

## SOCIAL WHIRL

# Femmes Continentale start new chapter, plan gambling fun

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The Femmes Continentale, a new social club organized in the "Windy City" with chapters already in Washington, D.C. and Baltimore, have elected its 1970-71 officers. Heading the group are Shirley Jordan, president; Mildred Springs, secretary; Joyce Redic, treasurer; Lena Pope, business manager and public relations director; Shirley Andrews, sergeant-at-arms; and Virginia Collins, historian.

The new organization is getting off to a swinging start by sponsoring a "Casino Royale" on November 21 at the Home of Mrs. Redic. (The gals promise more details later.) Proceeds from the party will be used to provide scholarships to deserving young black men and women in the Chicago area and to give financial aid to community organizations—such as the NAACP, SCLC's Operation Breadbasket and others. Watch for many exciting and spectacular happenings from the Femmes Continentale!

**SOUL COOKING...** "Savory Soul Food," "Soul Food Favorites" and "Swinging Soul Food" will be the theme when Helen Maybelle, owner of the popular Soul Queen Cafe, will be featured in a series of free soul food cooking programs at the Southtown YMCA, 6545 S. Union ave. The programs will run for three consecutive Thursdays, beginning November 5 at 7 p.m.

Free tickets for each program are available at the Y and at the door during the evening of each program. All ticket holders will be eligible for the food and other door prizes that will be given away during each program. On the final evening a drawing will be held for a gas range. Helen Maybelle is so very well known among soul food connoisseurs. She served as co-owner and manager of the popular H&H Cafe on E. 51st st. for many years.

**HALLOWEEN FUN...**The Minx Social Club is going to host a Halloween Party on Saturday, Oct. 31 that their guests won't soon forget. The gals have long been a fixture on the social scene because of their knack for planning entertainment around popular social trends. This year is no exception!

This year, says Cleo Bournique, the idea of Halloween with traditional emphasis on witches, goblins and ghosts will be expanded to include all of the mysticism of the occult. In recognizing this "Age of Aquarius" many of the Minx will choose costumes that will reflect their zodiac sign. The Minx are Iona Bell, Grace Green, Mahel Harper, Lenamae Ingram, Jean Grant, Lessine Jennings, Dorothy Johnson, Faye Johnson, Marlon Olieff, Alice Rayner, Fayette Watson, Dorris Williamson, Yvonne Williamson, Alice Wright and Olivia Russell, president.

The October 31 party will be held at the Sabre Room on W. 95th st. in Hickory Hills, Ill. Guests are expected to be masked and members of the Minx are hoping that this expanded Halloween theme will give their guests additional leeway in choosing costumes.

**ANNIVERSARY TIME...**Mr. and Mrs. Jim Rice (Luvenia) will celebrate their 64th wedding anniversary this Saturday night at their home on S. Carpenter ave. The family gathering is being hosted by one of their five sons and four daughters, Montell Rice. The anniversary duo, married in Brownsville, Tenn., have 160 grandchildren and 100 great grandchildren. They have been residents of Chicago since 1945.

**NEW YORK GATHERING...**Mrs. Juliette B. Buford of Cornell Village traveled to New York City to attend the International Education Year Symposium and Awards Luncheon sponsored by the North American Bahai Office for Human Rights. The National Urban League's executive director, Whitney M. Young Jr., was the featured speaker.

The symposium and luncheon in the Statler Hilton Hotel were held in observance of the aims and purposes of International Year—so designated by the United Nations. They were designed to illustrate some of the finest thinking and programming to improve and extend the educational process to include human understanding, human development and world peace.

**NEW POSITIONS...**Mrs. Cynthia Picou is now serving as the administrative assistant to Dr. Robert Randolph, executive vice president of Chicago State College...Good-buddy Charles ("Chuck") Curry, former executive director of Youth Action, is now holding down the enviable position of manager of community relations for the Quaker Oats Company with offices in the Merchandise Mart...Looking for Clyde French? He's now supervisor of one of four state-run community centers under the Illinois Department of Corrections. He's housed in the Hyde Park YMCA. Clyde left Cook County OEO as director of a community service center in East Chicago for his new position.

**FRIDAY SPEAKER...**Sam Greenlee, author of "The Spook Who Sat By the Door" will speak to students in the education assistance program at the University of Illinois-Chicago Circle Campus this Friday morning at 11 o'clock. The program is under the direction of James Griggs.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES...**to Ebony Magazine who celebrates its silver (25th) birthday with the November issue (just released). "Proud papa" is John H. Johnson, the magazine's publisher.

**NEWSY NAMES...**Charlotte Hunt, former Daily Defender news gal, is now answering to Mrs. Myron Beckenstein following their marriage Saturday afternoon in her Westside home. She is a reporter of the Daily News; he's an editorial page staffer on the same paper.

News from the West Coast (Los Angeles, to

be specific informs us that Gerri (school teacher) and Logan Westbrook (he's now an administrative assistant to a vice president in the Capitol Records Corporation) will be coming back "home" to Chicago to live. Logan has been offered a top level position with Mercury and will be based in our town. Now they'll be leasing out two houses—the original one here and the new one in Hollywood.

