

# WILLIAMSTON WHISTLINGS

BY JOYCE GRAY

WILLIAMSTON—Spankie, the gold-and-white-striped cat, is very much missing, gone to wherever cats go when they leave this world. This special animal, like many other domestic grinders into the human heart, brought pleasure to its owner and some of the neighbors.

Usually, when guests arrived at the home of Ms. Maude E. Riddick on Hwy. 64 East, Spankie would come to the front porch as if to greet the persons or individual, rubbing against the porch post, then proceeding to make her entrance underneath a chair. Sometimes catching a person off-guard, gently rubbing against that person's leg. But, as if to say "don't touch," would slap at the person when a pat or stroke was placed upon its fluffy coat, to pet it.

This certainly was not a cat who visited the neighbors' garbage can or scratched their gardens up, because Spankie had class—a real touch of sophistication and an eye for beauty. Apparently, a visiting cat decided that Spankie was too beautiful or home was too comfortable and in a rage of jealousy, attacked and during the fight defending homesite, some damage unseen by an ill mistress inside, an infection set in, causing death. Farewell to Spankie wherever.

Sympathy is expressed to Lee Adams of L.A.'s Beauty Shop whose grandmother passed. Ms. Annie "Eula" Perry, whose brother, W.Z. Brown, had funeral services on Saturday, March 25. Brown was a resident of the Hamilton area. To the family of the late Alex Darden, Jr. (Greenville). He died March 19 and funeral services were held March 23. Harvey Modica, Sr. expired Saturday, March 25.

James Earl Moore began his eternal life on March 19 after a brief illness. On April 3, 1944, his entrance into the life of Ms. Kara Williams Moore and the late Singleton W. Moore added to their joy.

He attended schools in Martin County and was a member of the United Holy Church of Deliverance in Williamston. Before returning to Williamston a few years ago, he was living in Stamford, Conn. and while there, he was employed as a salesman for 15 years at the United Housewrecking Company. Later, he became co-owner of the Williamston Trading Post and Moore, Moore and Little's Seafood, both businesses in Williamston.

Marriage to the former Ms. Ada Mae Rascoe on July 6, 1968 in Stamford, Conn. produced three daughters: Ms. Kiesha Moore and Chandra Moore of the Williamston home along with their mother, and Ms. Sonia Bennett of West Haven Conn., all of whom now mourn his passing with two grandsons, Jamel Moore of the home and Ronnie Bennett of West Haven, Conn.; his mother, Ms. Kara W. Moore, Williamston; mother-in-law, Ms. Eula Rascoe; four sisters, Ms. Dorothy Brown and Ms. Kara Moore, both of Williamston, Ms. Barbara Moore of Raleigh and Minister Annie Barksdale of Stamford, Conn.; three brothers, David Moore of Williamston, Thomas Moore of Atlantic City, N.J., and Melvin Moore of Stamford, Conn. He also leaves a host

of other relatives, sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and plenty of friends who can attest to the genuine characteristic traits displayed by Moore as he served his customers.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 25, at the United Holy Church of Deliverance, Warren Street, Williamston, with the Rev. Jerome Wilson officiating. Participating also were Ms. Mary Williams, Evangelist Cynthia Perry and Elder Larry Jones.

Interment was in Andrew Memorial Park. Final handling of the remains was entrusted to Manson Mortuary, 412 Washington St., Williamston.

The United Fellowship Appreciation Banquet was held on March 23 in Williamston High School Cafeteria. Presiding was the Rev. Joe C. Brown. Persons on the program included Rev. Dr. G. Curtis Newby, Minister Robert Bland, Deacon Clarence Goss, Rev. W.T. Taylor, Rev. Elisha Crandall, Deacon Plum Rogers, and Deacon W. Earl Newsome.

Banquet chairman was Minister Robert Bland. The message was taken from the book of John 17:21-22 by Rev. W.T. Taylor with music by the United Fellowship Choir.

