

# \$300 Million Earmarked for Minority Business, Other Areas of Needs

In a joint announcement today, Alex P. Mercure, assistant secretary of Agriculture for Rural Development, and Randolph T. Blackwell, director of the Commerce Department's Office of Minority Business Enterprise (OMBE) disclosed actions to stimulate minority businesses in rural areas and small cities.

The U.S. Department of

Agriculture's Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) has targeted at least \$50 million of its rural business-industrial loan guarantees to eligible minority business men and women in fiscal 1979.

Mercure said that FmHA also set minimum goals for this year in other areas of special need: \$500 million for loan guarantees to businesses operated

by women, \$100 million for job-producing enterprises in deeply depressed areas, and \$100 million for modernizing and upgrading run-down business centers in rural towns.

Mercure said the new initiatives followed a commitment by Agriculture Secretary Bob Bergland to make Agriculture Department resources available

to the full spectrum of rural Americans, including minority groups and women "who have not always enjoyed adequate access to all of the department's programs."

He also announced that Blackwell that the Commerce Department will strengthen its nationwide facilities to help minority people develop sound businesses that qualify for

private lender financing under FmHA guarantees.

The officials said the two agencies are drafting an agreement whereby personnel of the Commerce Department and the local business development program as a result business development organizations will be able to help more minority people take advantage of

business-industrial financing resources available through FmHA.

The FmHA guarantees commercial lenders' loans to businesses in rural areas including cities of not more than 50,000 population. It gives priority to enterprises located in open country and towns of not more than 25,000. Guarantees cover up to 90 per cent of the loss of principal and interest that a lender might incur.

The Commerce Department provides management and technical assistance to minority entrepreneurs through about 225 non-profit business development organizations and construction assistance centers. They are based throughout the 50 states, District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and Virgin Islands.

Mercure said OMBE will fill a major need in the rural development program by providing expert assistance to rural minority people in planning, organizing and operating sound and enduring business

lenders. Applicants must pay at least 10 per cent down and put up collateral for the loans.

Blackwell and Mercure estimated that most enterprises resulting from FmHA-OMBE cooperation will involve black and Spanish-speaking applicants in small communities of the southeastern and southwestern states. However, the OMBE director said advisory assistance from business development organizations will be available anywhere in the country to

applicants who meet the requirements of the loan guarantee program.

Mercure said FmHA is emphasizing greater availability of its assistance to minority people, who control business enterprises accounting for less than 2 per cent of FmHA-guaranteed rural business loans during the first four years of the program, through 1977. The \$50 million target for FY 1979 would represent an increase this year to about 9 per cent of the \$1.1 billion-a-year program.

## CHURCH NEWS

### GETHEMANE USHERS SPONSORED TACKLE PARTY

The Usher boards 1, 2, and the Junior ushers of Gethsemane Baptist Church sponsored a Christmas-New Year's party January 4th, with Ushers President Mrs. Mary T. Burnette serving as hostess. The ushers also used the occasion to celebrate the birthday of Mrs. V.E. Brown.

Devotion was led by Mrs. Burnette and scripture read by Mrs. Thelma Tabron. Prayer was given by Mrs. Wallace Webb, Usher members joined in with the singing of Christmas carols. Gifts wrapped in newspaper were exchanged, and dinner was served.

Special guests to the party were: Mrs. V.E. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Flowers and family, Mrs. Kidd Smith and family and many others. Thanks go out to all members that helped make this occasion joyous.

### OAK GROVE FREE WILL BAPTIST TO HOLD INSTALLATION SERVICES

Oak Grove Free Will Baptist will hold its installation services January 14, at 6 p.m. at the church located on Colfax St.

Guest for the services will be Rev. George V. Palmer, THE CONGREGATION AND CHOIR of Asbury United Methodist Church. Members and friends are urged to attend these services.



