 1004 McAlway Road for a fried chicken dinner. Enjoying the finger-lickin' good meal at Clara's along with the other courtesies of the 2 days were Robbie Thompson and David Steward, Ruth Edwards and Earl Turrent, Patty Reuss and Dean Coley, Debbie Gates and Tail Barksdale, Clara White and Curtis Bailey, and Michael and Amy Lovelace.

One sure way to beat this stifling heat is to...ROCK EASY!!!



**REUNION ATTENDANTS, LEFT TO RIGHT**  
...Nancy Dixon, Susie Dixon, Rosie Dye, Rachel Culp

## Blakes Hold Third Reunion

Descendants of the late William and Mary Stroud Blake held their third annual family reunion recently at the National Guard Armory. The five surviving Blake children are Mrs. Nancy Dixon and Mrs. Susie Dixon of Charlotte, Mrs. Rosie Cunningham Dy, Mrs. Addie Tolbert and Mrs. Ra-

chel Culp of Rock Hill. There was one brother, Jones White Blake, who is deceased.

The reunion began with the reading of the scripture and a prayer by Linda and Karen Bratton. Mrs. Carrie Bratton, chairperson of the event, then presented the Blake sisters

with Family Tree pins containing the birth stones of their children. There were also remarks by Alexander Dixon, chairman of the Baltimore Committee.

Following the brief ceremony, dinner was served. The menu consisted of several varieties of meat, numerous vegetables and assorted desserts and beverages.

After-dinner activities included sack races, football, volley ball, baseball, checkers and a disco which began at 6:30 p.m. and featured O.J. Neil spinning the records.

Approximately 400 relatives and guests attended, some of whom came from California, Michigan, New York, Maryland, Illinois, Massachusetts, Virginia and both the Carolinas.

Mrs. Bratton said that except for Mrs. Tolbert being unable to attend because of illness, the reunion was a joyous occasion and will be long remembered by all.

## Guys And Dolls, Inc.

### Gives Ms. Stroud \$100

The Beta Chapter of Guys and Dolls, Inc. recently invited Miss Anita Stroud, founder of the Anita Stroud Foundation, to its monthly meeting. At that time this gracious lady was presented a check for \$100 for use in her foundation.

The club members felt no more worthy recipient could have been chosen. The Anita Stroud Foundation provides, for so many children, who otherwise would not have the opportunity to do so, wholesome and character enriching camp activities for three weeks during the summer at Umstead Park in Raleigh.

Miss Stroud, herself the recipient of much encouragement and help from persons outside her family, knows the value of such experiences in the lives of children.

Beta Chapter of Guys and Dolls, Inc., which is a family organization committed to promoting wholesome family activities for its members, recognized the opportunity to contribute to this cause as a way to help shed real light into the lives of others.

## Farmers Market

### Offers Fresh

### Vegetables

Garden fresh tomatoes, squash, cucumbers, corn and cantaloups. Big, juicy peaches, butter peas, eggplants and watermelons. You will find all this and more at the Farmers Market on Saturday mornings.

The Market, located in the Jefferson-First Union Plaza in uptown Charlotte, is at its peak this month, with more fresh produce for sale than ever before.

County Extension Service Chairman Phil Haas says the recent dry weather has caused a short "peak season" and that the produce will be at peak for only a couple of weeks.

The Market is open each Saturday morning from 7 a.m. until noon, with plenty of free parking in the Jefferson-First Union Garage on East Second Street. You may enter the garage from Second Street and walk into the Plaza from there.

### North Carolina

#### Nurses Plan

#### Lecture Series

As a part of the North Carolina Nurses Association's 75th Anniversary Lecture Series, a lecture and panel discussion, "Ethical Dilemmas in Health Care" will be held Tuesday, July 19, from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Heart of Charlotte Convention Center, 3815 North Tryon Street.

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## Happiness Through Health Lead-Based Paint Poisoning

By Otto McClarrin  
Special To The Post

**LEAD-BASED PAINT POISONING:** Due primarily to the very high cost of purchasing new houses, many young married couples are doing the only thing they can afford to do: buying very old houses and rehabilitating them when funds for such renovations become available.

In addition some are attracted to old houses, because many of them have a lot of charm. But a lot of these old houses, especially those that have become dilapidated, are breeding grounds of tragedy for thousands of little children.

It's the paint that's chipping off the walls and woodwork: it's full of lead and it's poison. Little children tend to put almost anything they pick up into their mouths, and paint chips are no exception.

Lucille, a three-year-old from an eastern city, is luckier than many who have lead poisoning. Her mother took her to a health clinic when her appetite failed and she became tired and cranky, complaining of stomach aches. Fortunately, the doctor suspected the trouble and ordered the test which confirmed that her blood had too much lead.

Lucille has recovered after going into the hospital and taking the strong drugs which removed the lead from her blood. The lucky set of circumstances for her were, first, that she had any symptoms at all and also that her mother's worry and the doctor's hunch led to the diagnosis. The symptoms can easily be overlooked as a behavior problem or minor ailment - until it is too late.

A little chip of paint the size of your fingernail contains 100 times the amount of lead a child can safely consume a day. A few of these a week for several months can poison a child, as it did Lucille. If she'd kept it up, the deadly long-term effects could have led to blindness, mental retardation, even death. Recent national statistics show that a child died of lead poisoning every 36

hours.

Some 40 years ago, lead was a major ingredient in every house paint on the market. Lead made paint dry faster and adhere better, gave it a shinier and harder finish. The better and more expensive the paint, the more lead it contained - up to 50 percent in many cases.

In the 1940s medical scientists began to speak out against the presence of so much lead in the everyday living environment of people. First the paint manufacturers began reducing the percentage of lead, especially in interior paint; more recently federal legislation has limited lead to an infinitesimal amount. So homes built in recent years are paint-safe.

But all that old paint, sometimes many layers deep, is leaving a tragic legacy. Estimates based on census statistics tell us that over two million children under six are living in dilapidated housing

containing hazardous amounts of lead. Additional surveys show that almost a fourth of them have dangerous amounts of lead in their bloodstream.

Various federal and local governmental agencies and concerned community organizations have been spear-heading lead-based paint prevention programs ranging from rehabilitation to research, to seeking out cases, to treatment, to education.

While the biggest effort is in slum areas of the nation's large cities, they know it exists throughout the country, wherever there is old, run-down housing. Even in the best-maintained older housing, remodeled farmhouses or city townhouses perhaps - danger can exist as in the case of a toddler chewing on a low windowsill or stair railing. When a crib or toy hits the woodwork, off pops a bit of paint for little fingers to pick up.

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