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UNCF 'Parade of Stars'

Local telethon reaps \$36,000 for schools

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"This is going to be a beginning to build on," said Dr. Issac Miller, president of Bennett College, during last weekend's local telecast of the United Negro College Fund telethon.

Although Saturday marked the fifth year of the nationally broadcast fundraiser, it was Winston-Salem's debut as host of a local segment. The show, emceed by WSJS radio personalities Brenda Walker-Brown and Wayne Willard and recording artist Curtis Hairston, lasted from noon to midnight and raised more than \$36,000 locally. Twice an hour, the national broadcast from Hollywood would cut to local broadcasts that included interviews with local leaders.

"Overall, I think it went well, considering all the complications

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behind the scenes," said Betty Hanes, chairman of the local UNCF telecast committee. "We raised over \$36,000 locally, but that doesn't include a \$50,000 pledge from R.J. Reynolds, any pledges made locally to the toll-free number or any money collected at the three viewing parties."

There is some question, said Hanes, as to whether the Reynolds pledge will be added to the local total. The national UNCF telethon wants to add the pledge to its national total. But, because money raised locally will directly benefit the six UNCF schools in North Carolina, Hanes said she hopes the money will be added to the local total.

"It means splitting that \$50,000 between 42 schools, rather than the six in North Carolina," said Hanes.

Although Winston-Salem was a long way from meeting its

\$100,000 goal, Hanes said, the response here was better than that in Charlotte, a city that has a UNCF school and has hosted the telethon before. Hanes said she isn't sure how Winston-Salem compared with Durham and Raleigh.

Despite all the hard work, Hanes said, she looks forward to the telethon next year and hopes people will give more the next time.

Miller agrees. "I hope that this becomes an institution in North Carolina," he said. "There are six United Negro College Fund schools in North Carolina and whatever is raised is given back to them four-fold."

"The United Negro College Fund is an investment in the education of our young people, in the interest of America, and it really is time that America put a high priority on education."

In addition to the local segments, which were taped at the Stouffer Winston Plaza Hotel and broadcast roughly 15 minutes later, three viewing parties were hosted by the Beta Alpha Chapter of Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, the Sophisticated Gents and the Top Ladies of Distinction.

"I think this is the greatest thing I have seen in a long time," said East Ward Alderman Virginia Newell at the Beta Alpha viewing party in the home of Jack and Inez Davis. "But I'm disappointed we didn't have an opportunity to rally (more support) in the black community."

Although volunteers filled the second floor of the Winston Plaza, the phones generally remained silent.

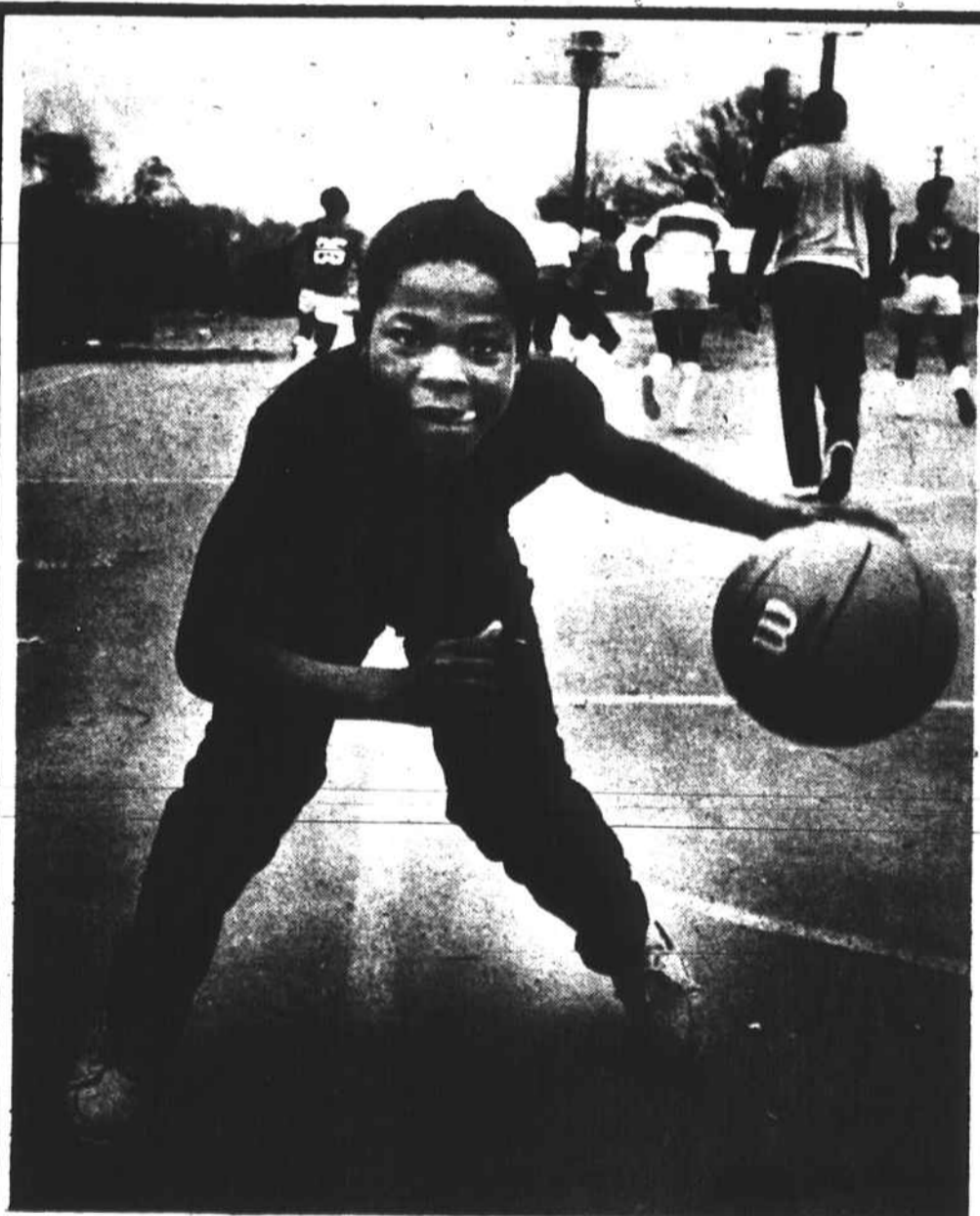
"We have got a lot of volunteers," said Hanes Saturday afternoon, "and the support has been great. The only thing we need now is money."