N. C. LEGISLATOR, Attorney Kenneth B. Spaulding is seen in first House session Wednesday with daughter, Chandler, and associate, Butch Williams. Other members of Spaulding's family were also present in the gallery. (Photo by Kelvin A. Bell)

## NEWS OF NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL UNIVERSITY

FIVE FACULTY MEMBERS of the North Carolina Central University School of Library Science attended the concurrent meetings of the American Library Science Association of American Library Schools in Washington, D.C., January 6-13. Dean Annette L. Phinazee chaired the ALA's Standing Committee on Library Education and the AALS's Council of Deans and Directors, to which Assistant Dean Benjamin F. Speller served as NCCU's representative. Dr. Speller also served as a member of the ALA's David Cliff Scholarship Committee. Ms. Desretta V. McAllister chaired the meetings of the Telefilm Committee and served on the Subcommittee on Sexism and Racism in Subject Analysis and the Black Caucus Committee on Recruitment and Professional Development. Dr. Kenneth Shearer chaired the "Public Libraries" Editorial Committee and served as a member of the Public Library Association's Publications Committee. Dr. Shearer also read a paper on "The Impact of Research on Librarianship." Dr. Lee Finks also attended the meetings.

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SYNDICATED COLUMNIST Tony Brown will be one of the speakers for a symposium on "Minorities and the Media," to be conducted at NCCU February 18-21. The symposium is sponsored by the Media Journalism Program at NCCU.

THE NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES will meet, in a regularly-scheduled meeting, at 2 p.m. Wednesday, January 17, in the Chancellor's Conference Room of the Hoey Administration Building.

A GROUP OF PROMINENT BLACK HISTORIANS will be participants in a symposium on editing Afro-American materials at North Carolina Central University, February 11-13. The symposium is co-sponsored by NCCU and the Black Abolitionist Papers Project (a joint project of Florida State University and the University of Wisconsin at La Crosse). Support for the symposium has been provided by the National Endowment for the Humanities and the National Historical Publications and Records Commission.

TWO ADDITIONAL SPEAKERS have been added to the spring semester schedule of visiting lectures in the School of Library Science. They are Alan Tuttle, assistant director of the Duke University Computer Center, and Douglas Martin, librarian of the NCCU School of Law. Dates for the lectures will be announced later.

## DEATHS AND FUNERAL SERVICES

**FARRINGTON**  
Funeral services for Earlie Walter Farrington, 50, of 1119 B. Hyde Park, who died Wednesday, January 3 at home, were held Saturday, January 6 at Union Baptist Church by Rev. V.E. Brown.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Maeonis Farrington; two sons, Walter Farrington and James Farrington; three stepdaughters; two brothers, Ernest Farrington and Thomas Farrington; nine grandchildren.

**WILLIAMS**  
Funeral services for Ms. Hattie Williams of 1723 S. Alston Avenue, were held Friday, January 5 at the House of Reeves.

Surviving is her sister Mrs. Beulah Jordan.

**CARLOS**  
Funeral services for Mrs. Rebecca Newberry Carlos of 807 S. Duke St., who died Monday, January 1 at home, were held Friday, January 5 at Lincoln Memorial Baptist Church by Rev. N.P. Brodie. Burial was in the Amos Grove Cemetery in Liberty.

Surviving are her husband, Joseph Carlos of Gary, Ind.; two sons, Dr. Joseph Carlos of Dallas, Tex. and Michael Carlos of Houston, Maine; one daughter, Ms. Alecia Carlos of New York City, a half sister, Mrs. Louise Thomas of Youngstown, Ohio.

Courtesy of Scarborough & Hargett Memorial Chapels and Gardens.

**CLARK**  
Funeral services for Mrs. Marion Daniels Clark of Route 3, Box 363, Obie Drive, who died Wednesday, January 3 at Durham County General Hospital, were held Saturday, January 6 at Oak Grove Free-Will Baptist Church by Rev. Z.D. Harris. Burial was in Beechwood Cemetery.

She was employed at North Carolina Central University as a secretary in the Alfonso Elder Student Union for the past 10 years.

Surviving are her husband, John Clark, a son, Thomas Ingram, a daughter, Kimberly Clark; her father, John Plummer; a half-sister, Mrs. Harriet Miller, a half-brother, John Plummer; two grandsons.

