

# Charlie Cherokee Says

Rev. John J. O'Shea dropped a note to Charlie the other day and mentioned that one item Charlie used earlier this week might be interpreted as something other than nice. Charlie is pleased that Rev. O'Shea is interested in the character of the column. Thanks Rev. . . . Charles Ross of Gary will seek a Congressional seat in Gary. Chicagoans calling themselves, "The Friends of Charles Ross" are planning a champagne sip for him at the Henry Booth House on Saturday.



August K. Foote is presently serving as acting principal at Dunbar. Former principal, Albert Briggs, is now area superintendent for the Board. According to talk around Dunbar, members of the faculty, students, the P.T.A. and several members of the community are urging the board to appoint Foote as permanent director . . .

Nathaniel Green, head of Dunbar's Music Department, will take his 70 choir students to the Baha'i Temple on April 19 . . . Renault Robinson, president of the Afro-Patrolman's League, is attempting to expand his organization nationwide. Renault just returned from Los Angeles where he talked to a large number of black policemen on the prospects of organizing a similar group.

Things could get hot in Birmingham, the site of SCLC's staff meeting. Rumors are that an article the Daily Defender printed some months ago, and was criticized for, could all come true . . . The Prudential Insurance Co.'s mid-American home office has announced that its life insurance in force among Illinois residents has risen to an all-time high of \$8.7 billion. Charlie is certain that the firm's big push a few years ago to get into the black community, makes up a good share of the recent increase.

Pretty Billie Smith, a gal with a fine brown frame, is one of ten finalists in the Miss Photoflash contest. The finals are this Saturday at the Hilton Hotel . . . The recent rap against lawyer Bob Ming on his filing his '63 income taxes late, appears to be a pretty petty thing. If Ming did, in fact, file his '63 income taxes, it seems to Charlie that someone is out to get him . . . Lincoln-Mercury's Les Bland is becoming quite a man about town. Late last week, he was seen having lunch in the London House . . . with friends, of course . . . Charlie learned that Dr. Robert Stepto is now having his photos taken by Maurice Seymour, the famous theatrical photographer.

Buzz Palmer, founder of the Afro American Patrolman's League, has been seen buying clothes at a Northside resale shop . . . William Walters, mid-south district director for the Southtown YMCA, recently sent a letter to Senator Charles Percy, congratulating him on the position he took on Carswell . . . Georgia English and Lutrel Palmer, columnist for the Daily News, are working to prevent Governor Ogilvie from cutting the Mental Health budget. Miss English recently got the cooperation of the Mental Health Association of Greater Chicago to aid her in the drive. The check amounted to \$250.

State Senator Richard Newhouse has now gotten himself involved in child care. The outspoken legislator will speak to the Child Care Association of Illinois today in the Pick Congress Hotel. . . Mrs. Cynthia Picou, the youngest and most vocal member of the John Howard Association (over seers of Illinois' penal system) has now been invited to join the board of the Institute of Contemporary Art.