The organization, now more than 16 years old, holds joint worship service on each second and fifth Sunday, and was organized under the leadership of the Rev. G. Curtis Newby, pastor, Williams Chapel AME Zion Church, 119 Rhodes St.; and the late Rev. Alfred L. Daye, pastor of Mount Shiloh Baptist Church, North Elm Street, for the purpose of promoting spiritual fellowship and unity.

Lay members are invited to attend the services and all church pastors are encouraged to get affiliated.

The United Fellowship Committee remembered to pay respect to their deceased members which included Rev. Wilson C. Lyons, Rev. George Rodgers, Rev. E.E. Williams, Rev. E.L. Powell, Deacon Paul Griffin and Deacon Johnny Mizelle.

An appreciation dinner for M.K. Bennett honoring Ms. Ollie Ruth Bennett and Jim Bennett was held Saturday, March 25, at 5 p.m. at the Coronation Lodge Hall, 204 N. Sycamore St.

The theme was "Love is Caring and Sharing," using the colors green and yellow and the yellow carnation as its flower. The yellow-printed program added a touch of spring on a day just when an unusual amount of rain had fallen on the town of Williamston.

Ms. Odessa Farrow brought greetings and Ms. Carolyn Bond stated the purpose. Prayer was offered by Willie Lee Taylor and words of welcome came from Darrell Bennett. Music was rendered by the Third Generation. Tyrone Bennett and Ms. Shirelle Bennett sang a song and the children of the honoree, Ella, Charles and Martin, all shared in the pinning of the flowers.

Chosen for the occasion, "If You're Ever Going to Love Me" seemed very fitting—because if you're ever going to love, love me now, while I can know all the sweet and tender feelings which from real affection flow... let me know it now while living.

Ministers sharing in this special

event were Ms. Rosa James, Joseph Roberson and Minister Carmack.

Belmont Baptist Church, Robersonville (Cross Roads community), was the site of a worship service honoring Mother Mennie B. Mizelle and the late Deacon Johnnie T. Mizelle.

Participants, Ms. Fannie L. Slade, Evangelist George Hawkins, Ms. Adline Carr, Evangelist Carrie Alexander, Ray Ebron, Ms. Gladys Little, Minister Robert Bland and Rev. Walter Hines, along with Deacons John Little and S.T. Roberson, each made the worship complete.

Ms. Mizelle, a Pitt County native, moved to Martin County at the age of eight, attending a one-room school on Gus Lane in the Cross Roads community. She is the eldest daughter of the late Erna Highsmith and William H. Little, born June 23, 1914.

Johnnie T. Mizelle, the eldest son of the late Emily Shade and Steven Fernando Mizelle, was born Dec. 6, 1909 in the Cross Roads community. He attended the one-room school on Gus Lane, later earning his barber's license from Harris Barber School in Raleigh. He departed this life on Feb. 17.

Johnnie T. and Mennie Bell Mizelle were united in holy matrimony on Dec. 5, 1931 and moved forward in securing a home, children and companionship. Gaining some economic security by hard work and careful planning, he removed stumps and cultivated land for farming and living conditions.

The couple was committed to religious activities, having joined the Belmont Baptist Church, serving on the Usher Board at first in 1923, then 10 years later the first to join the Church Choir. Not only did she become mother of the church, but he performed such duties as treasurer, deacon, chairperson of the Building Committee and custodian, during the 42 years of service.

They were blessed during their union with three children: Leon, Peggie and Johnnie, all grateful for having such inspiring and loving, responsible parents who demonstrated outstanding citizenship at all times.

Winners of the raffle on March 24 in Roper for the NAACP were: first place, William Littlejohn; second place, Ms. Lila Patrick and Ms. Meryle Bryant, third place. Seems this was the first time that all local residents won the prizes.

Mothers in the contest: Ms.

Margaret Hunt, Roper; and Ms. Melia Pledgar, Skimmersville community, had 2½ months to work on becoming the 1989 Mother of the Year.

