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What's happening!

HELLO!...Here we are again braving the meteorological pneumatics, on our upturned biltmore crate receiving the news of the latest happenings in our community. We are also receiving the inherent components for a severe case of Japanese flu. Hopefully though, we will transmit to you only the uncommunicable portion of our reception, which consists of events laden with indelible enthusiasm.

CLASS ADVENTURE

When the thoughts of big cats occur, it is the general consensus that the thought alludes to lions and tigers, two of the largest and most ferocious animals found in the jungles of Africa Asia and parts of India Respected by man, other animals and each other, these animals live a relatively peaceful coexistence.

The names lions and tigers are symbolic identifications too, used by educational institutions as nicknames for their athletic teams.

West Charlotte High School incorporated the name lions while the now defunct Second Ward used the name tigers. With these nicknames printed on banners, the crosstown rivals engaged in many memorable contests, in their quest for city supremacy. Supremacy in football came with the winning of the annual Queen City Classic.

Only the memories linger on as reminders of the times and the palatable wars held between these schools. It was these memories plus the need to recapture some of the historical embellishments that led the 1967 class members of West Charlotte High School into a new venture.

QUEEN CITY CLASSIC BALL...The 1967 graduating class of West Charlotte High School sponsored a dance, the Queen City Classic Ball. The dance was held in Charlotte's Park Center recently using the catchy phrase, "cats of the jungle roar together." This first annual affair blossomed under the umbrella of success which lends a lot of credit to the efforts of the class members.

Gaston, the superb musical aggregation from Gastonia furnished the music for the dance. Their electrifying style of play kept the many guests rocking and freaking on the dance floor and in their seats.

The guests included Mr. and Mrs. Early Vaughters, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sims, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Worthy, James Blackmon, Diane Phifer from Atlanta, Ga., Butch Simmons, Wendy McCullough, Daphne Camp, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice McClettle, Odell Brown-class pres., Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McGee, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Lanier, Thaddeus McDowell, Joe Henderson, Nancy McCullough, Richard Brooks, Edward Cannon, Linda Ferguson, Abigail Flanders, and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Massey.

The queens for this auspicious occasion were Marion Brooks, Lynette Stinson, Celeste McCullough, Pauline Hinton and Vermell Ely.

AGONIZING TIME...Those fantastic West Charlotte Lions are riding high as the Cinderella team of the state 4A football conference; western division, paraded into Rockingham last Friday night, with hopes of being the belle of the ball (game). Everything was just right. The carriages were many and shining like new money. Their red and white raiment was very clean and colorful. Plus their spirits were soaring, because an invitation to this coveted affair was hard to come by. Also the glass slipper prize awarded to the belle (winner) was even more difficult to cop.

However, when the clock struck twelve, the carriages could have been pumpkins; the team's raiment was soiled, spirits had hit rock bottom and the glass slipper was still lost. So the story went.

Many fans traveled from Charlotte to witness this agonizing defeat by the Eastern Division champs, the Richmond County Raiders. Among them were Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Massey, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Maxwell, Maxine Harris, Renee Holt, Noble McKinney, Alvine Robinson, Diane Wingard, Wvatt Pratt, Edie King, Odell Brown, Gary Kennedy, Edna Harris, Charles Culbert, Rock Johnson, Jake Johnson, Jimmy Teeter, Mary Rivers, Sybil Scott, Dusty Boyd, William Gill, Steve Edney, Robert Sweetenburg, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Miller, Ambrose Gaines, Curtis Ardrey, Charles Hodges, Metter Collins, Freddie Smith, and William Waterman.

JAZZ JAM...Bobby Fewell was just one of the many guests that crowded into the Gallery Lounge last Saturday night to enjoy the mesmerizing sounds of Grady Seigle and Friends.

Donald Daviss highlighted the evening with his Lou Rawls type voice and infectious style.

The dynamite combination of these two musical powers made for a terrific evening for everyone including Cheryl Gaddy, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Stone, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Barnes, and Mr. and Mrs. John Timple.



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THANKSGIVING DINNER AT OTTO'S
More than 300 needy people were the guests of Big Ways and Otto's Restaurant on Thanksgiving Day. Otto's Restaurant on East Independence Boulevard provided the dinners and made their restaurant available only for the guests from noon til 4 p.m. The staff of about 10 people volunteered their time for this project. One man about 65-years-old walked all the way from the bus station downtown to Otto's to have dinner and then took one back to his sick wife. Otto's provided him a ride. The management at Otto's made Thanksgiving Day a special day for some special people.

Homemade Christmas Gifts Are Cherished

The most unique and cherished Christmas gifts are those that are homemade.

Using your time and talent to make presents for friends and family is a good way to save money too, says Dr. Thelma Hinson, family resource management specialist at NCSU.

Consider gifts that can be enjoyed and used up during the holiday season such as decorations or holiday foods. A certificate announcing when these gifts will arrive can be given before the actual present so that the recipient can plan for their use.

Gifts for services are also welcomed and might include transportation, hair care, babysitting, household jobs and repairs, health care ser-

VICES, or fellowship and entertainment for special occasions.

For these, design an attractive "I Promise" or "I-O-U" certificate and present it as the gift.

If you have a special skill in music, crafts, painting, car-

Miss Simpson Joins Air Force

Teressa Y. Simpson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Beaufort Walker, of 5301 Hughes Drive, has enlisted in the U.S. Air Force.

