

# What's happening!

HELLO! Well, we're into the middle of winter even though the worst is probably still to come. Winter, being the hardest season of the year has its merits - the end of a long football season, the coziness of a glowing fireplace and basketball. Aaaaah basketball!

Basketball may rightfully dispute baseball's claim as the national game of the United States, since it's more widely played than any other team game. It is the only such game that is wholly native American in origin and annually attracts more paid spectators than baseball and football. James A. Naismith invented this game some 81 years ago. So much for its history.

## INDOOR JAMS....

While on the subject of basketball, how about those Golden Bulls of Johnson C. Smith! Coach Bob Moore is doing a superb job of harnessing the talent that he has into a single working unit. His coaching ability coupled with the sharp playing of his young team combined



Bob Johnson

to knock off two of the nation's top small college basketball powers, Hampton and Winston-Salem State, in the Bull-pen last week. However in talking with some of the many fans they seem to think that the furor of excitement generated by the band members and a partisan group of Smithites can not be ruled out completely, when victory is spoken of. Nonetheless, it is a pleasure to see the fortunes of Johnson C. Smith basketball rising.

Since the Bulls have started winning, it stands to reason that the attendance at their games will increase as evidenced by Saturday's large turnout, some 3700 fans. It has been proven that the Jack S. Brayboy Gym is too small for the number of people interested in seeing the Bulls play. Consequently, continuous play in the gym could possibly lose money in the long run. But that's another story for another time.

Many people witnessed last week's upsets, among them were Steve Edney, Frank Westmoreland, Gerald Blakeney, Bob Watson, L.C. Smith, Charles Hodges, Metter Collins, Tammie Barnes, Lisa Hallman, Angela Sutton, Kenny Miller, Catrina Williams, Mark Harrison, Darryl Lee, Randy Satterwhite, William Boger, Tom Bradley, Fran Owens, Julia Garvin, Duffie Hyatt, Tom Brown, James Davis, Myra Maxwell, Susan Anthony, James Blackman, Rudy Torrence, Calvin Holmes and Barbra Manning.

COLISEUM FUN...George Clinton, the magnafunknic brain behind a funkaphonic gang of weird looking musicians who produce sights and sounds for the imaginative and the young at heart, and are masters at corraling the elusive buck, brought their water magic to Charlotte's Coliseum last Friday night, Jan 26. The coliseum, teemed with screaming fans, wildly anticipating the water wonder. If it was anything like the spaceship landing, played to the tune of "Swing Down Sweet Chariot," of two years ago, it would be superfantastic. Yet when the blue spotlights and bubbles representing water cut off signifying the end of the show, some of the throng were disappointed because they were looking for the real thing. But for the most part, the young people that came to dance and party really got off on a show that featured the Brides of Funkenstein, Funkadelic and Parliament doing what they do best-play that rock music!

Among the people caught up in the zeal of a sell-out performance were Dondellia Parker, Trina Barnes, Stephanie Reid, Marian Parker, Kamela Parker, Angela Hailey, Chip Reid, Anne Moore, Anita Bailey, Bobbie Arches, Dyann Parker, Bill Massey, Morris Hayes, Steve Hayes Jr., Carlton Pickett, Cheryl Whitehead, Conrad Simpson, Chip McKnight, Shirley Robinson, Wanda Paige, Susan Reader, Sharon Goodlith, James Thompson, Sonny Threath, Willie Mason, Tommy Walsh, Mabel Simpson, Jerry Stone, Harold Washington, Perry Alexander, Robert Autrey, Eric Smalls, Charles Willis, Scott McJordan, Samuel Moore, Michael Daye, Dennis Barnes, Simon Walker, Matthew Heffner, Billy Johnson, Shirley Douglas, Donald Rodgers, Tony Hawkins and Johnnie Ballard.

SPECIAL DINNER...Mrs. Sarah Adams was honored last Sunday, Jan. 28, at a dinner marking her birthday. The dinner was given by her son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Adams, at their lovely home on 6838 Woodfield Drive.

Family members present at this joyous affair were John Adams Sr., Doretha Douglas, Alfred Adams, Robert Adams, Mary Ann Freeman, Sarah Harris, Morris Adams, John Adams Jr., Deidra Harris, Cassandra Harris, James Freeman Jr., and Karen Freeman.

Highlighting the food for the dinner were four delicious birthday cakes.

