

by Bob Johnson

What's happening!

PLAYERS' GATHERING...When the word players is used, the thought of a sharp dude with a very slick conversation comes to mind. But this time the word players means tennis players, which doesn't necessarily mean that they can't dress sharp or talk slick, which is another story altogether.

In this story though Charles and Bernetta Parker, members of the Black Association of Tennis in Charlotte (BATC), hosted a party for the Progressive Tennis Players of Atlanta, Georgia recently. The affair was held at their spacious home in Birnam Woods and was filled with much excitement and enjoyment as some of the best

tennis players in the Southeast got down on a different court.

Disco dancing to the sounds of Brick, Anita Ward and other popular musical entertainers were Dennis Ware, Derrick Ware, Eddie "Be" Ware, Roderick Woods, Oliver Banks, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bailey, Samuel Bacote and Ralph Long, all of Atlanta. Dana Berry, Kim Berry, James Cuthbertson and Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Mack were some of the guests from Charlotte that were caught up in the excitement.

The party was highly successful and the visitors from south of the border vowed to give the Charlotteans a rousing time when they come to Atlanta in August to the American Tennis Association's National Championships.

INDEPENDENCE ACTION...The greatest of all human benefits, that, at least, without which no other benefit can be truly enjoyed, is independence. To that end - a holiday, the 4th of July anniversary in the United States, of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence in 1776.

The mind bleeds with imagination when the thought passes of how the Americans could have celebrated their long fought-for independence, then. Now, 203 years later, Americans still celebrate the occasion, but very few things, if any, have to be left to the imagination.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Smith, of 306 Red Roan Road, for example, rolled out the red carpet of hospitality for many of their friends and relatives for a holiday celebration that will long be remembered.

This July 4th happening was an all day event that consisted of dancing to the contemporary sounds played by the G-Man, swimming, games of badminton and backgammon, titillating conversation and plenty of delicious food and sparkling beverages.

The menu for this phenomenon consisted of barbecued ribs, chicken, hamburgers, hot dogs, baked ham, baked beans, corn-on-the-cob, tossed salad, steaks, pork chops, and potato salad, topped off with homemade ice cream and cake. To help with the preparations for this holiday feast were Edwina Hayes, Frances Debeuneure, Thomasina Harris and Carolyn Wallace.

The guest list included Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Outerbriggs from Greensboro, Mr. and Mrs. Penny Wallace and family, C. J. Whaley, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Harris of Anderson, S. C., Jimmy Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. Charley Cox, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Hayes and family, Bernadette Cole, Carrie Mae Smith, Sherrie Foust, Debbie Foust, Lynette Luster, Angie Lowery, James Edward Brannon, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Brannon, Kitt Massey, Bill Massey, Sara Byrd, Jackie Friday, Bill Johnson Jr., Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Smith and family, Virginia Phifer, Tommy Gallman and Van Hill.

The Smiths received telephone calls from Bobby Smith and James Debeuneure of Washington, D. C., and Charles Smith from Kentucky, expressing their apologies for not being able to come.

TOURING WEEK...When the sun rises over the Whittle Springs Golf Course Saturday, a number of Charlotteans will be teeing off in search of the many prizes and trophies to be awarded the players with the lowest scores for a two-day tournament. From there, Harold Teeter, Don Queener, Robert Sanders, Alvin Reid, Billy Brannon, Dave Taylor, Gerald Bridges, Ed Harris, Alvin Grier, Lewis Rorie, John Love, Walter Strong, James Boulter, and John Crowell will travel to the Skyview Golf Course in Asheville to participate in a 3-day tournament to be held Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, July 17, 18 & 19. The last leg of the tour will carry them to Winston-Salem, Saturday, July 21, and Sunday, July 22, for a 2-day tournament at Winston Lakes Golf Course. Here's hoping the God of birdies shines on the Charlotte players during the week long tour.

LOVE...Absence in love is like water upon fire; a little quickens, but much extinguishes it.



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In Astoria Queens, N.Y.

Wilson-Jackson Vows Spokesn

Miss Sylvia Ann Wilson and Edward Lionel Jackson recently exchanged wedding vows at the Astorian Manor in Astoria Queens, New York. Rev. Ellis Bailey Sr., the bride's great uncle from Laurens, S.C., performed the wedding ceremony.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a white Quiana gown trimmed in Bianca lace with pearls and a white wide-brimmed hat which was also accented with pearls and lace.

