

By Bob Johnson

# What's happening!

**EASTER TIDBITS...**Here is something you may not have known. Easter is an annual church celebration commemorating Christ's Resurrection. Easter is the first Sunday after the first full moon that falls on or immediately after the verbal equinox, March 21; if the full moon happens on Sunday, Easter is celebrated one week later. Easter Sunday cannot be earlier than March 22 or later than April 25.

**EASTER FUN...**Part of the excitement of Easter lies in the fun had at the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity's annual Spring Formal, held Friday night, March 24.

As usual it was a dance interlaced with distinction and people who had gathered to fulfill some of their festive desires.

This annual affair was started in the early 50's and has gained tremendous popularity as evidenced by the increasing number of guests each year. Included among this year's Brothers and guests were Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lowery, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Anthony, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Abernathy, Allie Grant, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Hayes, Mr. and Mrs. Zoel Hargraves, Mr. and Mrs. James Dixon, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Carter, Mr. and Mrs. Alston Bellamy, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Cherry, Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Gaines, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny L. Green, Dr. and Mrs. Gordon Wilkins, Mr. and Mrs. R.P. Reeder, Mr. and Mrs. Odell Robinson, and Mr. and Mrs. Joe White.

Charlotte's Civic Center housed this dance and Maurice Williams and the Zodiacs furnished the music.

**BACHELOR BASH...**Wannamaker (Butch) Melton said "good by" to the single man's life last Saturday afternoon at 3 p.m. He said "I Do" to the lovely Peggy Neely at a wedding held at the Holiday Inn at Carowinds.

Friends of the groom honored him at a bachelor party, March 23, at the home of Joe Green on Northbrook Drive. Best man Frank Cherry, Joe Johnson, Charlotte Gordon, Carolyn Sloan, Melinda Staten and Arthur Cherry were among the guests.

Butch is a native of Pageland, S.C. and works as a systems programmer for Celene in Charlotte.

Peggy is a native Charlottean and works for Package Products Company here in the Queen City.

The couple will honeymoon in New Orleans and make their home here.

**A HUNTING WE WILL GO...**An Easter egg is an egg that is boiled, dyed and given at Easter as a goodwill gesture along with suits, dresses, shoes and what have you. The joy of having an Easter egg is finding it in a hunt.

Last Saturday while other egg hunts were being cancelled due to inclement weather, The Extraordinaires Social Club used innovative ideas to hold a successful Easter Egg event in the Hartley-Woods Gymnasium on the campus of Johnson C. Smith University. Instead of hiding the eggs, as tradition suggests, the club members played games with the children from the Fairview Homes area. The winners of the games won the eggs.

Karen Ross and Beverly Samuels won the most eggs. Also participating were Felika Gause, Carolina Nash, William Alexander, Cecelia Ross, Tammy Lotharp, Gloria Jones, Carolyn Samuels, Darren Redfern, Reico Graves, and Roger Jackson.

**TEA TIME...**The Par Buster's Auxillary will hold a sip, sit, chat and chew next Sunday afternoon, April 2, at the Par Buster's clubhouse 515 South Summit Ave., from 4 p.m. - until.

Johnson Mae Barnette, Dora Johnson, Mable Cunningham, Dot Polk, Harriett Love, Ruth Boulware, Betty Singleton and Barbara Hoey will spearhead this event.

**PRE-EASTER BALL...**The Alpha Phi Chi Sorority, Inc. held their first pre-Easter benefit dance last Saturday night at the Holiday Inn North from 9 p.m. til 1 a.m.

The Charlotte group has 2 chapters, Alpha Alpha and Alpha Beta. Sadie Grigg is president of the combined chapters. Virginia Stepteanu is president of Alpha Alpha and Laura Ervin is president of Alpha Beta.

Bonar Sadler's disco machine provided the musical sounds for the guests at the Sorority's Pre-Easter Ball. Among them were Josephine Allison, Mary Carelock, Larry Fritz, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley White, Dorothy Barnes, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Allison, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Dargan, Mary McNeil, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Grigg, Virginia Stepteanu, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Broom, Mr. and Mrs. T.D. Haynes, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Davis, Johnnie Yongue, Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Shute, Alyce Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Adams, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Early Vaughters, Willette Glenn, Arthur Wallace, Claudette Alexander, Mr. and Mrs. Chauncey Maxwell, Mable Reeder and Carrie Grier.



