

# What's happening!

**FESTIVE OCCASION...**Innocent festivities that excite moderately, that produce a cheerful frame of mind, that refresh, instead of exhaust, the system; that recur frequently rather than continue long; and are accompanied with the consciousness that life has a higher end than to be amused send us back to our daily duties invigorated in body and spirit.

A festivity soaked with the above qualities has been held every year for the past 14, by Prudential Life Insurance executive, Eddie Battle.

Eddie sponsors this Christmas party for his clients, to show them how much he appreciates their patronage. It began in 1968 at his home. It

outgrew the confines of his lovely home, so he moved it to the Excelsior Club. Just like babies' feet, it kept growing. Now it is held at the National



**BOB JOHNSON**

Guard Armory. No one knows, yet, when or where the next move will be.

The fun and excitement of the last function began around 9 p.m. And to give a little detail as to the number of people Eddie expected to entertain, he ordered: eight gallons of liquid spirits, 50 pounds of shrimp, 55 pounds of baby ribs, 200 pieces of chicken, corn beef, ham, deviled eggs, four cases of wine, and five cases of beer. Whew!

There were about 350 guests who came, who saw, and who conquered everything that was made available to them, right down to the disco music played by Robert Ardrey. This was their way of saying "thank you", Eddie, for your kind generosity.

The guests included Mr. and Mrs. Frank Williams, Ruby Darby, Rev. and Mrs. R. B. Phifer, Mr. and Mrs. Freddy Ford from Saginaw, Michigan, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Brewster from Boston, Mass., Mr. and Mrs. James Dixon, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Anderson from Cleveland, Ohio, Mabel Latimer, Warren Reynolds, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Lloyd, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Ross and Mr. and Mrs. John McNair.

**NEW YEAR'S BREAKFAST...** Amusements are to religion like breezes of air to a flame; gentle ones will fan it, but strong ones will put it out.

Mattie Butler held a New Year's Eve Breakfast service. The service was held at Silver Mount Baptist Church and the breakfast was served at her home.

The breakfast, which garnered culinary gentility consisted of grits, bacon, salmon croquettes, sausage, homemade rolls, jelly, eggs, coffee, plain tea, Russian tea and jelly cake, served amid bubbling conversation that included snatches of resolutory promises.

The guests for this breakfast type amusement were Linda Frazer, Lucinda Satterwhite, Ola Brown, Doris Baker, Ola Jones, Dorothy Partlaw, Marion Doby, Nora Smith, Ruby Flax, Fayé Gaddy, Jimmy Martin and D. P. Miller.

**BIRTHDAY FUNCTION...**Happiness is an amusing time held together by the sincere bonds formed by relatives and friends.

Yvonne McDowell was happy last Friday night. She was the center of attraction at a birthday party given in her honor. The party was given at the home of Dorothy Hall.

This amusing event was equipped with all the ingredients that constitute a fun evening - delicious food, mixed beverages, good music and most of all, fine people.

The guests for Yvonne's party were Ronald McDowell, her husband, Gregory McDowell, her son, Dorothy Hall, Haywood Brown, Bernard Jackson, Patty McGowan, Donald Hall, Janice Smith, Tommy and Marizetta McLaughlin, Willie Sharpe and Shirley Fisher.

**GAME TIME...**Dwell not too long on sports; for as they refresh a man that is weary, so they weary a man that is refreshed.

It was hard to determine whether Willie Sharpe and Gerald Blakeney were weary when they came to Bill Johnson Jr.'s house last Sunday afternoon. However, when they left, weariness weighed on them like a cast iron garment. The two of them had just taken some good-natured brow beating from a house full of San Francisco 49er fans. Who, by the way, left Bill's house refreshed.

The men involved in this friendly game of, my team is better than yours, were Jack Branch, Tom Seegars, Levy Harrell, Ambrose Goines, Steve Hayes, Gerald Blakeney and Willie Sharpe.

It is strange that men will talk of miracles, revelations, inspiration, and the like, as things past, while love remains.