Mrs. Loretta Vaughn, the bride's sister, was the matron of honor; Ms. Lorraine Royall of San Francisco was the maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Mrs. Frank Kirton, Mrs. Denise Hall, Mrs. Mildred Johnson and Mrs. Mary Franklin, Mr. Jackson's sister. The bridesmaids wore rose peach, plum, lemon and aquamarine dresses and carried matching floral displays.

Ringbearers were Malik D. and Eric D. Vaughn.

Michael Boylin was the best man. Ushers were Gregory Harmon, Larry Thomas, Chris Prescott, Len Patterson and George Jackson, the groom's brother.

The bride's mother wore a multi-colored silk gown, purchased from Sak's Fifth Avenue.

The groom's mother wore a turquoise Quiana gown with a chiffon top trimmed in fur.

The bride, a native Charlottean, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt Lee Wilson.

She received an A.S. degree in 1975 from Kings Borough Community College, and is presently attending the College of New Rochelle to pursue a B.A. degree in Liberal Arts. She is currently employed at the Human Resources Administration, Department of Social Services (City of New York), where she supervises an accounting and clerical staff.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Jackson. He earned his B.B.A. degree in Accounting in 1971 from Bernard M. Baruch College in New York City. He is presently attending New York University to obtain an M.B.A. in Finance. He is employed at New York City's Human

WT Lodge 063

Plans Presentation Day

Worthy Travelers Lodge 063, which recently opened in Charlotte, will hold their Award Presentation Day on Sunday, July 15 at the Charlotte Inn on Kings Drive.

C. B. Steele Jr., Grand Master of the new Lodge, said that the awards will be presented to their members for outstanding service in the organizing of the Lodge.

Mr. Steele, who is also the Supreme Recruit Deputy of International Masons of the World, presides over a board of six Supreme Sub-Deputies: Robert Thompson, Odell Mills, David Scotts, Lonnie Smith, Ward Vinson and Nelson Rankins.

Mr. Rankins heads the Planning Committee and Mr. Thompson was appointed District Deputy Grand Master in June by Mr. Steele.

James Dogon is the National District Grand Master and Alexander Edward is the State Grand Master.

The Worthy Travelers' future plans include the opening of two chapters and one Lodge in the Charlotte and Monroe area.

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...She was Miss Sylvia A. Wilson

Resources Administration. As Director of the Bureau of Accounts Payable, he supervises a staff of an estimated 160 persons and oversees an annual expense budget of \$4 billion.

Attending from Charlotte were Mr. and Mrs. Talmadge Alexander, Miss Blanche Grant, Mr. and Mrs. Miller Smith, Bill Johnson and Bob Johnson.

Mrs. Nellie Smith Caldwell

and Henry Smith from Philadelphia, Charles Jordan of Washington, D.C., David Royall of Atlanta, Georgia and Ardie Segars Jr. of Houston, Texas were among the friends and relatives who came from out of state.

The couple spent their honeymoon in Nassau, Bahamas at the Nassau Beach Hotel.

They will reside in Park City Estates in Rego Park, Queens.

Here This Weekend

Twenty Five Will Vie For

"Miss Black Universe" Honors

by Susan Ellsworth
Post Staff Writer

Black women from North Carolina cities and counties will be in Charlotte this weekend for the first state Miss Black Universe Beauty Pageant.

Twenty-five women, ranging in age from 17-26 from areas including Charlotte, Mecklenburg County, Edgecomb County, Raleigh, Winston-Salem, Greensboro, Hillsboro, Davidson, Chapel Hill, Waxham, Shelby and Gastonia, will compete in the primaries on Friday, July 13 at 7 p.m. in Owens Auditorium. The finals will be held Saturday at 8 p.m. also at Owens Auditorium. Tickets will cost \$5 for each show and are available at the Coliseum Box Office.

"All cities will not be represented," according to Carolyn Mason, president and sponsor of the pageant. She explained there wasn't sufficient time to promote the pageant throughout all of the state's cities.

Some cities will be represented, some counties and in some cases both cities and counties will have Miss Universe nominees, as with Charlotte and Mecklenburg.

Miss Donna Mitchell, 17, winner of the Miss Universe Charlotte Pageant will represent Charlotte and first runner-up Kim Peterson will represent Mecklenburg County.

"All of the women will be competing on equal footing," Ms. Mason emphasized.

