

# What's happening!

HELLO!...Here I am once more standing very tall on my 12" biltmore crate. Senses are acutely tuned to the babblings of the passing currents of wind, which as you know carry the messages that I transmit to you each week. While standing here, I can't help but reflect on the 57 varieties of weather that surrounds all of us, and equate it with the changes that entwine our lives. But that's another happening for another time. The happening or happenings for this time are:

## A FAMILY AFFAIR..

Sgt. John Culp, who has been stationed in Germany for the past four years, was very elated recently when he stepped into his sister's home in Pineville to the tune of "Happy Birthday," sung to him by the many family members he had not seen during that time.

To say that it was a

party would not be crediting the gathering fairly. It was more like a festival with dishes of food consisting of fried and barbecued chicken,

turkey, dressing, noodles, potato salad, macaroni pie, candied yams, an assortment of tasty vegetables, a variety of cakes and pies and plenty of all kinds of beverages.

Sgt. Culp spent a very wonderful evening with his family—one that I'm sure will remain in his memory for years to come.

Helping him celebrate his birthday were Mary Culp his mother, Monroe Culp, Osie Culp, Emma Washington, George Washington Sr., George Washington, Jr., Tina Washington, Mary Miller, Selora Miller, Betty Cureton, Richard Cureton, Reginald Cureton, Richard Culp, Etta Morrow, Sarah Harris, Cassandra Harris, Deidra Harris, Adam Culp, Jackie Bell, Carrie Washington, Shirley Crawford, James Crawford, Freddy Purdue, Mimmie Purdue, Mable Culp, Chiang Washington, Maggie Washington, Roosevelt Broome, Andre Culp, David Culp, Deltwan Broome, Alfreda Broome, Edna Washington and his sister Carrie Broome, at whose lovely home the feast was given.

**SWIM MEET**...How about the swimmers at JCSU, a real bright spot in Smith's Athletic program thus far.

Riding the strong arms and legs of sophomore standout, Gerard Eaton, the Bulls beat Emory and Henry last Saturday at Emory, Va.

Smith scored 82 points in a very convincing victory, their second in as many outings.

Here's hoping that the gods of Neptune continue to watch over the Golden Bull's swim team.

**ANNIVERSARY FUNCTION**...The anniversary of one's birth comes once a year. Each time it rolls around, that individual becomes a year older and hopefully a year wiser. It is also a time to celebrate. The lovely Josephine Smith did just that last Friday night. Zelma Young and Betty Beatty assisted her in this fun-filled endeavor. The gaiety and laughter lasted from 9 p.m. til around 3 a.m. and was given in Joyce's apartment in Fountain Square.

Many friends were invited to partake in the enjoyment of this once a year occasion. Among them were Richard Easter, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Price, Paul Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Roberts, Darwin Corley, Melvin Rice, Virginia Watson, Robert Fuller, Gennie Green, Lawrence McDuffie, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Brown, Linda Meeks, Peggy Bridges, Sylvia Vinson and Alene Byrd.

Joseph Powell provided the music for the party and Bronwen Pinder baked a layered cake to go along with all the other party goodies.

Now Josephine, how old did you say you were?

**CHRISTMAS FEST**...To help preserve the Christmas spirit, companies will be giving parties from now til December 24. North Carolina National Bank is no different. The Computer Services Division of NCNB held their Christmas party last Saturday night in the Carrousel Room of the Radisson Plaza Hotel.

There were approximately 170 guests on hand to enjoy the music of Rhapsody and the general conviviality of a well-planned evening.

More than \$500 worth of door prizes were awarded to some of the guests: included were TVs, radios, cameras, calculators and coolers.

Some of the guests were Ken Vinson, Judy Matthews, Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Bryant, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Gilchrist, Mr. and Mrs. Moses Sampson, Mr. and Mrs. George Miffleton, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Grady Brazier, Mr. and Mrs. Joel Moore and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Mills.

