

What's happening!

OMEGA PARTY....The Omega Social Club sponsored a real Saturday night fever affair recently at the home of Janie McCleave on Bellaire Drive.

The party was heavily flavored with all of the ingredients that make a super function.

Caught up in the fever of a BAD Saturday night happening were Blanche Penn, Johnny and Gloria Smith, Anthony Huntley, Teresa Jones, Charles and Pat Vinson, Pedro and Jackie McCullough, Gail Spicer, Carolyn Mason, Fred Spicer, Janie McCleave, William (Duck) Johnson, Yolanda Spicer, Gary Foard, and Rodney McKinney.



Bob Johnson

Records Featuring George Benson, the Bee Gees, Earth, Wind and Fire, Bootsy and Parliament were used for the dance segment.

The Omega Social Club is sponsoring a talent show in early May. Read "What's Happening" for details concerning the time, place and the procedures for entering.

FASHION DRAMA....Last Sunday afternoon the very popular Excelsior Club glowed with the warmth and excitement of a magnificent fashion delight.

This garment extravaganza was sponsored by the people of ETC BOUTIQUE located at 1200 Central Avenue-James Byrd, a native of Burlington and a very dedicated entrepreneur along with his lovely manager Lovelia Weddington, who by the way is an experienced model and an instructor at Trim's Modeling Agency.

A "Body Attitude Affair" was the title chosen for the show that started around 6 and ended at 9 p.m., with a disco dance given as an added attraction. The music for the evening was engineered by Bomar Sadler better known in disco circles as "Mr. B." A large and tasty variety of hors d'oeuvres were served, along with the juice from mother nature's grapes to stimulate the palate of the many guests.

The top designer's originals that were represented in the show were modeled by Audrey Fee Myrna Lowe, Angela Grier, Cathy Matthews, Donna Sullivan, Scottie McNair and Jaren McCombs through the courtesy of Ernes' Ltd. Modeling Agency. Jaren McCombs, a very pert young lady, and one of the more seasoned models with the group enlivened the show with antics that evoked plenty of the audience's participation.

Sunday evening's performance was laden with success and partly because of the services rendered by Richard Evans, William Simmons, Odell Robinson, Jr., Grace Staten, and Fred Davis involving themselves in what ever was necessary for the smoothness of the show. Excelsior's Eddie (Beau) Vaughn also played a heavy role in the show's overall success.

Many people witnessed this beautiful affair. Among them were Mr. and Mrs. David Byrd, Allie Grant, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Weddington, Dorothy Byrd, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Lee, Janie Richards manager of T Edwards Clothing Store, Mr. and Mrs. James Evans, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Mason, Shirley McKay, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice McClettie, Angela Holman, Gwendolyn Sparks, Thelma Grier, Patricia McDowell, Ellen Walker, Arlene Simmons, and Beverly Smith.

If by chance you missed the show and would like to check out the fashions, stop in and see James or Lovelia. They'll be more than happy to assist you.

Jewelry used in the fashion show was furnished by Al Duncan of Discount Jewelry by Duncan.

KAPPA FUNCTION....The Brothers of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity sponsored an elegant and successful Beautillion Militaire last weekend in the Wagoner Convention Center.

The Beautillion Militaire introduced to society Darryl Devon Berry, Freddy Brannon, John Wiley Caldwell, Jesse James Cureton, Jr., Milton Reid Moore, John G. Nail, Raymond Barlett Porter, Angelo Quentin Reid, Willie L. Robinson, John O'Malley Thompson, and Herman Haywood Waddy.

The Reverend George Battle left the audience with a bit of wisdom, he urged them to "Try to make good men better" and he added that "some men see things as they are and say why while others dream things that never were and say why not."

Among those present were: Margaret Timberlake, Amzie Gray, Linda Little, Mr. and Mrs. James Melvin, Ronald Swann, Doris Asbury, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gadsden, Mr. and Mrs. William Blakeney, Mr. and Mrs. Milledge Brodie, John Elliot, Virginia Watson, Polly Manning, James Cuthbertson, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Springs, Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Pettis, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Booton, Dr. and Mrs. C. W. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Carson Beckwith and George Mitchell.

Dr. C. W. Williams was general chairman for the Kappa sponsored event.

LOVE....The cure for all the ills and wrongs, the cares, the sorrows, and the crimes of humanity, all lie in that one word "love".

Miss Viola Minrose Taylor

Weds Wayne Clayton Alexander

Viola Minrose Taylor and Wayne Clayton Alexander were united in matrimony Saturday, March 18, at St. Mark Baptist Church in Columbia, S.C.

The 3 p.m. ceremony was performed by Rev. C.L. Jackson.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Taylor of 2220 Marguerite St., Columbia. She is an assistant in the City Manager's office here in Charlotte.

Wayne is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Romeo Alexander of 1913 Patton Ave. He is an Assistant United States Attorney for the Western District of North Carolina and president of the Charlotte Chapter of the Black Lawyers Association.

