

What's happening!

TEA TIME...Le Cocomotion, Ltd. struck again! This time with a sensational sip and snack held recently, at the Casbah Club on West Blvd. Featured music maker was "Meat Packer," who furnished the disco sounds.

Many people crossed the threshold of what turned out to be a very successful venture. Among them were Richard Moore, Ernestine Brown, Edward Jackson and Gloria Dean McConico.

JAMES EDWARD MCCONICO, president of Le Cocomotion, Ltd., says the next event on the 4th of July, at the Foxfield Apartments, (formerly Hawaiian Village) Clubhouse, promises to be a real jammer. An all-day party by the pool with refreshments available.



Bob Johnson

SPRING BALL... Going...going...gone!

That's how the lick reads for the sale of tickets to the EXTRA ORDINAIRE'S 2nd Annual Spring Ball. The tickets were scarce from the start, and now the panic is about to set in, because this very promising affair is only two weeks away and tickets are as scarce as great grandpa's teeth.

If last year's triple decked enjoyment is any indication of what is in store for this year's guest, Look Out Radisson Plaza Hotel!

This semi-formal dance will be held on the 24th of June, from 9 p.m. until everyone is exhausted from the frolic.

The North Wilkesboro music machine called Brief Encounter will titillate the sense of hearing for club members and guest including Mr. and Mrs. Earl Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Mutch Evans, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Allison, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin White, Mr. and Mrs. Charley Cox, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Whaley, Kitt Massey, Carolyn Hailey, Edna Johnson, Bernadine Coles, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Hayes, and Mr. and Mrs. Otis Barnett.

C. B. GATHERING... 2525 Dr. Carver Rd. will be the address used Sunday, June 18, for a Tea sponsored by the DODGE CITY C. B. CLUB.

This Father's Day Tea will swing from 3 p.m. until. And it will boast all the characteristics inherent in affairs of this nature.

DISCO DANCE... Disco dances are the rage now, and in keeping with the tempo. SECOND WARD HIGH SCHOOL'S CLASS OF '51 will sponsor a Pre-Fourth of July Disco Dance at the National Guard Armory, from 9 p.m. til 1 a.m., on July 1.

This gives you plenty of time to get your boogie shoes and your dance act together.

COCKTAIL PARTY... THOMAS C. SAUNDERS III, owner and operator of Tommy's Restaurant on West Boulevard, hosted a very nice cocktail sip last Friday night at the restaurant.

The 7 til 10 p.m. affair was given in honor of clubs and organizations that have patronized his establishment at one time or another. This was his way of saying, thanks!

Some of the organizations invited to participate in this event were; the Pyramid Club, the Thousand Aires Club, Cuzzettes Social Club, Cupettes Social Club, the Blue Slipper, West Charlotte's Class of 1964, Cassandra Chapter 021, Rainbow Chapter, Solomon Lodge 257, Mainliner's Lodge, Charlotte Business League, Hidden Valley PTA Bowling League, Ebony Eyes Social Club, Les Dames Modernes, The Greatest Men's Club, and The Starship Social Club.

METROLINA FUNCTION... More than 140 people gathered at the John Yancey Motor Inn, Sunday, June 11, for an evening of Music sponsored by the Music Lovers of Metrolina, a recently formed group of music enthusiasts.

The evening began at 6:30 p.m. with buffet dinner and bubbling champagne in the banquet room at the Yancey. Cecil Clement and his staff prepared all the fixins' for the delicious meal.

The highlight of the evening was a concert featuring the jazz sounds of Zoom, with vocalist Ms. Lee Freeman. Some of Charlotte's finest musicians comprise the group: Arthur Cross (drums), Grady Seigle (bass), Ron Hare (piano), Leroy Paige (sax and flute), and Raymond Gossaway (sax). They were enthusiastically received by the guests, who were thrilled to hear some good jazz and easy listening music in Charlotte by local artists.

This event, co-chaired by VIVIAN ROSS NIVENS and VIVIAN WILLIAMS, was a benefit for the United Negro College Fund. Harvey Gantt and Ray Davis, coordinator of the local UNCF-Johnson C. Smith University fund-raising drive were on hand to accept contributions from the music lovers.