Miss Mitchell, a recent graduate of Myers Park High School won a scholarship to the Eastland School of Music in Rochester, N.Y. which she will enter in September.

Kim Peterson, 20, is a junior music major at Johnson C. Smith University.

Preliminary competition

will feature swimsuit, talent, and evening gown presentations.

In the finals, 12 women will contend in the preceding categories in addition to answering a question to reveal poise and communication ability.

Prizes for the pageant are \$1,000 for first place, and \$500, \$300, and \$200 for respective runners-up.

The winner of the state competition will vie for the honors

of Miss Black U.S.A. at the national pageant to be held in Mt. Vernon, N.Y. on August 25.

Miss Black U.S.A. will advance to the international competition to be held in November.

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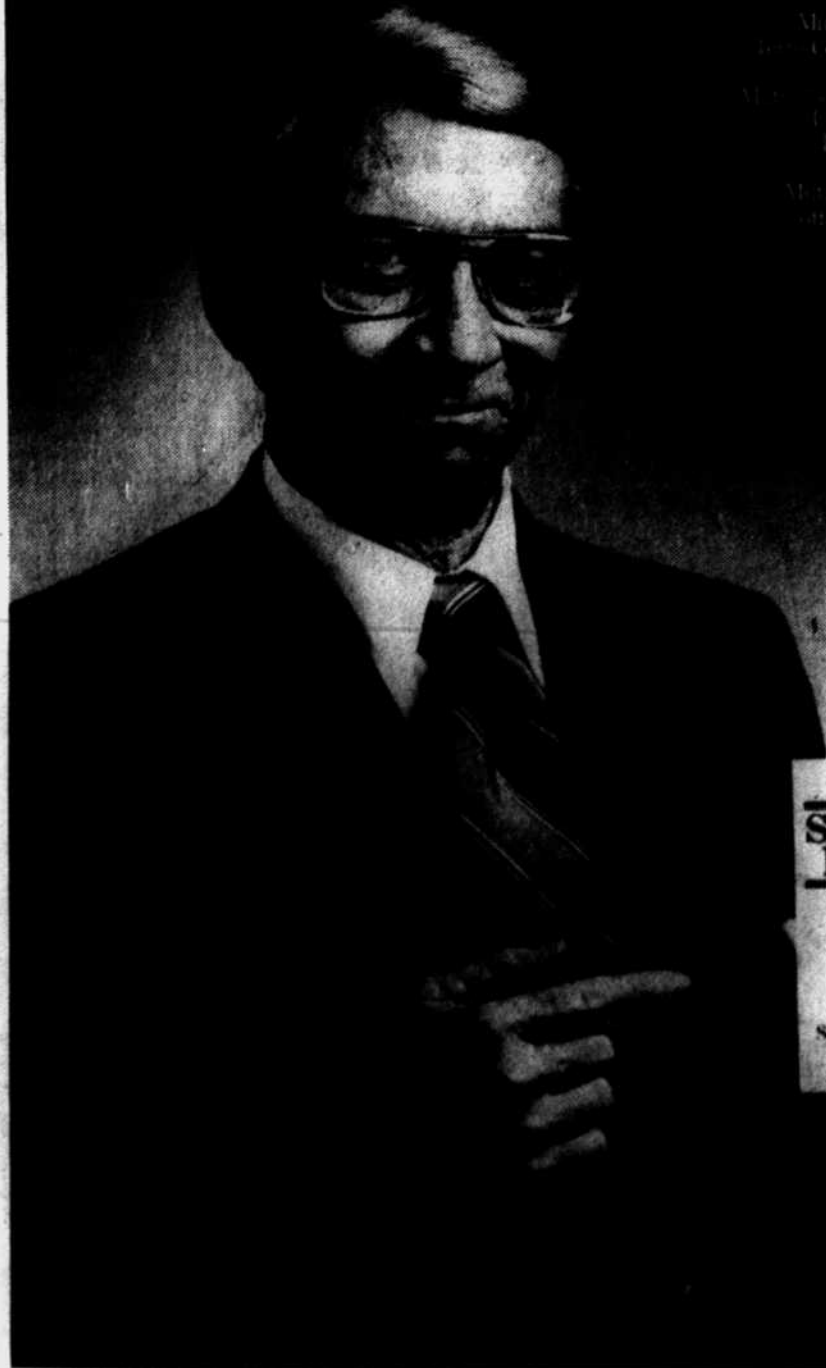
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