

What's happening!

By Bob Johnson

EBONY GROUP PERFORMS... Lucera Blount and Denise Reid played the parts of Mavis and Pepper, two street prostitutes, in the Ebony Group and Company's hit performance, "The Sirens." This stirring drama was produced on the stage of Charlotte's Little Theatre last Friday and Saturday nights, before full houses.

Nathaniel Rorie through his magnificent directing intensified the state of things which so often describes life in a big city ghetto. Humor and sadness were cleverly integrated in this play, exploiting the talents of Lucera and Denise, as they pulled these emotions from a very receptive audience.

Even though "The Sirens" was the main attraction for the evenings. Dramatic readings directed by Bernard White and modern dances choreographed by Jacqui Kirksey were also smash hits as part of the successful evenings of contemporary artistry.

Patrice Carter, Cheryl Gantt, Norman Batts, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Lesesne, Jimmy Clinton, Harold Parks, Virginia Massey, Mel Watts, Tony Barrett, Mr. and Mrs. Freddy Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Ulyses Ford, Allen Oren, Michael Wright, a member of the singing group "Healing Force," from Winston-Salem, LeFleur Passeur, William Dew, and Frances Sloan were just a fraction of the people that really enjoyed this cultural experience.

The Ebony Group and Company organized two years ago by Nathaniel Rorie, Willie J. Stratford Jr., and Sandra McMullin, is offering our community an opportunity to function and participate in meaningful and relevant theatre ventures. However, these young people need the support of the community to guarantee greater cultural familiarity and continued success.

CAST PARTY... After hours of toil and exertion preparing for a project and the sweat in anticipation of success everybody needed to release the tension involved. The Ebony Group did just that with pool parties following both nights' performances.

Everybody congregated at the Clubhouse of the Vista Villa Apartments where they swam and jammed for awhile.

Caught up in the joyous holocaust were Howard Mungo, Sonya Kirksey, John Moore, Doris Frazier, Darrell Winstead, Louie May, Chester Scott Jr., Melvin McCullough, Harold Dew Jr., Conell Davis, Violet Humphries, Charlotte Jones, Binta Humphries, George Smith, Shelly Springs, Grayland Smith, DeForest Ray, Ouida Byrd, and Audrey Kates of WUNC-TV in Raleigh.

RACQUET CLUB PARTY... The plush classy clubhouse of the Orchard Trace Apartment complex was the scene of last Saturday nights festivities after the BATCH RACQUET CLUB took a breather from a day of tennis to entertain their Raleigh adversaries.

The tennis enthusiasts and their guests really used the luxurious facilities to the maximum as they got off on entertainers like Marvin Gaye, Mother's Finest, Salsoul Orchestra, NCCU, the Emotions and other top artist from 9 until 1 in the morning.

Among the people seen making a lot of merry were Deborah Reeves, Gail Dry, Rudy Abrams, James Cuthbertson, Tom Brown, Thelma Currence, Jim Black, Angela Goodwin, Ron Johnson, Melanie Duncan, Mark Duncan, Carol Duncan, Sam Duncan, Mo Sampson, Hiram and Roslyn Jones, Robert Hicks, Valerie Ramsey, Emma Goodwin, Bernetta Parker, Charles Parker, Cynthia Parker, Eric Berry, the John Maxwell Family, Jo Ann Long, Patrick Currence, Frento Burton, Xavier Artis, Lloyd Sigler and Robert Laney.

COMMUNITY PAGEANT... The Community Services Department of the Charlotte Housing Authority will sponsor its second annual "Miss Charlotte Housing Authority Pageant," Friday, August 12, at 7 p.m., in West Charlotte High School's Auditorium.

The finalists in the contest are Deborah Hopkins - Belvedere Homes, Regina McCoy - Boulevard Homes, Wendy Wrenick - Dalton Village Homes, Jade Edwards - Dillehay Courts, Anita Crump - Earle Village Homes, Rhonda Andrews - Fairview Homes, Sandra Phillips - Keyway Apartments, Deborah White - Piedmont Courts, Annette Davis - Pitts Drive Apartments, and Brenda Howze - Southside Homes.

This project of educational experiences is aimed for teenage girls with the hopes of fostering pride and confidence through a series of beauty, poise and charm clinics; to involve all residents of public housing in a joint effort to improve the relationship between residents of all the developments; and to initiate cooperation, pride and self-esteem among residents of each development, in order to improve community life.



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Miss Sandra Yolanda Clark Marries Crawford Stradford

Miss Sandra Yolanda Clark became the bride of Crawford Stradford in a 4 o'clock formal wedding Saturday, July 23 at the Parkwood Institute CME Church.