**FOOTNOTE**...Let your holidays be associated with great public events, and they may be the life of patriotism as well as a source of relaxation and personal employment.



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## Charlotte Business Community Supports Dr. King Memorial

by Eileen Hanson  
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The drive to raise \$55,000 for a statue of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. is nearing completion. The business community of Charlotte is committed to raising \$30,000 to complete the drive by Jan. 15, King's birthday.

"We are better than 50 percent towards reaching the goal," according to Edward Dolby, head of the business committee for the drive. In the next few weeks, he will be finalizing the level of giving from Charlotte-area businesses.

"This is an important project to commemorate King's work towards peace and unity for all people," said Dolby. "The black community and the business community owes a debt of gratitude to Dr. King. This statue will be an enrichment for our whole community."

Director of branch banking for NCNB, Dolby was appointed to finalize the business campaign by NCNB President Hugh McColl.

Henderson Belk of Belk Brothers Stores is also committed to the campaign. He feels the drive for the memorial statue has gone on long enough and is lending his support to complete the effort by King's birthday.

"It shouldn't take long to raise the needed money when you're talking about a man like King," said Belk.



Edward C. Dolby of NCNB is finalizing business community for the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial in Charlotte. (Photo by Eileen Hanson).

Former Mayor John Belk has pledged \$500 to the memorial. He is also exploring the possibility of bringing Dr. Martin Luther King, Sr. or Maynard Jackson, Mayor of Atlanta, to Charlotte to close out the drive.

According to Rev. James Barnett, head of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial

Commission, the artist's model has been completed and will soon be sent to the foundry to be cast in bronze. This will take about 6 months.

The statue will be placed in Marshall Park. The artist is Dr. Selma Burke, a native of Mooresville, now living in Pennsylvania.

The drive was initiated in

May 1977 by community leaders who wanted to keep King's dream of equality and peace alive in Charlotte.

Mayor Belk appointed the Commission which includes Barnett, Rev. Coleman W. Kerry, Mrs. Wesley Clement, Dr. J.M. Mercy, and the Honorable Larry Black.

The Commission has raised

nearly \$20,000 from the community. A number of individuals have pledged and the city has promised \$3,400. When the business community fulfills its goal, the long-awaited memorial to "the American Dreamer" will become a reality in Charlotte.

## Book Review

### "Black Artists On Art"

by Eileen Hanson  
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"The magic of art is to make a different world out of an existing one," according to Charlotte artist and teacher, Charles Rogers.

Two of his works are among a fascinating collection of art contained in a 2-volume set entitled "Black Artists on Art," published by Contemporary Crafts in California. Over 150 artists and 400 reproductions - a third in color - are presented in this book set.

The purpose of the collection, put together by Los Angeles artist Ruth Waddy, is to introduce the works of many aspiring and undiscovered black artists. Each artist is pictured along with a brief statement about his or her work.

Many of the works come out of the 1960's and deal with times of justice and liberation.

"The artists were involved in the civil rights struggle," said Rogers. "Their work speaks of injustices in the society."

However, today many black artists are taking a broader approach, they are less expli-

cit politically, according to Rogers.

"I express what I feel and see. I give an ordinary chair a new interpretation," he said.

As head of the Art Department at Johnson C. Smith University, Rogers is concerned about the visual illiteracy rate in the black community.

"There isn't much interest in black art here in the South and in Charlotte," he said.

"The visual literacy rate is low," Rogers wants young people to become visually literate, to unravel the mystery of shapes and forms. He is very proud that last year, 5 Smith art students were selected to exhibit works at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City, as part of a special exhibit from schools in the United Negro College Fund.

Rogers is a personal friend of book editor Ruth Waddy, whom he says is the "prime mover" of black arts on the West Coast. With a shoe-string budget and lots of determination, she put together in "Black Artists on Art" one of the finest available collections of contemporary black art.

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