

## For Southeastern Regional Meeting Las Amigas Women Converged

"Las Amigas Women Together As One - Challenging The 80's" was the theme of the Southeastern Regional Meeting of the challenging group.

Las Amigas women converged at the Holiday Inn on Salisbury Blvd. with regional director Gerri Wiley presiding. Forty-nine participants representing each of the five chapters (including Salisbury, Charlotte, Mooresville, Gastonia and Greenville, S.C.) merged as one to continue their tackling of common goals.

The highlight of the evening was the recognition of the most outstanding member from each chapter. The director gave each lady a token of remembrance for meritorious service.

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Gerri Wiley, Regional Director  
...Addresses Las Amigas members

Lula Holloway and members Lucille Phifer, Maggie Reid and Bernice Jones.

Dora Mason, founder of Las Amigas gave words of inspiration to the civic organization. She called upon the group to unite in sisterhood...to make their voices known...and to become active and contributing factors to the National Council of Negro Women's efforts.

Members from Charlotte's Las Amigas included Johnnie Young, president; Dora R. Mason, founder; Gerri Wiley, regional director; Jeanne Hotzclaw, regional treasurer; and members Barbara Atwater, Joyce Waddell, Mollie Houston, Rosalind Nero Stinston, Jackie Cox, Cora Howard and Evelyn Turner.

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### Resigns From 2 Boards

## Ruffin Cleared Of Charges

By Mac Throver  
Post Staff Writer

Benjamin S. Ruffin, special assistant for minority affairs to N.C. Governor Jim Hunt, has been cleared of charges of conflict-of-interest by the state Attorney General's Office.

Ruffin resigned from the boards of two firms, REMCA, Inc., and Community Research and Development Associates, Inc., in the wake of controversy generated by articles published in a Burlington newspaper that suggested Ruffin had violated conflict-of-interest laws and had illegally influenced the award of a CETA grant to REMCA.

Calling the articles a "cheap shot" aimed at discrediting him and "the (Hunt) administration in general," Ruffin informed The Post that he expects more such "distorted attacks" in the future; therefore, he resigned from the non-profit, low-income housing group in order to protect them from further adverse publicity.

Prior to joining the Governor's staff in 1978, Ruffin was active in civic



Benjamin Ruffin  
...Special assistant

affairs, especially housing for low and moderate income families in Durham. Ruffin continued his efforts on behalf of housing projects after he joined the Governor's staff, thus leading to charges that he used his political influence to personally benefit from funding grants to the housing organizations.

At the request of Governor Hunt's attorney, Ruffin's activities were investigated by the N.C. Justice Department. Andrew A. Vanore Jr., N.C. Deputy Attorney General, reported on May 7 that

Ruffin's actions "in no way constitute a violation...of any criminal statute."

Vanore added, in connection with the CETA grant to REMCA:

"Mr Ruffin was not involved with the REMCA Board request for the grant, nor was he involved with the Governor's Committee, which recommended approval of the grant to REMCA. Neither Mr. Ruffin nor any member of his family has ever received, directly or indirectly, any compensation from any of the three Boards, and neither has Mr. Ruffin nor members of his family ever received any of the CETA funds granted to REMCA."

Vanore concluded that "there is absolutely nothing to even remotely suggest that Mr. Ruffin has been engaged in anything wrong."

Ruffin emphasized to The Post that the Attorney General's ruling is "crystal clear"; as a result, he will "continue to represent the state and our constituency in the highest manner possible."

### City Promotes Gerald Bentley

Gerald E. Bentley, 40, has been promoted by the City of Charlotte to assistant director of the Finance Department.

Bentley's responsibilities as assistant director include supervision of accounting, treasury and water and sewer accounts divisions and the financial systems section of the Finance Department.

Before joining the City, Bentley was a corporate controller for private industry. He graduated from Appalachian State Uni-

versity in 1964 with a B.S. in Business Administration.