**LINK AFTERNOON...**The Chicago chapter of the Links Inc. will host an afternoon of Music on Sunday, Nov. 1, 2 to 4 p.m., in the auditorium of the Lutheran School of Theology. Featured will be the Neighborhood Youth Corps Choir. Portia Searcy is serving as chairman; Mildred Kerr is co-chairman.

This government-sponsored choir is made up of 150 teenagers, says Mrs. Searcy. "They do sing beautifully. They are not ghetto kids or drop-outs, just children, ambitious to further their education," she added. The program is being sponsored by the Service to Youth Committee.

**CONGRATULATIONS...**Miss Lorraine Thorns, daughter of Mrs. Ozarie Wherry, of Chicago, who has been named to participate in the Student Counseling Program at MacMurray College in Jacksonville, Ill. Miss Thorns, a junior, is one of 37 resident assistants on campus who conduct a major portion of the college's orientation and advising program.

Specific functions of a resident assistant include acting as a resource and referral agent for residence hall students, and serving as a liaison within the college community to insure total student-staff communication. The selection of resident assistants is based on a student's demonstrated leadership ability, an astute awareness of student needs and a high record of academic achievement.

**ST. LOUIS WEEKEND...**Sorors from Alpha and Alpha Beta chapter of Iota Phi Lambda Sorority motored to St. Louis last weekend to attend the Western Region Mid-Year Board Meeting that was held in the Downtown Holiday Inn, so says Delores Holmes, journalist. The meeting was held under the leadership of the newly elected director, Belle S. Butler of Alpha Beta chapter.

**DISTAFF POLITICS...**Mrs. James Childs (nee Josie Brown) is inviting friends to join her at the CNDA Clubhouse on Friday evening to meet Nancy Stevenson (Mrs. Adlai III), whose husband is running for U.S. Senator from these parts.

**LAS VEGAS FUN...**The Swingers' Oliver ("O.W.") Woods and his Dolarite led a group of "swingers" west to Las Vegas, watering hole of national and international swingers for a full week. The holiday got off to a rip-roaring start at a party honoring Louis "Satchmo" Armstrong and Pearl Bailey. Other stars on hand were Count Basie, Joe Williams, Ella Fitzgerald and Diane Ross.

Among Chicagoans on the fun scene were Mr. and Mrs. Mercer Cook, Ray Jackson, Al Williams, Mrs. Pat Harper, Mrs. Evelyn Twilly, Mrs. Frances Swope and Mr. and Mrs. William ("Bill") Hall Jr. to name a few.

**CONVENTION, FEVER...**It was a pleasant mixture of business and fun when the Chicago chapter of the National Association of Media Women Inc. (NAMW) hosted the fifth annual convention of the predominantly professional women's organization at the Sheraton-Blackstone Hotel. The fun portion got off to a swinging start at a "Media Woman Meets Media Man" party hosted by John H. Johnson, president of the Johnson Publishing Company. That set the pace. Other functions were luncheons hosted by Hunt-Wesson Foods, Tom Palmer, host; Opportunities Industrialization Centers and the Black & Brown Trading Stamp Co. Thelma Hill, hostess; Johnson Products, John E. and George Johnson and Edwin "Bill" Berry, hosts; a soul food buffet and cocktail party at Daddy-O's Celebrity Room in the Starlite Bowl hosted by the Black Media Reps (Hurley Green is chairman; the delicious gourmet fare was prepared by Ann Blaire and Catherine Ladner); a champagne party hosted by Oscar Brown Jr., and Jean Pace followed their performance of "Joy" at the Happy Medium; another champagne party hosted by Joe Makel of Christian Bros. of Calif., an awards banquet hosted by Chuck Smith of Royal Crown Cola; cocktail party by Norm Spaulding and a closing brunchon hosted by Pepsi Cola's Sam Hall.

Other "niceties" were provided by W. Leonard Evans of Tuesday Publications, who provided a single long-stem rose in a crystal bud vase in the room of each Media gal; floral centerpieces provided by Sunshine Biscuit Company's Sam Simmons; sweets by Curtis Goodwin of Continental Baking; Wakiki Cold Duck by Edward Pate; and liquor sales guys, Henry Wells, Bill Jackson and Chuck Bowen; and John H. Sengstacke, editor-publisher of the Daily Defender and president of the National Newspaper Publishers Association, who underwrote the convention awards. They are all a swell bunch of folks!

**LAKE GENEVA OUTING...**A Sunday in Wisconsin at the Playboy Resort Hotel in Lake Geneva was thoroughly enjoyed by the 20th Century Pharmacy Investment Club, headed by LaHarry Norman, president. It was the annual outing for the professional organization, and the day included swimming, horseback riding, bicycle riding, "lazy-day resting," and a cocktail party and dinner in the Penthouse. The group included more than 40 folks.

Other officers of the group are John Brown, vice president; Johnny Poole, treasurer; Benlah Cooper, secretary; Tyree Simmons, executive director; Tommie Kelly, public relations director; and William Hillard, chairman of the board.

**"TEESE'S TICKLER"**...How can you make a coat last...Make the trousers and vest first.