**JOHNSON**; two stepsons, Arnold Samuels and James Samuels, Jr.; a sister, Mrs. Odell Whittley of Zebulon; three brothers, Willie Smith of Patterson, N.J. and Robert Smith and Herbert Smith.

**FORD**  
Graveside rites for Levi Ford of 512 Dowd St., who died Thursday, January 4 at Durham County General Hospital, were held Thursday, January 4 at Beechwood Cemetery.

Courtesy of Scarborough & Hargett Memorial Chapels and Gardens.

**KEY**  
Funeral services for Mrs. Marie "Tump" Key of 203 Lodge St., who died Monday, January 1 at Hillhaven Pettigrew Nursing Center, were held Saturday, January 6 at Lincoln Memorial Baptist Church by Rev. N.P. Brodie. Burial was in Glennview Memorial Park.

Surviving are her father, Germain Dunn of Brooklyn, N.Y.; two sisters, Mrs. Myrtle Ellis and Ms. Alberta Dunn.

Courtesy of Scarborough & Hargett Memorial Chapels and Gardens.

**COBB**  
Funeral services for James B. Cobb, Sr., formerly of Durham, who died Monday, January 8 in Washington, were held Thursday, January 11 at Bureau Baptist Church in Washington by Rev. William A. Treadwell.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Leona Cobb of Washington; a son, James Cobb, Jr. of Washington; two daughters, Mrs. Essie Howard and Mrs. John Wilson, both of Washington; two sisters, Mrs. Margaret Allen and Mrs. Mary C. Genus of Washington; a brother, Rev. Charles E. Cobb of Washington; 10 grandchildren.

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**HILL**  
Funeral services for Park C. Hill of 709 N. Queen St., who died Wednesday, January 3 at the Veterans Administration Hospital, were held Saturday, January 6 at Greater St. Paul Baptist Church by Dr. W.T. Bigelow. Burial was in Beechwood Cemetery.

**SMITH**  
Funeral services for Henry Smith, 75, of 1018 S. Plum St., who died Saturday, January 6 at Home, were held Wednesday, January 10 at Mount Gilead Baptist Church by Dr. A.D. Moseley. Burial was in Mt. Sinai Cemetery.

He was employed by the Liggett & Myers Tobacco Co. for 42 years, retiring in 1973. He was a member of Mount Gilead Baptist Church and its Usher Board and the B.B. Rogers Bible Class. He was also a member of the United Order of Odd Fellows, No. 2095.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Nellie G. Smith; one foster daughter, Mrs. Margaret Smith of Washington, D.C.; three step-daughters, Mrs. Amy Johnson of New York, Ms. Gaynelle Samuels and Mrs. Sandra

**THOMPSON**  
Funeral services for Mrs. Daisy Belle Thompson of 915 McLaurin St., who died Sunday, January 7 at home, were held Thursday, January 11 at Juniper Level Baptist Church in Wake County by Dr. George Jones, Sr. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Surviving are a sister, Mrs. Lydia Peacock; three brothers, Mallie Holloway of Raleigh, Frank Holloway of Seat Pleasant, Wash., and John Holloway of Bronx, N.Y.

**WHITTED**  
Funeral services for Clinton W. Whitted, Sr., of 1835 Cheek Road, Apt. 13-A who died Sunday, January 7 at Duke Medical Center, were held Thursday, January 11 at United House of Prayer for All People by Elder Dillard. Burial was in Glennview Memorial Park.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Velma Whitted; Clinton W. Whitted, Jr., a daughter, Ms. Angela D. Whitted; his mother, Mrs. Rella Whitted; two sisters, Ms. Darlene Whitted and Mrs. Ernestine Long; two brothers, Sterling Whitted and Peter Whitted; his maternal grandmother, Mrs. Larcina Cameron;

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GRACE  
Funeral services for Mrs. Willie Grace of 1205 S. Alston Avenue were held Sunday, January 7 at Mount Vernon Baptist Church by Rev. Percy L. High. Burial was in Beechwood Cemetery.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Ethel W. Jones; a grandson; two great-grandchildren.

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