**CONSISTORY NO. 35 SINGERS** - Members of the Consistory No. 35 Singers are shown above. They are from left to right: Prince LaCola Mungo, 32nd Degree; Prince Paul Ford, 32nd Degree; Prince Ulysses Isaac (President), 32nd Degree; Prince J. C. Walton, 32nd Degree; and Prince Andrew R. Brewton (Grand Inspector General), 33rd Degree.

## Scottish Rite Mason Will Perform Here Sunday

The Scottish Rite Masons (in conjunction with the W. H. Ferguson Singers) will perform in a gospel ensemble Sunday, January 24, at Mayfield Memorial Baptist Church, 901 Oaklawn Avenue.

A non-profit organization which has only been in existence for two years has donated money to charitable organizations such as NAACP, the National Negro College Fund, and the Sickle Cell Anemia Foundation.

The W. H. Ferguson Singers and the Masons are also made up of the Charlotte Consistory No. 35, consisting of over 250 members.

Other groups participating in the ensemble are University Park Baptist Church Men's Chorus, Rameses Temple No. 51 (Shriners) Chanters, Mayfield Memorial Baptist Church, Mt. Olive Presbyterian Chorus and John Chapel Choir.

Other members of the W. H. Ferguson Gospel Group are Prince Michael Lloyd, 32nd Degree; Prince Walter Lewis, 32nd Degree; Prince James Williams, 32nd Degree; Prince Dolphus Parker, 32nd Degree; Prince Bill Lowe, 32nd Degree; Prince Cleveland Wright, 32nd Degree; Prince Steve Covington, 32nd Degree; Prince Leola Mungo, 32nd Degree; Prince James Willis, 32nd Degree; Prince Eugene Weathers, 32nd Degree; Prince James Kirkpatrick, 32nd Degree; Prince J. C. Walton, 32nd Degree; and Prince Napoleon Walton, 32nd Degree.

### Sidley Chisholm To Speak Here

Continued from page 1. she lost her name, her ideals and her commitment became imbedded in America's consciousness.

Mrs. Chisholm has received 15 honorary doctorate degrees from varying universities and colleges. She has numerous affiliations and has been featured in several articles.

She has also authored many of her views. Published in magazine, book and newspaper forms Mrs. Chisholm has espoused her views concerning many issues. Her indepth articles

have also been featured in The Charlotte Post.

The program in Charlotte will begin with preliminary activities at 5:30 p.m. at the Charlotte Civic Center. Mrs. Chisholm will deliver her address following proclamations, selections and other events on the program.

### Cheese Tastes

Cheese tastes beat at room temperature. Remove it from the refrigerator 30 to 60 minutes before use to allow it to warm.

## In The United States Alcoholism Is Third Largest Health Problem

The week of January 17 has been declared North Carolina Alcoholism Awareness Week by the North Carolina Department of Human Resources. Alcoholism is currently recognized as the third largest health problem in the United States, out-ranked only by heart disease and cancer. In North Carolina approximately 70,000 people (15 years and older) have the illness of alcoholism and their illness directly affects about 300,000 other lives as family members become trapped in this web of chemical dependency.

Mecklenburg County has an estimated 19,135 who have the illness of alcoholism, with another 75,000 family members affected by their illness. We are indeed fortunate in our community to have a network of services working together to offer help and hope to both the alcoholic, family members and the

significant others in their lives.

As part of Alcoholism Awareness Week, the Seventh Street Detoxification Center is holding an Open House on Wednesday, January 20, from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. The Center has recently reorganized its program to provide more effective treatment for alcoholics and have made significant changes in their facilities to enhance the environment for their clients. Other agencies providing

services for the alcoholic include the Charlotte Council on Alcoholism, the Randolph Clinic, Hope Haven, the Charlotte Treatment Center, Rebound and the Salvation Army. All these agencies cordially invite the public to visit their facilities at any time and become acquainted with the services available.

For further information, please call Irma Hoffman, Associate Director, Charlotte Council on Alcoholism at 376-7447.

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