

# What's happening!

HELLO!...The few and very precious days that we had free for Thanksgiving were bright in many ways. The warm rays of the mid-Autumn sun enhanced the spirit of the time set aside to give thanks for a very good year. The brightness also manifested itself in the form of turkey, dressing, rice, giblet gravy, greens, chitterlings and a host of other mouth watering holiday treats. Let's not forget the celebrations and family gatherings that made the holiday time all too short.

However bright or brief this period seemed to be, it left the residue of some well times.

**DINNER ENGAGEMENT.** Let's zero in on the Radisson Plaza Hotel Thanksgiving Day, 1978. While many die-hard parade fans braved the chilling rain to watch the 33rd annual Carrousel Parade others used the comforts of the Radisson to do their viewing.



Bob Johnson

Curt and Hattie Ardrey hosted Thanksgiving dinner for the children while they watched the parade from the apex room on the 8th floor.

All of the aforementioned mouth watering delights were prepared by Hattie for this occasion plus some that were not mentioned.

All of the children had grand theft fun, playing, starting at the parade or just surveying what was on the wide screen.

Some of the guests for the dinner were Morris and Steve Hayes, Ebony Moore, William Massey, Tommy Funderburke, Tiffany Funderburke, DeForest Pratt II, Jacques Debeuneure, Tarita Davis, Debbie Davis, Allan Coles, Kim Coles, and Ebony's little friend Eric.

**ANNIVERSARY FUN.** The very personable Mike Cotton, operator of the Midway Lounge on Statesville Avenue, held his fourth anniversary party Thanksgiving night. Each year at Thanksgiving time, Mike treats his patrons to a party. Next year, if it gets any better or should I say bigger, brother Cotton will have to find a new location.

Working very hard to make sure all of the guests were satisfied and having fun, were Mike's lovely assistants Charlotte, Pam, Patsy, and Vera, who should be complimented for a job well done.

Some of the satisfied guests were Mr. and Mrs. Archie Smith, Willie McGill, Johnny Morrison, Jimmy Howard from Richmond, Virginia, Jimmy Smith, Amanda Adams, Thelma Grier, Arthur Osborne, Daphne Camp, Adrienne McCaskill, Barbara Stroud, Faye Houston, Gloria Tatum, Doris Hoover, Kaye Hoover, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wallace, Jimmy Strickland, Bobbie Parks, Raymond Lee, Sula Henderson, Jane Mumford, Paul Howell, Helen Hardy, Aaron Smith, Walter Brewer, John Whitmere, Chuck Collins, Mary Alford and Frances Debeuneure who has recently moved back to Charlotte from Washington, D.C.

**CLUBHOUSE PARTY.** Man of the year, top agent for Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Company, Chief advisor of the Financial Advisory Clinic of North Carolina, these are the credentials for Bob Curry, a financial planner par excellence.

Last Friday night, Bob used the confines of the Woodlawn Hollow clubhouse to honor some special people, who exhibited outstanding qualities last year in the area of finance and financial planning.

Steve Brown was named banker of the year by the Financial Advisory Clinic of N.C. Steven was recently promoted to branch manager of Wachovia Bank and Trust Co. located on North Tryon St.

Hercules Morgan was named Mutual Benefit policy holder of the year, for his devotion to financial planning.

Walter Buford was honored as corporate man of the year.

Janice L. Davidson was also honored for her efforts and dedication in the area of financial planning.

Thus far, you may be of the opinion that the entire evening rested on ceremony, quite the contrary, the ceremony was just a ray in an evening filled with high spirited merrymaking.

Seen among the merry-makers were Florence Ingram, Phyllis Baxter, Mr. and Mrs. Roosevelt, Rutledge, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Johnson, Bobby Cullems, group specialist for Mutual Benefit Life and The Financial Advisory Clinic, Mickey Mitchell of Mutual and The Advisory Clinic, Mr. and Mrs. John Cortney and Lavell Roberts from the same agencies. Other guests included Mr. and Mrs. Grover Buford, Thelma Brown, attorney Robert Talford, Jimmy Hackett and Lawanda Mabry, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hardy, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Brown, Charlene Walls, Mr. and Mrs. James Rutland, Vanessa Baxter, Laura Harris, Doug Smith, and last but definitely not least, without her culinary expertise, and her untiring dedication to a successful venture, this affair might not have come off as well as it did. We're speaking of none other than the beautiful wife of Bob Curry, Mrs. Juanita Curry.



MRS. MARY BAXTER SMOOT PRESENTS

...Plaque to honored Bobby Lowery

## Sorority Honors Bobby Lowery

Beta Omicron Sigma Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority celebrated Founders Day on Sunday, November 19, at St. Paul Baptist Church on North Allen Street and the Quality Inn on South McDowell Street.

Members of the Sorority and Rhoer Club members worshipped together at the 11 a.m. service at St. Paul where Rev. Paul W. Drummond is pastor. The Sorority honored Bobby Lowery as an outstanding citizen for his religious, civic, and business contributions to our community. The plaque given to him was presented by Geraldine Taylor, Anti-Basil-

At Mercy

### New Drug

### Products

### On Display

A new drug called sulindac, used in the treatment of rheumatoid arthritis, bursitis and other painful ailments, will be among the many new products on display at the annual Drug Fair at Mercy Hospital on November 30.