Bentley is past president of Hickory Grove Lions Club and a treasurer of the Hickory Grove Baptist Church.

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## Statewide Project Launched To Increase Cancer Awareness

A statewide, joint project with the Daughters of Isis and the American Cancer Society was officially launched on Saturday, May 22, in Raleigh.

Isis Court representatives from across the state were in attendance as were American Cancer Society volunteers and staff. The meeting provided orientation to the education, service, and fund-raising programs of the American Cancer Society as well as a renewed commitment to meeting the challenge of cancer among blacks in North Carolina.

The collaboration between these two organizations was announced at the Daughters of Isis National Convention held this past summer in Washington, D.C. "Through the ACS Divisions, it is our intention to reach the grass roots people of our nation. Our thrust will be to increase cancer awareness among blacks and to demonstrate the need for their commitment as ACS volunteers," said Dr. Gloria Ramsey of High Point. Daughter Ramsey is the Imperial Directress and Program Coordinator for this national project with the American Cancer Society. "This is a mission we must accomplish because of the pride of our heritage—hope for our future—and a sense of our concern that will bring us closer together as a race from this most devastating disease, cancer."

Here in North Carolina there are 16 courts of the Daughters of Isis. "Having one of the larger number of courts gives up a special sense of purpose to accomplish the national goal," said Dr. Betty Parham of Durham who is serving as Deputy Imperial Directress for this project in the state.

The courts in North Carolina are located in the following counties: Buncombe, Cabarrus, Craven, Cumberland, Durham, Forsyth, Greensboro, Mecklenburg, New Hanover, Person, Pitt, Robeson, Vance, Wake and Wayne. "The Daughters in

North Carolina stand ready to assist and become involved locally with the ACS on this life-saving project," said Dr. Parham. "Implementation of the plans that were made Saturday will begin on the local level right away," she added.

The meeting on Saturday included a presentation by Dr. Charles A. Cook, Chief of the Health Assurance Section of the Department of Human Resources on the disease of cancer. Presentations on the Educational and Fund-raising Crusade, Public Education, Service and Rehabilitation, and the Cancer Prevention Study II were also included. Roger O'Quinn, Executive Vice President of the North Carolina Division, American Cancer Society, gave some closing remarks on the need for the Daughters of Isis to become active volunteers in the fight against cancer.

### McDaniel Begins New Career

As Salesman

Ephraim McDaniel, a former West Charlotte High and West Texas State University basketball star, has returned to Charlotte from Italy, where he has been an outstanding professional player for ten years.

McDaniel is working as a salesman at Town & Country Ford on E. Independence Blvd. in Charlotte.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING!!!

DELIGHTFUL EXPERIENCE...The members of the Elite Four Social Club: Tim Cotton, Cecelia Alexander, Jim Miller and Marilyn Davis are very adept at promoting successful fashion shows. Their latest venture held among the cozy glitterings of the Kings and Queens Lounge was no exception.

The coordination know-how of Sheila Cotton, tastefully mingled with the personalities of each model, produced an evening of spectacular performances that was a joy to behold.

"Reflections of Spring and Summer...A Fashion Show," was the title used for last Sunday evening's parade of elegant. One of the features was a pantomime done by models, Tina Miller and Bernitta Morgan, to Diana Ross' hit tune "Nirro, Mirro." Exotically outfitted in Danskins with leotards and long fringed shawls draped around the waist, they were a stunning indication of what was in store for the vocal audience. Another entertaining feature of the show was the presentation of Keith Roberts, a supple dance instructor. He gathered a few volunteers and took them gingerly through some dance exercises.



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The main feature of the Elite Four's fourth fashion exhibition was the classy display of some real sharp spring and summer fashions. The array of models graced clothes for the casual look, the sport look, the swim look and the stepping out after five look.