The wedding was traditional in style and Mrs. Alexander chose a gown of white quiana with a pearl bodice. She carried a bouquet of white roses and baby's breath. Bridesmaids wore aqua quiana blouses and gowns. They were Sue Blueford, Marilyn Twitty and Rita Bogle. Donzetta Lindsay was matron of honor. The bride's nieces, Caren Taylor, and groom's cousin, Shawn Gormley, were junior bridesmaids. Flower girl, Toiya Gardner, wore a green and yellow dotted swiss dress.

The groom and groomsmen wore grey tuxedos and boutonnieres of white roses and baby's



MRS. WAYNE CLAYTON ALEXANDER
The former Miss Viola Taylor

breath. Groomsmen were Marshall Sanders, Zack Hill and Gary Pride; Michael Alexander, best man. The bride's

brothers, Robert II, Kenneth, Collier, Ronald and Donald acted as ushers. Robert L. Taylor III was ring bearer.

Fred and Lillian Jones provided music, accompanied by Mrs. Gwendolyn Hall. Selections included "You Light Up My Life," "Evergreen" and "The Lord's Prayer."

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at the Prince Hall Masonic Temple, with music by the Southern Flyers. There was the traditional wedding cake and champagne and dancing continued until 6 p.m.

Pre-wedding activities included a luncheon on Friday for the bridal party in the home of Mrs. Palmer Chapelle and an after-rehearsal dinner hosted by the parents of the groom. A disco followed immediately afterward.

Rev. Battle Kicks Off

Campaign For School Board

by Dianne Simpson
Post Staff Writer

"The greatest problem that the school board will have to face is getting the community involved with meaningful school related programs. This involvement will in turn steer this school system toward the direction of being the best system in this state." These steadfast statements were proclaimed by Rev. George E. Battle, Jr. during a conversation, pending his official opening campaign that was held at his office suite in the Winston Mutual Building at 916 West 5th Street. This 5-7:30 p.m. occasion was held on Tuesday, March 14.

Over 300 distinguished guests witnessed this campaign opening for Battle who is one of the three black candidates of the entire 14-member assemblage running for the occupancy of one of the four seats of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg County School Board of Education. Accompanied by his lovely wife Iris, son George III and daughter La Chandra, Battle extended warm welcomes to his guests as the occasion was later receptionalized.

It was at approximately 6:15 p.m. that this promising candidate for the school board along with his wife cut the ribbon which barred the door to the office of which Battle stated that all of his planning, decision making and transactions will be done if he be

elected to the board. Also included in this traditional campaign occurrence were Co-Chairpersons of Battle's Steering Committee Dr. Bertha Maxwell and George Allen.

In a later interview with Rev. Battle he made comments that he is very hopeful about winning in the election that is scheduled on Tuesday, May 2. When asked as the methods that he plans to use that will serve as foundational means for his winning, he commented that he will first use personal exposition. "I see a great need to serve a broader area for the better establishment of the school system. Thus, I will not restrict my campaigning to the city of Charlotte, but will concentrate on the entire Charlotte-Mecklenburg County areas. In this way I will encounter a larger mass for education involvement."

Working with his campaign slogan, "Battle for Children-Children for Battle," Battle sees that even his name shows implications for the constant struggles for the educational advancements for children. To him it is allusive that all students perform at their maximum capabilities in the areas of reading, writing, and speaking.

"If elected," Battle stated, "I shall work to the end for the betterment of the school system. I will be responsive and available at all times to discuss concerns."

Annual Testing Begins In

Five Grades Across State

If you have a student in grades 1, 2, 3, 6, or 9, then your child is one of approximately 500,000 that will take part in an annual testing program beginning April 4. Some school systems plan to start testing earlier. Students in these five grades will be asked to demonstrate their skills in the basic subjects this spring in order to help teachers and other administrators identify and correct student's needs in the basic areas.

The testing is a result of 1977 legislation passed by the General Assembly and was designed to enable parents and teachers to find out what children in these grades have learned and what they need to learn in the basic subjects of reading, language arts, and

math. Educators hope that this information can be used, in combination with other school records, to better decide what needs to be done to help each child improve in the basic subjects and make plans for remediation.

Governor Hunt appointed an Annual Testing Commission, chaired by Dr. Frank Yeager, superintendent of the Durham County Schools, to examine and recommend to the State Board of Education, the specific tests to be used. Members of the Commission have been hard at work during the past year examining suitable tests to be administered in the five grades. The Commission, which is composed of teachers, other educators, and measurement specialists from

across the state, will review validity and suitability of the tests each year.

First and second grades will take a criterion-referenced test. This type test is designed to reveal whether or not students have mastered, or learned, certain specific objectives. This format will indicate specific skill weaknesses and strengths of students, which will help educators in the planning of instruction. Third and sixth graders will take a norm-referenced test, which will compare the performance of North Carolina students with the performance of a national sample representing students at these same grade levels.

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