Some of the supporters of the affair were Oren McCullough, Phil Hatchett, Val Griggs, Leroy Doe, Lucille Batts, Eugene and Diane Alexander, James and Julia Sanders, Julius and Vivian Chambers, Wesley and Ginise Clement, Gerado and Nancy Stroud, Rowe and Alma Motley, Vivian R. Nivens, C. Warren and Vivian Williams and Harvey and Cindy Gantt.



Linda Smith ...Accepts challenge

Bennett Student Excels

In New Degree Program

Greensboro--Linda Smith is one of two Bennett students who dared to accept the challenge of the women's college-new dual degree engineering program.

"It took some persuasion and conjoling on the part of my math professor to remain in the program once I enrolled," says the quiet Linda.

"I started out rather slow in the engineering classes at neighboring North Carolina A & T State University because I lacked a strong background in the sciences and math."

Linda noted that in high school she did not take physics, upper level algebra, geometry or chemistry courses.

"Instead I opted to take some of those frill courses which really did not prepare me for college science or math courses."

The only thing, she admits, which sustained her was an interest in physical science and her determination.

"I had a hard time at first and could not find a tutor. I was actually courting a F-average in the introductory engineering classes."

Linda was a frequent visitor to her A & T advisor's office seeking assistance.

"After many tears and support from the A & T staff, I received that tutor and subsequently my average went up to A."

Actually, Linda had not planned to major in electrical engineering. She was a math major during her freshman year at Bennett.

"The engineering program was just being implemented. The Science Division at Bennett wanted to attract some students into the program which offers a degree in mathematics and another in either electrical or mechanical engineering."

It was the suggestion of Miss Dorothy Harris, Director of the Freshman Studies and Academic Support Program, that Linda explore the new program.

"I was apprehensive about doing it when I noted the

strong emphasis in heavy science courses. I read brochures about engineering and the opportunities for women in the field, but it wasn't until I had constructed my first working model stop light that I decided to declare the major."

Linda Smith is a native of Greensboro and certainly a part of the Bennett Experience. Not only did her mother and two aunts attend the college, but her great-aunt, Dr. Willa B. Player, was a former president, 1955-1966. Two sisters also have attended.

Dr. Mattie Moss, a true Linda supporter, hopes to attract more students to the dual degree program.

60 Blacks, Other Minority Students Going To College?

Clemson, S.C.--Sixty black and other minority high school students are going to college this summer to find out if they have a future in engineering. They are participants in a summer engineering program for minority students which started June 12 at Clemson University in South Carolina.

According to program director Robert Snelstire, an engineering professor at Clemson, the demand for black engineers far outstrips the supply.

But he says young people don't realize the opportunities they have in this high-paying field.

"Too many students get discouraged and turned off by math and physics courses in high school," he says.

"Without that preparation they just can't make it in a college engineering curriculum."

Snelstire hopes to change that this summer for 60 high school sophomores from

North and South Carolina and Georgia.

He wants to get the kids "turned on" to engineering by having them build model airplanes, test solar cookers and concrete canoes and learn to program computers.

Next summer the same students will have a chance to come back after their junior year in high school and spend two weeks working on a more complex engineering project while another new group begins the program.

The whole program is free because of contributions from more than 25 business and industrial firms throughout the nation.

Joe Wright Vows To Work For 8 Release

Wright--William "Joe" Wright, age 25, the youngest member of the Wilmington Ten was paroled after serving 2 1/2 years in North Carolina prisons. Wright is the first of the remaining nine incarcerated members of the Wilmington Ten to be paroled since North Carolina's Governor James Hunt reduced the groups sentences in January of this year.

Maintaining the innocence of the Wilmington Ten Wright said, "Instead of today being a happy occasion for me, it is a sad one. For although I am being released from prison after serving a sentence for a crime which I did not commit, eight (8) of my brothers remain in prison for crimes which they did not commit."

Wright vowed to continue his fight against racism in the state. "I will be actively involved in speaking out against the deplorable conditions of racism and injustice which exist in my own state of North Carolina..."

Wright thanked the many thousands of people who have called for the release of the Wilmington Ten.

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