Many prizes were given away during the fashion show, to lucky ticket holders. James Froneberger won a free visit to Keith Roberts' exercise classes. The classes are held every Thursday evening from 7-9 p.m. at Northwest Junior High School. Pat Cherry won an album and tickets to a Charlotte Orioles baseball game. Other prize winners were Roslyn Davis, Ardie Gary, Harvey Graham, Betty Poinsetta, Darlene Towns, Frank Grier, Joe Sanders, Tim Davis, Tony Powell, Sheila Thompson, Mary Able, Henrietta Cathey and Debra Smarr.

The Elite Four Social Club's next happening will be a two-day trip to Knoxville, Tennessee and the World's Fair. The dates for the trip are June 27-28. There are still some seats left on the chartered bus. So, if you want more information about the trip, call Tim Cotton - 393-8535. If this function is like their others, it will be a well planned blast.

LAS VEGAS DISCO...The 1964 class of West Charlotte High School is sponsoring a Disco, Sunday, May 30, at the newly opened Las Vegas Club, 508 Beatties Ford Road. The fun will begin at 9 p.m. and last until 2 a.m. The disco music will be rendered by Fred Graham from radio station WPEG.

Some of the organizers for this event are Delores Foster, Brenda Worthy, Kay Watts, Doris McMurray, Pearline Morrow, Hattie Deas, William Tolliver, Richard Jamison, Thomas Moore, Faye Jones, Theodora Witherspoon, and Adrian McCaskill.

SUMMER THEATRE...Central Piedmont Community College, nationally known for its innovative approaches to education, is about to launch a ninth season of talented actors, singers, dancers, musicians and technicians, who are putting together a very exciting and ambitious summer of fantastic entertainment.

Summer is only a short time away and so is CPCC Summer Theatre!

June 24 - July 10 "Show Boat" will be staged. Prepare for a real treat as you become a passenger on one of the most beloved Jerome Kern's and Oscar Hammerstein's musical extravaganzas. It will be time to settle back, listen, hum, and enjoy such lovely and timeless songs as "Make Believe," "Ol' Man River," "Life Upon The Wicked Stage," "Why Do I Love You," "Bill," "Can't Help Lovin' Dat Man," and "After The Ball." "Show Boat" will truly be an experience to remember and savor.

JAZZ FEST...The Hampton Kool Jazz Festival, which will be held June 25-27 at the Hampton Roads Coliseum in Hampton, Va., will feature more jazz this year.

Some of the artists will be Count Basie and his Orchestra; Oscar Peterson, and Angela Boffill-Friday night. Saturday night, June 26. Millie Jackson will be featured along with Junior Walker and the All Stars. Sunday's show begins at 3 p.m. and features George Benson and Friends—Herbie Hancock, Tony Williams, Ron Carter and Wynton Marsalis. Sarah Vaughn and Herbie Mann will also be on Sunday's show.

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# MALCOLM AND ELIJAH

Two powerful men once lived. One, the undisputed leader of the Nation of Islam. The other, his devoted follower and verbal whip. For over a decade, they thought and acted as one, greatly influencing the political thinking and direction of Black America. And then suddenly in 1964, the student severed all ties with the master and broke from the Nation of Islam. Why? Tune in this week when Tony Brown's Journal presents *Malcolm and Elijah*, a striking commentary on the historical confrontation of these two forces. Featured in this edition will be Talmadge Hayer, a convicted assassin of Malcolm X, Peter Goldman, author of "The Death and Life of Malcolm Muhammad—Malcolm X relationship."

Next week, in *How Black Civilization Was Destroyed*, Tony examines the theory of a great, ancient African empire and looks into the reasons for Black society's decline from its exalted position in the world to its status today.

And later in June, Tony Brown presents *Crisis: Blacks Killing Each Other*, an in-depth look at the social phenomenon of Black-on-Black crime, and *The Other Battle*, a filmed history of the heroic exploits of Black soldiers in American wars.

This June, keep informed. Keep tuned to Tony Brown's Journal.

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