## School Bus Trainers Review New Safety Devices

North Carolina Department of Transportation personnel currently are developing training procedures for school bus drivers in the use of new safety devices on the vehicles. The North Carolina Board of Education has approved installation of four new mirrors on all of the state's 12,000 public school buses. In addition, walking control arms are to be added to buses

transporting kindergarten and first grade pupils (approximately 8,000 buses). About 80 driver education representatives and supervisors from the transportation department's Division of Motor Vehicles examined a bus equipped with the new mirrors and control arms in Raleigh last week while attending an employee development seminar.

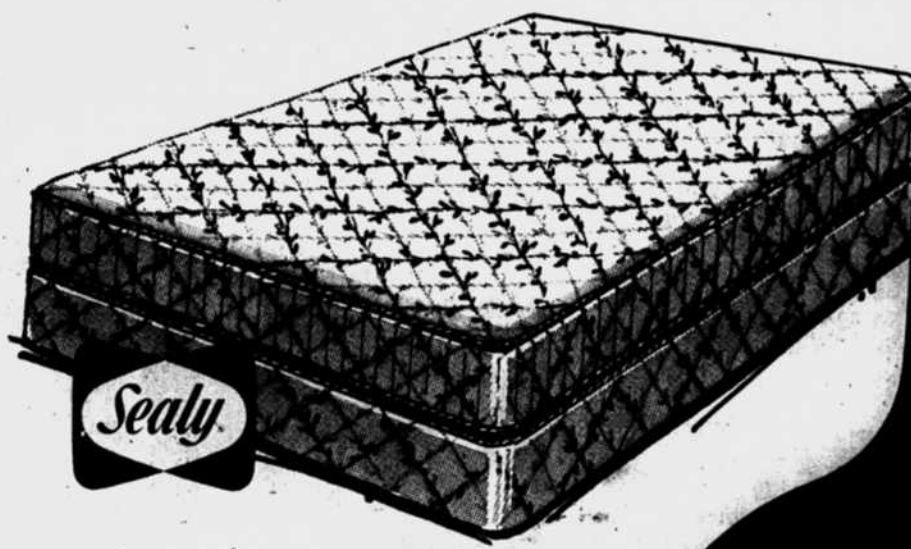
State Secretary of Transportation Tom Bradshaw urged the driver education representatives, who conduct driver improvement clinics and teach defensive driving courses as well as train school bus drivers, to be prepared to implement the new procedures as soon as the equipment is installed on the vehicles. He also praised the "spirit of cooperation" bet-

ween the motor vehicles division and education officials throughout the state. "And I know each of you will continue your outstanding efforts in training safe and competent drivers for the largest school bus fleet in the nation," Bradshaw told the group. Check the ads in the Charlotte Post each week for the best bargains in town.

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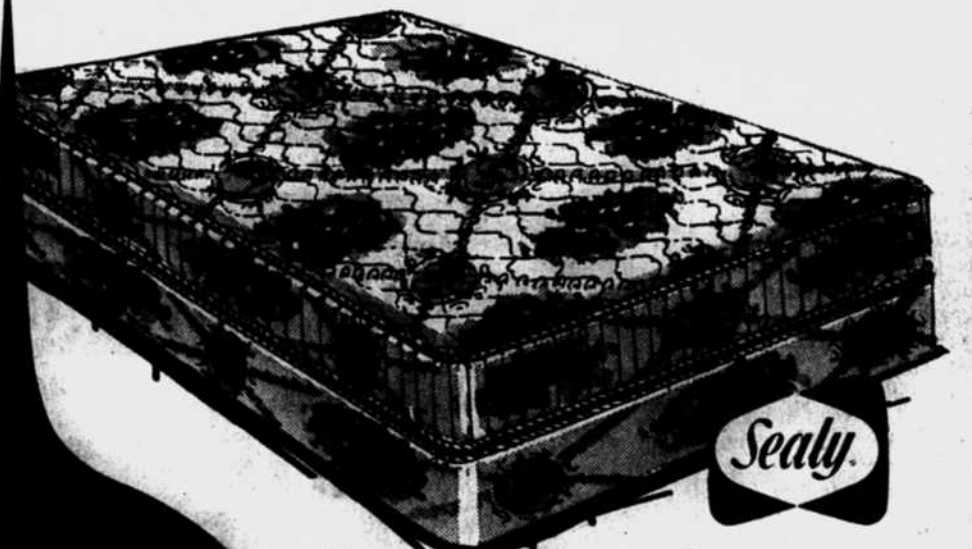
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