The couple pledged their vows before Rev. Robert C. McKinley Allen, pastor of the church. Romona Brown was organist and Sandra White was soloist for the program of traditional music.

Sam Clark escorted his daughter to the altar and gave her in marriage. The bride's gown was a formal design of white satin, with a flowing train and V-neckline. A white full veil came to her waist.

Her bouquet consisted of a nose-gay of white orchids, yellow roses, miniature carnations and a white trim.

Rhonda Howze was the maid of honor and wore a long green halter gown with sheer flowered print cape. She carried solid yellow mums with bakers fern and yellow and green ribbons.

Bridesmaids were Janell Welch, Marie Patterson, Darlene Sowell, Wanda Bittle, Debra Kizer and Gina Vanfield. They all wore yellow halter gowns with sheer print capes. Bouquets were yellow mums. The flower girl was Renee Stradford and the ring bearer was Johnathan Stradford. Ernest Hampton was best man.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Clark of 2313 Ludlow Drive. The groom, who serves in the United States Marine Corp, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry



MRS. CRAWFORD STRADFORD ...She was Miss Sandra Clark

Stradford, 2012 English Drive.

The bride attended West Charlotte High School and the groom attended West Mecklenburg High School, Bell and Howell and Central Piedmont Community College. He is now serving in the U.S. Marine

Corps, stationed in Puerto Rico.

Following a reception held at the church, the couple left for a honeymoon in Atlanta, Ga. They will make their home in Puerto Rico.

Montgomery-McInnis Vows Spoken

On Saturday afternoon, July 30, at four o'clock, Miss Deborah Charlene Montgomery and Ray Oliver McInnis exchanged marriage vows at South Tryon Presbyterian Church. Dr. A. Rudolph Hendricks, minister of the church, officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Ms. Zulee Montgomery of Interstate 85 North and the groom is the son of Frank McInnis of Ablewood Road in Charlotte.

Preceding the ceremony, a program of nuptial music was presented by Mrs. Pricilla Forney, Organist. The altar was flanked with palms and nine-branched candelabra, accented at the center by a floral arrangement of blue and white carnations.

The bride wore a gown of blue crepe with lace accents. For her headpiece, she chose a mantilla of matching blue lace. She carried a white

prayer book in her left hand and a burning white taper with blue net adornment in her right hand.

Miss Eyvonne McClain was the bride's only attendant. She wore a gown of blue crepe and a matching headpiece which featured streamers of crepe and fabric flowers. She carried in her right hand a burning blue taper with blue net adornment. Billy Anthony served as the groom's best man.

Ms. Montgomery chose for her daughter's wedding a gown of pale blue floral print with a cape neckline. She wore a white corsage. Mrs. Myrtle Montgomery, grandmother of the bride also wore blue. She chose a two piece suit with white accessories. Mrs. Alberta Williams, the groom's grandmother, wore a gown of peach print with white accessories.

Following the ceremony, a

reception was held in the church fellowship hall. Miss Lee Bacote kept the bride's book and Misses Brenda and Beverly Burris were in charge of gifts. Hostesses at the reception were Mesdames Matie McClain, Catherine Williams, Margaret Harris, Marcene Timmons, and Barbara Pratt.

The newlyweds will make their home in Charlotte.

Hines Named Health Coordinator

CHAPEL HILL—Eugene C. Hines Jr. has been appointed community health services coordinator for the division of community health services in the School of Public Health at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Hines will be consulting with health and health-related agencies in 41 counties in western North Carolina. He will assist agency personnel in assessing their educational and training needs. In coordination with UNC-CH public health faculty, he will match agency needs with continuing education and technical assistance programs.

Hines will work with the School of Public Health Area Health Education Centers program to identify potential sites for student field training.

Before coming to the School of Public Health, Hines served as Sickle Cell Syndrome Program consultant for the N.C. Division of Health Services Western Region.

He is a native of Chapel Hill, and was graduated from Chapel Hill High School and UNC-CH. He received his master's degree in public health at

UNC-CH majoring in health administration.

Hines and his wife, Jackie, have two children, Clarkston and Evika. Hines is the son of Mrs. Helen Hines of Chapel Hill.

For Those Who

Can't Take Aspirin

For those who can't take aspirin, Whitehall Laboratories is introducing Aspirin-Free Anacin 3, T.M. an acetaminophen-based extra strength pain relief compound.

Anacin-3 has more pain reliever than regular 5 grain aspirin-free products, plus an additional ingredient. Anacin-3 is recommended for use in the relief of pain from headache, muscle strain, colds, or "flu," backache, sinusitis, and menstrual discomfort. It may also be used for temporary relief from minor arthritis pain, toothaches and to reduce fever.

It will be particularly useful to relieve pain following surgery and for anyone who should not take aspirin.