Over 30 different Pharmaceutical companies will participate in the Drug Fair, designed to acquaint doctors, nurses, and allied health professionals with the latest in drug preparations and their uses.

"There are so many products on the market today it's impossible for doctors and other personnel to keep up unless we have something like this," explains Mercy's Director of Pharmacy, Gilbert Colina. This is the 5th year for the hospital's Drug Fair.

The new drug for easing pain in arthritis victims, manufactured by Merck, Sharpe & Dohme under the trade name Clinoril, has been on the market only a few weeks and is stocked in the hospital's Pharmacy. Most of the products on display at the Drug Fair have been introduced within the last several months.

Among those exhibiting are such familiar names in pharmaceuticals as Squibb, A.H. Robbins, Abbott Laboratories, Parke Davis, Pfizer, and Eli Lilly & Co. No samples will be distributed.

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and Founders Day Chairperson. The Basileus, Lavenia Young, presented Lowery's wife Betty with a corsage of yellow mums and also presented a donation to Rev. Drummond for the Church.

The celebration continued at the Quality Inn with a delicious luncheon and fellowship. Mr. and Mrs. Lowery were the guests of honor.

Three of their children and Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Mason, Mrs. Lowery's parents, were also present.

A silver tray was presented to Mary S. McKinnon, outgoing Basileus in appreciation for her dedicated service from 1976 to 1978. Hopie Perry, who was unable to attend, will receive a plaque for 25 years of uninterrupted service to the

sorority.

Sigma Gamma Rho sorority was chartered in 1922 and Beta Omicron Sigma Chapter was organized in 1952. They continue to grow in fields of education and service.

The sorority gives a scholarship to a Johnson C. Smith student annually. Ms. Karen Huntley was the 1978 recipient. Recently, residents of Arey's Rest Home were showered with Halloween treats and the group participated in Johnson C. Smith's Homecoming parade. Food was collected for needy families for the Thanksgiving season. Some members do volunteer work at local schools, churches and community agencies.

The sorority will host its Northeast Regional, April 27-29, 1979 at the Radisson Plaza Hotel.

### A Catastrophe

## Waiting To Happen?

A recent survey among school children across the state revealed a hidden problem that could be a catastrophe just waiting to happen.

An estimated 180,000 children in grades six to 12 are not fully protected against the "deadly six" childhood diseases: polio, measles, rubella (German measles), diphtheria, whooping cough, and tetanus. These children constitute a potential for epidemics that could be among the worst this state has ever seen. Earlier this year, for example, an outbreak of measles in just one of our counties numbered 40 cases before an emergency effort could bring it under control. This type of thing, health authorities assure us, could happen at any time with any of these contagious diseases.

State law requires all beginning students to show proof of vaccination before admittance, thus placing responsibility for enforcement of a health law on school officials. Clearly, some school authorities have been lax in their

duty, or we wouldn't have so many apparently unprotected students in school today.

As a society, we will not tolerate even one case of smallpox in North Carolina, yet many adults appear to be willing to accept the risks of twisted limbs, loss of hearing, brain damage, and even death, from polio, measles, and other diseases that can be prevented as easily as smallpox. The shots are safe and available from your family doctor, or free of charge at the County Health Department.

State health officials are urging school authorities to take strong, positive action to get proof of vaccination from all students, and to exclude from school those who have not been vaccinated until they correct the situation. The state's Attorney General has held that this is permissible so long as parents have been given adequate opportunity to do what is right before the child is suspended.

This approach can be effective. Last year in Alaska, over 89,000 students were excluded

from school for failure to meet immunization requirements. Two weeks later only 201 remained out for this reason, and in two more weeks less than 50.

We like to think that not a single parent in this county would deliberately expose a child to disease, or to expulsion from school. But, paraphrasing the old saying, "The road to catastrophe is paved with good intentions." A seat belt can't help you unless it is buckled; the best vaccine in the world is no good sitting in the refrigerator.

We must be more concerned about these diseases.

We must do everything we can to prevent the catastrophe that could happen among our young who have not been properly vaccinated.

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# Why electricity is going to cost you a little more. And a little less.

During the sixties, we lowered your rates six times. But times have changed.

Today, the cost of almost everything that's required to provide your electricity is climbing higher and higher. Power plants. Transformers. Poles. Fuel.

The rising cost of electricity, like the higher prices you're paying for just about everything, is a symptom of one of our nation's most serious problems— inflation. And until we can beat that, the cost of everything will continue to climb. All across the country.

#### Some ways we're trying to overcome inflation:

We design and build our own power plants. And we do it at a lower cost than any other power company in the country. We produce more power with less fuel, too. Our generating efficiency has been the best of any major power company for six of the past eight years. And second best the other two years.

We're building nuclear power plants. They produce electricity cheaper than other types of plants. A lot cheaper.

And we've launched a program to keep the demand for electricity, and the need for expensive new generating plants, from going up so fast.

#### Making the best of a bad situation.

We'd like to say all these things will keep the cost of electricity from going up. But they won't. Electric rates, along with the prices you pay for other things you use and need, will continue to climb until inflation is brought under control.

But because of the things we're doing, what you pay for electricity is still a lot less than what other people are paying across the country.

We'll do all we can to keep it that way.

That's a promise.

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