Airman Simpson, a 1978 graduate of Breckinridge Job Corp General Education Program, joined under the Air Force's Delayed Enlistment Program (DEP), which

allows her to accumulate time in the Air Force Reserve until she enters active duty on March 6, 1979.

Sergeant Steve Dagenhart, Air Force recruiter in Charlotte, stated that Airman Simpson successfully completed a series of tests which qualified her for the mechanical field of training.

Quiet Masons Ready To Right

Special To The Post
ERIE, Pa. Political action and social groups within Black Scottish Rite Masons in Pennsylvania are being set up to take direct action against injustices to Blacks and the poor, using its powerful manpower of 11,000 Black masons in the state. This was declared last week at Erie, Pa., when three hundred members of the Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation met at the New Hilton Hotel under the direction of Overseer Alvin Swiggert of Chester.

In drawing up plans for immediate action, Swiggert addressed the annual Council of Deliberation and ordered all six supportive bodies, called consistories, to look to the future for strong talk and strong action against unfair officials in the local areas, state and federal as well. This is somewhat unusual for Scottish Rite Masons to become involved in direct action, but the time has come to slow down the reversing hands of the clock. Swiggert added that Blacks can no longer be abused by the welfare system,

or have a dual judicial system, and have police brutality as a way of life.

Tremendous impact was given to Swiggert's statement by Thomas J. Lashley, the most Worshipful Grand Master of all 10,000 Prince Hall Masons in the state of Pennsylvania. Lashley gives full support to the Scottish Rite program.

The six consistories in Pennsylvania are DeMolay in Philadelphia; Charles E. Gordon in Chester; Martin Luther King in Bryn Mawr; Mountain in Altoona; Lycoming in Williamsport; Minrod in Pittsburgh and Whitney M. Young in Erie. The Erie consistory, under the leadership of Vernon Dobson, head of the city's human relations commission, played host to the other Pennsylvania Scottish Rite Masons.

It was agreed that within two months, the body would be heard of throughout the state as one of the most aggressive organizations fighting in the interest of Blacks and the poor. Its tactics will be two-fold: In local areas, where the

masons see injustice and unfairness, they will tackle the problem directly. At other times, they propose to join with the NAACP, the Urban League, or any other effective group fighting for equality. In closing the session at Erie, Swiggert emphasized, "We have extensive manpower to use in any way necessary."

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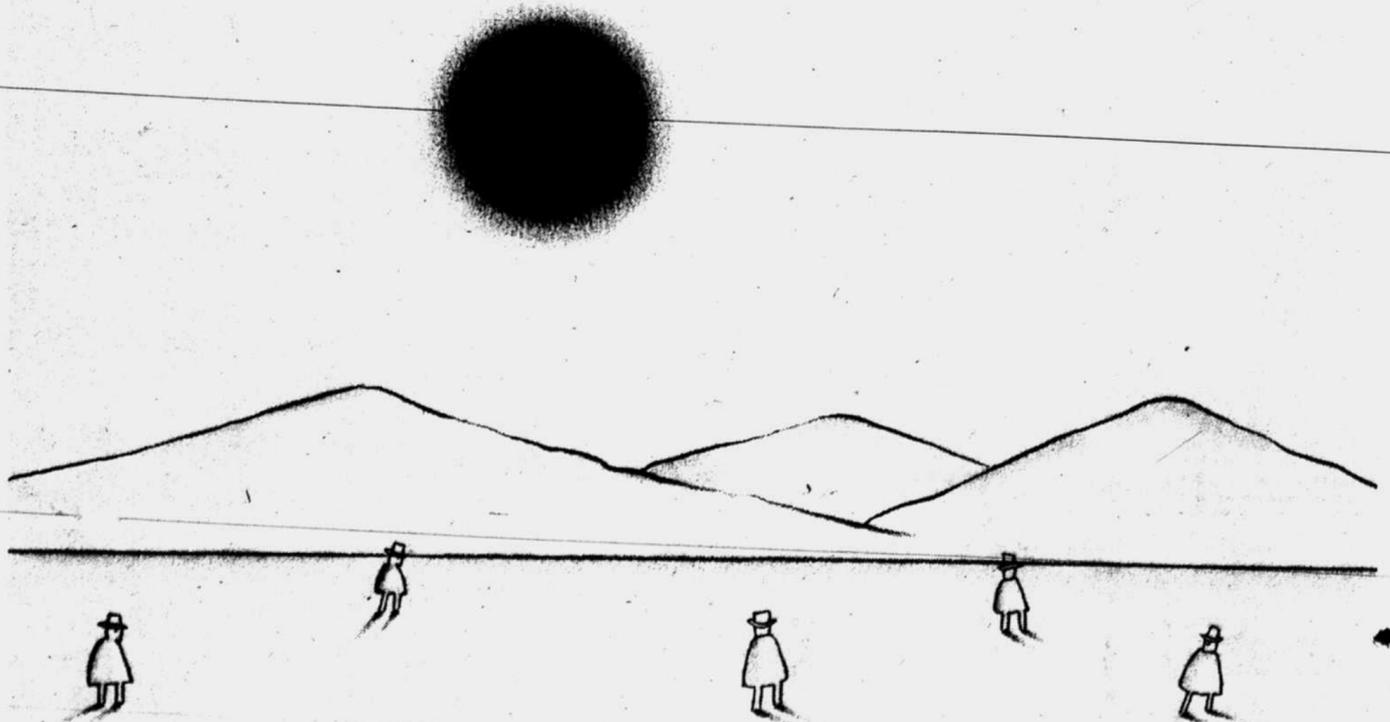
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