Ms. Hunt won with 1,261 notes. Ms. Pledgar did a splendid job securing 1,181. However, Ms. Pledgar will get to go to Raleigh in May as their runner-up and to Detroit, Mich. to the national convention in July. Ms. Hunt will enter the state mother contest in Raleigh in May and will also represent her branch at the national convention.

Crowning Ms. Hunt was the 1988 mother, Minister Lela Collins, with a decorative crown as beautiful as the date.

During this sixth annual banquet, high school graduates who were members of the NAACP Youth Council totaling five were given plaques: Aaron Jerome Bryant, Louis Andrew Clark, Ms. Helen Fenner, Ms. Rosette Horton and Ms. Lisa A. Norman. Their choice of school of higher learning and subject selected were announced.

As faithful as previously demonstrated by Carolina Telephone Co., a show of support by the very presence of two representatives of Mr. McGee attended the affair, arriving early and staying until the benediction, delighting the officers of the branch.

More than eight other branches supported this banquet with their presence and readily agreed with statements made by speaker Rev. Conrad K. Pridgen, pastor, Rich Square AME Church, Rich Square, whose topic, "Not Yet Free," had a message that many of the absentees should have heard.

Entertainment during the meal, songs softly sung by the Jolly Gospel Singers, made one feel spiritually motivated. Also, Huey Brown, noted poet, was timely for the occasion. Minister Lela Collins and Chester McDowell sang solos and Ms. Arbutus Freeman played the piano.

D.D. Garrett, newly elected county commissioner and past branch president, Pitt County, stated the purpose.

R.E. Wilkins, state conference of branches treasurer, presented the branch a plaque for its accomplishments in voter education and voting participation.

On the sick and shut-in list: Ms. Anna Hunt, surgery, Roper; Ms. Odessa Walker Grimes, Leslie Ray Horton, and Ms. Maggie Reddick, all of Roper. Ms. Lula B. Lloyd, recuperating at home in Plymouth. Ms. Pauline Brown, Macedonia community.

Ms. Esther Roberts, Alton C. Roberts, Ms. Alberta L. Perry, Ms. Mary Davis and William D. Speller, Ms. Gwendolyn Hyman, Ms. Aria L. Moore, Ms. Armaza C. Roberson, Ms. Doris Peel, F.L. Joyner, Ms. Lucy P. Brown, Luther Perkins, William Preston Lanier, Jack Lanier, Ms. Mattie Perry, Ms. Rachel Lyons, Ms. Daisy Biggs and Bill Biggs.

Ms. Dorothy Jones Manning visited the former Ms. Verla Jones Knight last week in Philadelphia, Pa., who is quite ill.

A careless driver decided that everyone along 64 East in Williams Township was either asleep or at sunrise services early Easter morning as he drove into four mailboxes, destroying posts and boxes, then escaping before being identified by some of the property owners. However, broken glass clearly states he will have to pay to have his car repaired.

Newest resident on the Island Road is Wilbert Gorham and his family, formerly of the Lee Town section.

Happy birthday greetings to Clinton C. Jones, Alphonza Lewis, David Lee Hardison and a belated happy birthday to Master D. Vaughn Hopkins and Charles Lewis.

The C.M. Stokes family of Roper is proud grandparents of their first grandson, Michael Anthony Taylor, weighing in at six pounds, 10 ounces, via daughter Menia.

Local folks had a beautiful, sunny day to enjoy the Herring Festival in Jamesville on Easter Monday.

## Spring Break

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla.—Saint Augustine's College students in Raleigh say they will have better things to do with their spring break this year than just have fun.

Student leadership at the college will join fellow students from historically black colleges and universities for the annual Black College Reunion-Spring Break.

Bethune-Cookman College in Daytona Beach, Fla., will host the activities that will combine working sessions and fun in the sun at the Atlantic coast retreat.

There will be seminars on leadership, what students at those institutions must do to help ensure meaningful survival and a host of other activities.

# Classifieds

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