

# "Amen Corner" Transforms Ovens Into Place Of Worship

With Loretta Manago

While the curtains rose Sunday night for James Baldwin's play, "Amen Corner" to begin, Ovens Auditorium transformed into a place of worship and all its attendants were instantly plunged into the lives of Sister Margaret and her family.

The Habari Theatre Ensemble of Atlanta put on an excellent performance to entertain and delight an eager audience.

Centering around the life of Sister Margaret (Lizan Mitchell) and her congregation, "Amen Corner" is a play not just about religion, but about life, its confusions, conflicts, decisions and heartbreaks.

In one week sister Margaret, pastor of a holiness church finds herself losing all of those things most important to her, her husband, whom she deserted, her son, her congregation and her religion. A. Faye Adams does a good job of acting and portraying Sister Margaret.

However a very important fibre of "Amen Corner" would have to have been Sister Moore (A Faye Adams). With her constant "amens" and her sanctified strut, Sister Moore works hard at overthrowing Sister Margaret as pastor and succeeding her. A. Faye Adams kept the audience amused and thrilled as Sister Moore. Her acting was excellent and she shined through as a true professional.

Supporting Sister Margaret in keeping her church was Margaret's sister, Odessa (Iris Little-Roberts) Iris Little-Roberts handles a very significant role as Odessa. She, too, was a vital fibre to the continuity of the play.

Another lift to "Amen Corner" is without a doubt The Benny Davis Singers and Rev. Benny Davis. This quartet of gospel singers added a divinem angelic touch with the richness of their voices and their song.

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## CHARLOTTE AREA HAPPENINGS



Loretta

Many people did not get a chance to view "Amen Corner." The play was only presented for one night. Rest assured that if you were in that number you did miss a treat. "Amen Corner" is a play everyone should see at least once.

### SHANA NA

This week on "Sha Na Na" the wacky stars of the TV program will pay tribute to Little Richard with a medley of his songs. Don't forget to watch it Saturday, March 20 at 7:30 p.m. on Channel 3.

### SPECIAL EDITION

Janet England and Chris Clackum will examine the critical problems faced by two groups: the Vietnam vets and working women, Sunday, March 21 at 6:30 p.m. on Channel 3.

### THE ALLTIME AMERICAN SONGBOOK

America's most popular songs will be sung by major stars on this special musical program. Melba Moore is only one of the talented performers who will guest star. To be seen on Channel 42, this program will air Saturday, March 20 at 8 p.m.

### OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS

The Grace Emmanuel Singers will be the featured guests on "Opportunity Knocks" Sunday, March 21 at 6 p.m., Channel 42.

### P M MAGAZINE

The host of "P M Magazine" will visit Marla Gibbs, who plays "Florence," the feisty maid on TV's "The Jeffersons," Tuesday.

March 23 at 7:30 p.m. on Channel 3.

### POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE WORKSHOP

The North Carolina Nurses Association will sponsor a Political Action Committee Workshop Saturday, March 27 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Park Road YWCA. Registration is \$6.50 and includes breakfast and discussion of the "Effectiveness of Organized Political Activity and How To."

### BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

The Greenville Center basketball teams will meet the Fayetteville Center in a heated contest Saturday, March 27. Teams of pee-wees, midgets, juniors and seniors will compete against their opponent teams of similar ages. Call James Jefferson, Eunice Jones or John Wallace for more information at 374-3367.

### BRITISHISMS

Planning a trip to England or watching a British film and you're lost in the dialogue? Whichever fits your case, the latest publication by Lawrence Holofcener titled "Britishisms" should answer your questions. "Britishisms" is a dictionary of words, idioms and phrasing characteristics of British English.

### ALBUM REVIEW LAKESIDE

"Your Wish Is My Command" If you have any magical wishes that you desire to be fulfilled Lakeside's latest LP. "Your Wish

Is My Command", is the album you need to hear. With a mixture of slow tunes and fast melodies, Lakeside has produced an album that will keep you coming back for more. Exceptional cuts on the album are the title track, "Your Wish Is My Command," "Songwriter," and of course "I Want To Hold Your Hand." What Lakeside does with this old Beatles tune is sheer pleasure.

Side One of "Your Wish Is My Command" is "Your Wish Is My Command", "Something About That Woman," "I Want To Hold Your Hand," and "Special."

Side Two proceeds with "Magic Moments," "The Urban Man," "I'll Be Standing By" and "The Songwriter."

"FRIENDS" Shalamar

Get acquainted with Shalamar's latest album, "Friends." You've probably already heard their first release from the LP, "A Night To Remember" and if you like that cut then you're bound to be impressed with the rest of the album.

Starting Side One is "A Night To Remember," "Don't Try To Change Me," "Help Me," "On Top Of The World," and "I Don't Wanna Be The Last To Know." On this side I was particularly impressed with "Help Me" and "I Don't Wanna Be The Last To Know."

Interested in purchasing either LP? Don't forget that Shazada Enterprises can supply all your musical needs. Shazada is located at 1514 West Boulevard. Cheryl Price or Jack HeVauhe will be glad to assist you.

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