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THE 16 OUTSTANDING YOUNG MEN

...Who demonstrate superior scholarship

## Kappas Present Beautillion

The Charlotte Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity in its continuing efforts to provide cultural opportunities for the wholesome development of youth, presented 16 young men in a "Beautillion Militaire," recently at the Holiday Inn-Wagoner Convention Center.

Dr. C. W. Williams, general chairman of the affair, stated, "It was a festive occasion that provided an opportunity for these young men to be projected positively and, thus, enhanced their self-worth and self-esteem. Not only did the affair project these very fine young men, but we hoped that it made some of our community citizens more aware that there are some very fine young men who know where they are going and how they are going to get there."

Dr. Williams continued: "They are not out there going

in the wrong direction with some of the news media flashing their wrong-doings on the front page. When a Black young man commits any act of wrong-doing, it is emphasized, but there are many young men-- clean cut and with a positive direction toward their goals, and no mention is ever made of them. We hope to reinforce this kind of lifestyle."

Participants in the First Annual "Beautillion" Were: Freddie Barannon, Raymond Porter, Reginald Egleston, John W. Caldwell, Herman Waddy, Darryl Berry, Milton Moore, John Nail, Angelo Reid, Roy Lee Lee, Willie Robinson, Ernest Kay, Darryl B. Maxwell, Vincent Lineberger, Jessie Cureton, and Clifford McNeely.

The young men between the ages 17-20, have been in drill training for the "Militaire"

under the direction of James L. Potts and Ms. Gloria Ervin.

Among the highlights of this program have been weekly seminars with local businessmen, lawyers, doctors, educators and other successful black entrepreneurs, who have been invaluable in giving the Beaux a sense of direction and a living example of what can be accomplished today.

Commentators for the event were E. Manny Clarke and Ms. Scheryl Gant of Radio Station WGIV.

Assisting Dr. Williams in the "Beautillion," Kappa Alpha Psi's first such venture, which is a scholarship and community charities benefit, are hard-working, dedicated steering committee members: Bernard Brown, James Melvin, Howard Hill, Frank Gadsden, James Blue and Dr. Rufus Pettis, Po March of the Charlotte Cha

## County To Build

### New Health Center

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cent to the Old Carver College building, which is presently leased by the County and occupied by the Engineering Department and Building Standards and Codes Enforcement Department.

The Randolph Road Center is being constructed on the tract of County-owned land designated as the Mecklenburg County Human Resources Complex. The center will be within sight of the Social Services Center, which houses the Department of Social Services, the Agricultural Extension Service and the Homemaking Education Department. It will also be close to the Mental Health Center, Mental Health Hospital, and the Center for Human Development.

The County operates free bus service between the up-town area and the Human Resources Complex, making free transportation available to citizens who wish to visit the present facilities as well as the building now under construction.

The new Beatties Ford Road Center will bring the delivery of health and social services into new location, serving both the northwest and southwest areas, as well as those more distant areas which have access to I-85 and I-77.

Each of the Health Centers will contain approximately 28,000 square feet. Architects for the Beatties Ford Road Center are Brice-Morris Associates and architects for the Randolph Road Center are Grier-Fripp Associates. The general contractors are James R. Vannoy and Sons, for the Beatties Ford Road Center, and Cabarrus Construction Company, for the Randolph Road Center. The cost of each facility is \$1.4 million, including everything except land, with all funding coming from 1977 Public Improvement Bonds.

The Environmental Health Department, which is located in the Blythe Boulevard building, will remain there, and other County departments will be moved into this building. The space now occupied by the Health Department will be redesigned to provide room for expansion of the Environmental Health Department, especially for laboratory work, and for improved efficiency. This department is responsible for enforcing Federal, State, and local laws and ordinances related to it and water protection.

## JCSU To Host Career Education Program

The Charlotte Chapter of Links, Inc. will sponsor a Career Education Program on Saturday, April 1 at 10 a.m. in the Lincoln Room of the Library at Johnson C. Smith University.

Mr. Walter Jacobs, the Associate Director of the College Entrance Examination Board will be present to acquaint students with techniques for successfully taking the SAT test and other scholastic examinations.

Mr. Moses Jones, Director of Admissions at Johnson C. Smith University will brief students on how to apply for the different types of financial aids and work study.

All interested senior high school students are invited.

### Students' Art Work

Come see an exciting array of works of art by Myers Park High School art students at Charlottetown Mall. These paintings and drawings will be on display from Wednesday, March 29th through Wednesday, April 5th, and will include all mediums of art.

These are students of Dean Barber, Art Teacher at Myers Park High School, and will include watercolors, oils, pen and inks, and some photography.

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