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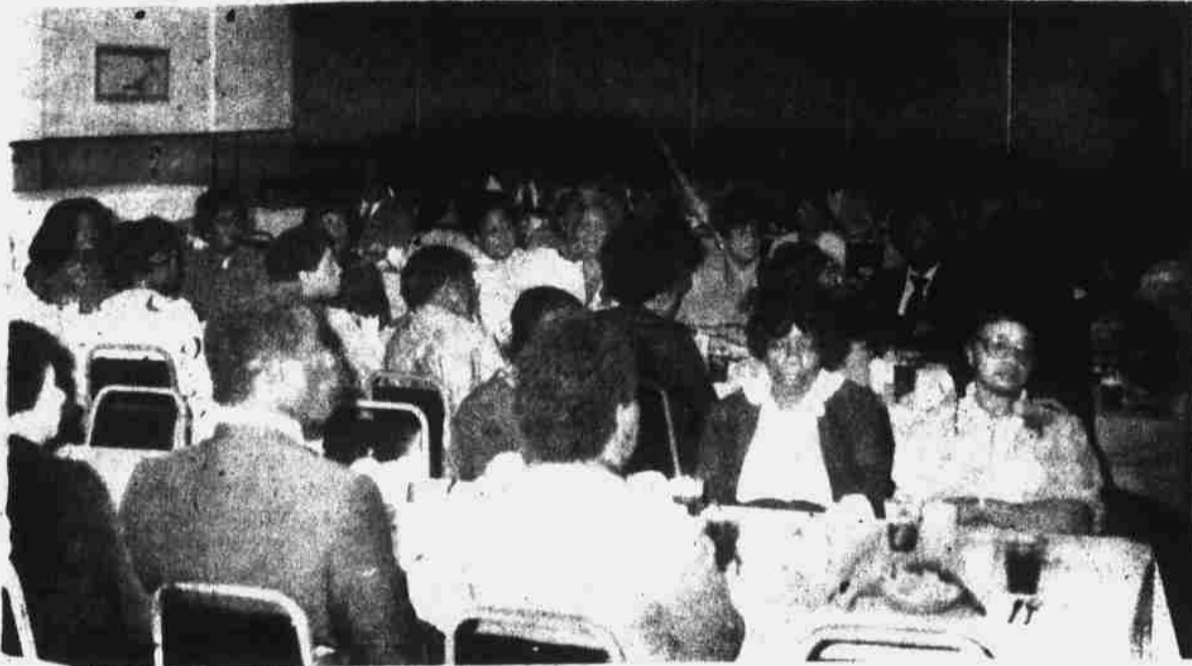


MEMBERSHIP  
Today's Woman

### Today's Woman Organization Holds First Annual Banquet

By Donald Alderman  
Today's Woman, the newest Triangle area organization of women designed to promote unity among women and to improve the quality of life for all people, held its first annual meeting October 2-4 at the Downtowner Motor Inn.

Today's Woman is the result of the vision and persistence of Mrs. Constance Sartor Walker, founder and current president. The festive three-day occasion was marked by seminars on financial and economic concerns, an anniversary dance and dinner, and an address by Mrs. Vivian Austin Edmonds, editor and publisher of *The Carolina Times*.



Today's Woman held its first organizational meeting on August 10, 1981 and twenty women attended. The group created a board of trustees composed of charter members. Dedicated to improving the lives of its members and other people, the group works to initiate activities that will keep women aware, concerned, informed and active

in community life and political involvement. After several planning meetings, a series of seminars were held at Rogers-Herr Junior High School with over 100 women attending. In an atmosphere of cooperation and enthusiasm, the group discussed four topics: Women's Opportunity, Benefits and Rights; Financial Planning and

Money Management; Personal and Career Development; and Health, Appearance and Dress. The 63-member women's organization stresses family involvement and personal growth. Activities for the remaining three months of this year include an income tax preparation workshop, a

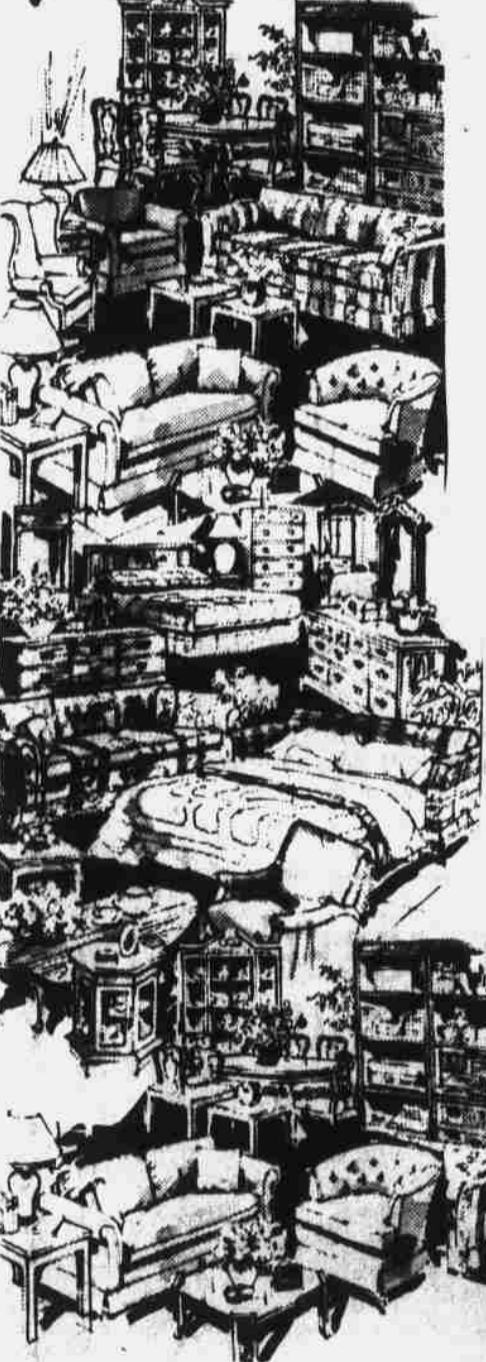
family Christmas fellowship dinner and a Christmas food program for the needy. In the keynote address, Mrs. Edmonds expressed the need for blacks to put on some "new shoes". Noting the rapid transition of America from an industrial to a technological economy, she said, "too many of us are not fully awake." She said black Americans will have to

"work fast" to keep pace with a changing economy. A feasible economic policy — one wherein blacks invest more within their community than they spend in the community-at-large is essential to the viability of the black movement in America, Mrs. Edmonds said.

"This country's leaders know that if we ever get our act together, not only will we over-

come' but we're going to help the rest of the world's non-whites overcome, too." Mrs. Edmonds said the nation's leaders have devised plans to keep blacks in America divided and to weaken ties between African-Americans and blacks in the homeland, Africa. Since the death of Martin Luther King, Jr., the black movement in the U.S. has suffered from a lack of unity. Blacks have become socially stratified — such stratification covertly encouraged by those who benefit by keeping us divided and fighting each other, Mrs. Edmonds said. "The man's plan is to keep us divided. It is time for new shoes — a new way of walking — a new way of talking — and a new way of doing business. The time is now."

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