

Paul Green Foundation

NEWS – May 2014



Charles Blackburn – author & band member of “When Cousins Marry”

Charles Blackburn, Jr., Paul Green Foundation board member, grew up in Henderson, N.C. And in his early career, he “roamed the state” as a reporter and editor for four small town newspapers. Charles is a frequent contributor to *Our State* magazine and his fiction and poetry have won several awards including the 2008 Sam Ragan Fine

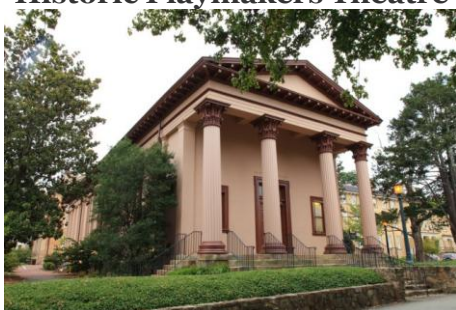


Arts Award for Literature. His band, “When Cousins Marry,” plays songs that range from rock to country, blues, and beyond.

Main Street Rag Press in Charlotte has just published a collection of short stories by Charles entitled ***Sweet Souls and other Stories***, which contains stories that have appeared over the years in NC literary journals, magazines, and newspapers. The title story won a literary fellowship from the NC Arts Council. *Sweet Souls* can be ordered online through the book store at mainstreetrag.com.

**Paul Green Foundation
Annual Meeting
November 22, 2014**

And remember, this is will be weekend when Paul Green and Kurt Weill’s ***Johnny Johnson*** will be performed at the **Historic Playmakers Theatre**



Sir Walter Cabinet

Director **Marsha Warren** was asked by Sir Walter Cabinet President **Barbara Walters** (wife of Senator Michael Walters of Robeson and Columbus Counties) to provide a program on Paul Green for their May meeting in Raleigh.



Organized in 1919, the **Sir Walter Cabinet’s** bylaws stated: *“Membership shall consist of the spouse of each of the following state officials: members of the General Assembly, the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Justices of the Supreme Court, Judges of the Court of Appeals, Council of State, Cabinet Secretaries, Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts, the President of the University of North Carolina, and the President of the North Carolina Community College System. A woman who holds any of these offices is eligible for membership.”*

In the early days, the *News & Observer* would announce the arrival of the women when they “came to town” for the Legislative Sessions all decked out in hats and gloves as they settled into the **Sir Walter Hotel** with their husbands.

Here they are at a tea given by the Carolina Hotel as featured in the *News & Observer* March 31, 1949.



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