Hanes said the local UNCF planning committee had estimated that the local religious community, because of its ties with UNCF schools, would contribute \$15,000. But only \$3,200 came from local churches. In addition, said Hanes, the local

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Singer Curtis Hairston solicits pledges as a cameraman focuses during a locally-taped telethon segment (photo by James Parker).



Breaking It In

His tongue wagging, 12-year-old Anthony Brown gives his Christmas basketball a workout (photo by James Parker).

2nd New Bethel's minister reinstated by close vote

By ROBIN ADAMS
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Members of Second New Bethel Baptist Church decided Sunday afternoon by an eight-vote margin to reinstate the Rev. Emory L. Clark Jr. as their pastor. Clark, who has been pastor at the church for the past nine years, has been charged and convicted of drunken driving and faces additional charges of drunken driving and possession of marijuana.

But the vote may not mean that troubles at the church are over, said Ernest D. Jones, chairman of the church's deacon board.

"I was pleased with the vote because that's the way we are to conduct business in the Baptist church," said Jones, "but I have already resigned."

Jones said that five of the church's six deacons have expressed similar concerns and that many members who voted to have Clark ousted may also be leaving.

"It seems that, with so many

people leaving, it's gonna be a real tough struggle," said Jones. "The vote was too close. He is going to have to struggle to pull the church back. And the Bible says 'woe unto the shepherd who scatters the flock.'"

The two-hour closed meeting was conducted by Dr. Warnie C. Hay, moderator of the Rowan Baptist Association, of which Second New Bethel is one of more than 100 member churches. Some questions were raised as to whether Clark needed a two-thirds or a simple majority to win. But Hay said the congregation decided by a preliminary vote to support a simple-majority outcome.

"The vote was 83-75," said Hay. "Eighty-three for the pastor and 75 against. And, because the church is governed by a congregational form of government, that means that Clark won."

"I know the vote was close, but my plea to them was that they try to stay together."

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Managing Attorney Ellen Garber of Legal Aid with a client (photo by James Parker).

Legal Aid will survive, says head, but its clients will suffer

By GREG BROWN
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Despite the Reagan administration's plans to cut federally supported Legal Aid programs from the budget entirely, local Legal Aid Director Thorns Craven doesn't believe Congress will allow that to happen.

But Craven is concerned that further cuts in the agency's budget will have a far-reaching effect upon its poor clients, about half of whom are black, who seek help in employment, housing and disability disputes.

If American guarantees of fairness and equality are to be enforced, Craven says, then the most obvious targets of inequality and injustice -- the poor -- must have the means to defend themselves.

"There are some things of national importance,

and the way to finance those is with the federal dollar," he says from a small office cubicle furnished simply with a couch and a small, student-type desk. "I don't think that's anything to be ashamed of."

Legal Aid lost 25 percent of its budget, a third of its professional staff, three paralegals and a staff aide from cuts in the 1982 federal budget. That left the local office with six attorneys, three paralegals and two attorney-managers to serve Forsyth, Stokes, Surry, Yadkin, Davie and Iredell counties.

Federal funding for Legal Aid programs, which had totaled \$325 million in 1980, dropped to \$240 million in 1982. Total funding increased to \$300 million in 1984, with \$312 million recommended for 1985 by the Legal Services Corporation's newly appointed board of directors. But to provide the same

level of service it offered three years ago, Craven says the agency needs about \$373 million.

"The budget cuts not only affect us directly," says Craven, an attorney in his 40s with a neatly trimmed beard, "but as all of the programs that our clients deal with are cut, that increases demand for our services. Not only are they cut, their rules are changed, their administrative staff goes down and that means that decisions are made which are either wrong or mistaken."

"And that means more people need a lawyer to go in and say, 'Wait a minute. That regulation didn't apply here or it's unconstitutional or you made a mistake.'"

One of the clearest examples, Craven says, is the government's decision to cut Social Security

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