Guys & Dolls Selects Mrs. Anita Stroud

Miss Anita Stroud, founder of the Anita Stroud Foundation, was chosen by the Beta Chapter of Guys and Dolls, Inc. as the organization's "Family of the Year" during their national meeting held in High Point, N.C. Thursday, July 21 through Sunday, July 24.

Miss Stroud, was presented a corsage and plaque during the banquet held Friday night,

July 22 before the National Body of the organization.

According to Delores Hill, President of the Beta Chapter, Miss Stroud was chosen to receive this award because of her untiring effort in helping underprivileged young people gain meaningful experiences and accept the fact that they can become somebody. At the conclusion of the presentation and comments made

in regard to Miss Stroud's work, she received a standing ovation.

Earlier this summer, the Beta Chapter made a financial contribution to the Stroud Foundation.

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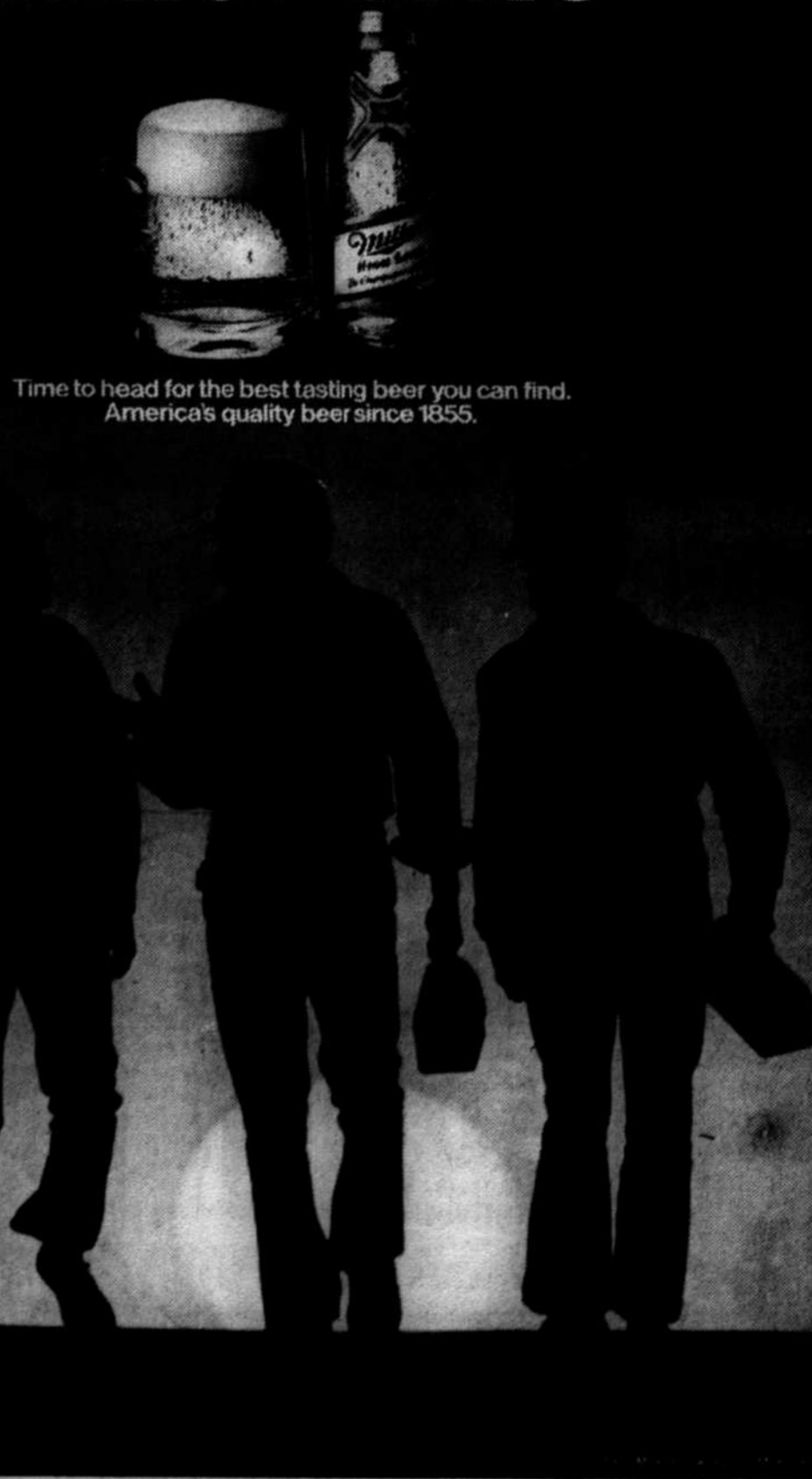
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