

What's Happening!

Speaking on "What's Happening," well, one thing has been a continuous happening. As the old saying goes: Spring has sprung, Summer has come, Fall has fell, and Winter's cold as h---. But, even though it's frigid outside there have been some warm things happening inside to help ease the pains caused by the depths of winter. Two examples are:

ANNIVERSARY FETE... On January 20, while some of the community were wrapped into the Super Bowl spectacle, others were joyously celebrating the second anniversary of the Greater Charlotte Community Choral. The GCC marked its second anniversary as a per-



Bob Johnson

forming group with a music workshop and concert.

In 1977 the original seven members met with founder-director, Lonnie E. Miller in her living room for practice. Since that day the group has grown to 55 members, vocalists and musicians, and their rehearsing is done in a church. The Choral has performed as far away as Florida and Georgia.

To celebrate the anniversary of the group's public debut which was in 1978, the interdenominational group of educators, secretaries, law enforcement officers and insurance agents performed in a concert at Ovens Auditorium.

Guest performers were gospel composer Dr. Margaret P. Douroux of California, Rev. Donadi Vails of Detroit, Michigan, the organizer and director of the Donald Vail Choraleers, saxophonist Vernard Johnson of Fort Worth, Texas, and the Atlanta Philharmonic Chorale, a gospel community group that has toured throughout the United States. These artists coupled with the Greater Charlotte Community Choral turned Ovens Auditorium inside out with their mastery of the gospel strain.

Among the people who came to enjoy and left full of joy were Mr. and Mrs. Willie Benson, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Gladdon, Mr. and Mrs. Otis Cantrell, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lipscomb, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Turner, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Brewer, Mr. and Mrs. Sturgis Morehead, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Ledford, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Suggs, Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Matthews, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Winter, Mr. and Mrs. Stanly Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Spears, and Mr. and Mrs. Norris Riley.

JAZZ MEET... The song has ended, but the melody lingers on. The song being the marriage between the Beacon Club and the Matt Freeman Quartet. The melody lingers on in the form of a group called Spectrum, and the melody is real sweet.

Spectrum was formed approximately 2½ years ago with 4 musicians that were tired of the commercial scene, namely top 40 and disco, Dave Scheffler - keyboards; Rick Blackwell - bass; Lewis Szucs who's not with the group anymore - guitar; and Donnie Marshall - drums. Their music began as a jazz-rock fusion, and transformed recently into a more traditional jazz band. Realizing that the one thing lacking from the band's music was the influence of traditional jazz - and being knowledgeable to the fact that there's so much to learn from the jazz masters of the past, the group moved in that direction, and the melody is real sweet.

In Spectrum's recent transformation it has adopted one of the finest saxophone players in Charlotte Ziad Rabie, and expect to expand a little more with the addition of another horn player. Spectrum in the past has had the pleasure of backing Ramsey Lewis in Charlotte and Greensboro. The youthful group's aims right now are to play steadily in Charlotte, to learn as many tunes as possible, while keeping pleasant regulars to please a varying audience. Wow! The melody is real sweet!

Every Sunday night Spectrum can be seen and heard playing that sweet jazz music at the Beacon Club on Beatties Ford Road, between the hours of 9 p.m. and 1 a.m.

Some of the people that have been thoroughly entertained by Spectrum and lovingly stroked by the atmosphere of one of Charlotte's finest clubs, are Raymond Mason, C. J. Whaley, Bomer Sadler, Gwen Arlington, Stella Montgomery, Thelma Grier, Vivian Worley, Theresa Grier, Archie Smith, Steve Hayes, Joe Smith, Gene "Killer" Blakeney, Robert Jefferson, Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Stokes, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence James, Mr. and Mrs. Terry Sampson, Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Sawyer, and Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Strong.

HAPPINESS... True happiness renders men kind and sensible; and that happiness is always shared with others.



When you think of Valentines this year think of the Los Bravos fourth annual Sweetheart's Ball. There will be eight lovely ladies competing for the Ms. Los Bravos crown 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 16 at the Charlotte Civic Center.

The contestant who raises the most funds will be crowned queen. First and second place winners will receive cash prizes and all contestants will receive plaques from the Los Bravos Club.

Last year's Ms. Los Bravos, Dolly Morrow, will relinquish her crown at intermission.

Funds raised will be used for numerous projects sponsored by the club. The Anita

Stroud Foundation, NAACP, United Negro College Fund, and McCrorey Branch YMCA will receive funds from Los Bravos.

The Los Bravos Club was formed in 1976 and now has 20 members. According to Sam Jones, Chairman of Awards and Gifts, "We give time and services. We take an interest in what is going on in the community."

The members, shown above from left to right, are Uneeda Sims, Brenda Wallace, Delores Murphy, Margo Moore, Joyce Blake, Gracie Farrington and Fannie Briscoe.

"A Congressman

Is A Trustee"

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domination. The 1968 invasion of Czechoslovakia further strained relations between the U.S. and Russia. This Soviet invasion was done in protest against an alleged American infiltration movement. That brings us to the 1980 Afghanistan dilemma.

"The lesson is we're safer and more secure when we're perceived to be stronger."

Martin recently introduced a bill to provide affordable health insurance which he described as a contrast to Sen. Kennedy's proposal for comprehensive health insurance.

Martin, 44, is a member of the House Ways and Means Committee which writes tax legislation and serves on the Trade and Health subcommittee.

The congressman emphasized the cost of comprehensive health insurance would be so high it would eliminate available funds for other government programs for the poor.

Martin said his plan would strongly benefit people who don't have adequate insurance to cover long-term illness.

"Out-of-pocket expenses should not exceed 15 percent of a family's income before an individual could receive federal assistance in paying bills."

As Chairman of Republican Task Force on Health, Martin said people are being confused instead of educated about serious health problems.

He cited the outcry against saccharin as an example of overdramatization.

Slimnastics Class

A Slimnastics Class for women eighteen (18) years and above will be taught by Martina Southerland at Oaklawn Recreation Center.

The classes will be taught every Tuesday and every other Thursday evenings from 7:15 to 8:45.



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Ms. Daisy Mobley Named

ABWA's "Woman Of The Year"

Ms. Daisy Mobley has been named Woman of the Year of the Carrousel Chapter of the American Business Women's Association (ABWA). The announcement was made at the chapter's annual Boss Night dinner, February 12, 1980, at the Charlotte Athletic Club. Ms. Mobley is a staff assistant in the Public Affairs Department of Southern Bell.

Annually, each ABWA chapter selects one of its members for this award. Selection is based on the member's achievement in her field of business education, participation in the association, and in community activities.

As a qualified chapter Woman of the Year, Ms. Mobley may enter in competition for the 1980-81 Top Ten Business Women of ABWA and the "American Business Woman of the Year" awards. Announcement of the national award recipients will be made at ABWA's 1980 National Convention, October 30 - November 2, in Phoenix, Arizona.

Ms. Mobley began working for Southern Bell in 1966 as an operator. Prior to becoming staff assistant in Public Affairs, she was a

Service Representative in the Commercial Department of Southern Bell. In her current position, Ms. Mobley's responsibilities include handling commission complaints, all correspondence and calls directed to the Vice President, and all correspondence to the Public Staff of the North Carolina Utilities Commission advising them of her company's stand on complaints registered by customers.

Since joining Carrousel Chapter in March, 1977,

City Has Wood For The Needy

The Mayor and City Council have accepted Governor James B. Hunt's offer of 50 cords of firewood to be distributed to low income families. The wood is being delivered to the N. C. Department of Transportation maintenance facility on Sugar Creek Road. It will be delivered to families by volunteers on two Saturdays, February 9 and 16.

To qualify families must use wood as one of their primary sources of heat; they must also meet strict poverty income guidelines. About 100 families have already been designated by the Neighborhood Centers

Ms. Mobley has done an outstanding job as Chairman of the chapter's Program Committee in 1977, Membership Committee in 1978, and Auditing Committee in 1979. She is currently a member of the chapter's Education Committee.

The American Business Women's Association was founded in Kansas City, Missouri in 1949. It has over 1,800 chapters, and consists of more than 100,000 active members throughout the United States and Puerto Rico.

Department, Family Housing Services and the Bethlehem Center to receive wood.

Volunteers are needed to deliver the wood and supply trucks. Persons and firms wishing to participate should call Duncan Ballantyne, Office of the City Manager, 374-2241, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.

Commenting on the program Mayor Eddie Knox said, "This is a volunteer effort. The community has the opportunity to display its commitment to helping less fortunate citizens in this time of need."

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