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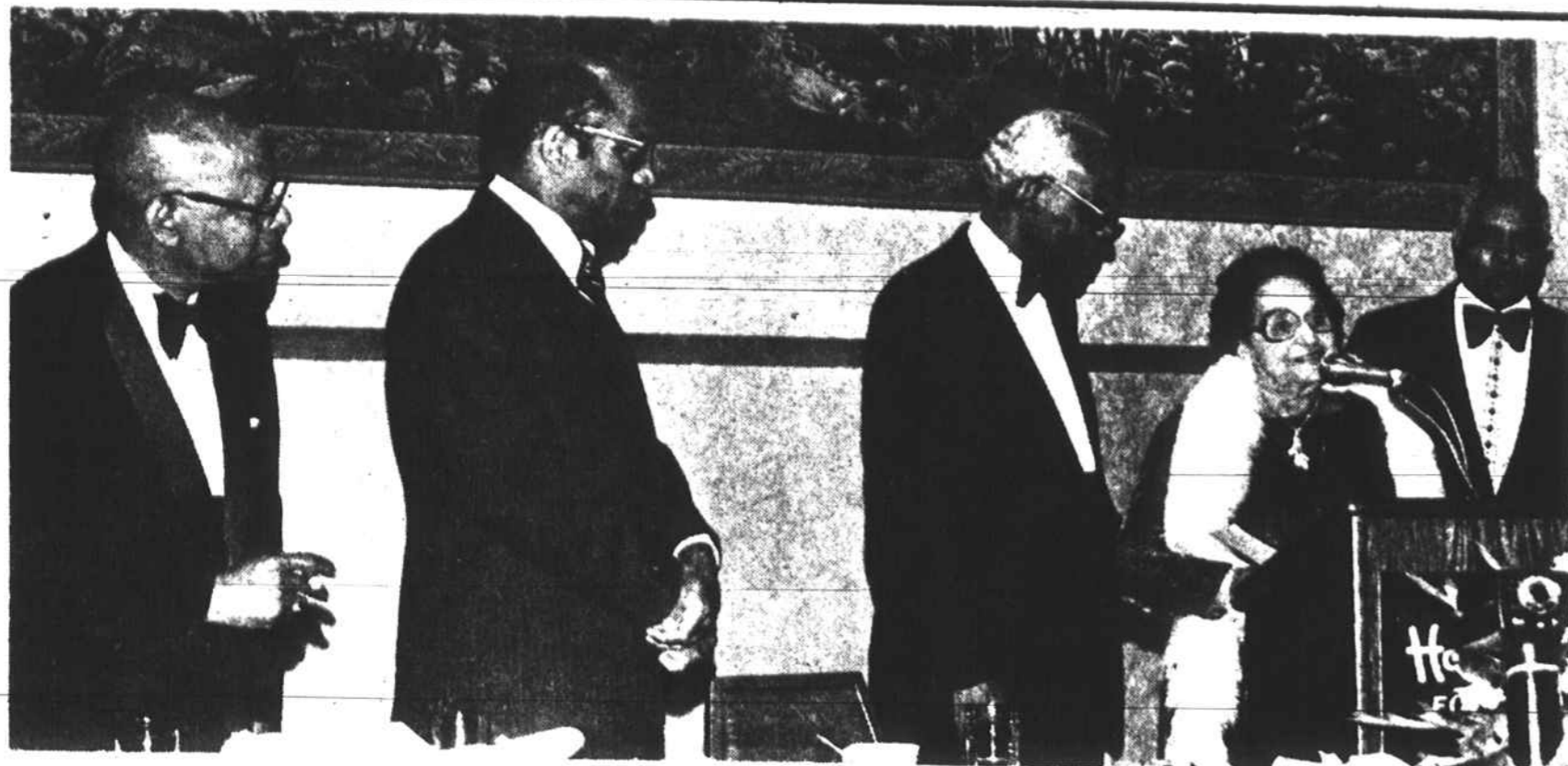
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During last week's annual fellowship banquet of the 110th Communication Prince Hall Grand Lodge Mrs. Hubert Bell Shaw, third from right, was presented a check for \$6,000 in memory of her late husband, Bishop Hubert Bell Shaw, a former Grand Master of the lodge. The money will be added to a scholarship fund at Livingston College in Salisbury, started by Bishop Shaw. Witnessing the presentation are from left, Clark Brown, Past Grand Master; Judge Richard C. Erwin, the banquet speaker; William A. Clement, Deputy Grand Master; Mrs. Shaw, and Dr. F. George Shipman, president of Livingston College.

## Judge Erwin Tells Masons

# 'Help Young People'

By Donna Oldham  
Staff Writer

The 110th Session of the North Carolina Grand Lodge of Prince Hall & Masons was held last weekend in Greensboro with a record number of delegates and members in attendance.

The North Carolina Grand Lodge, according to William A. Clement, Deputy Grand Master, has approximately 20,000 master masons. There are approximately 18,000 women in the Order of the Eastern Star, and there are increasing members of the Knights of Pythagorus, and

organization for boys 8-18 which is sponsored by the members.

During the annual fellowship banquet held last Wednesday night, Clement

told the almost 800 masons and others in attendance that the convention represented the largest affair in the lodge's history.

The convention was noted by St. John's lodge No. 12 and Invincible Lodge No. 251, both of Greensboro. Newly appointed U.S. District Judge Richard C. Erwin was the guest speaker for the event.

In his comments to the group Erwin said that "we

are living in a critical time."

He told the audience that demand on adults in a family can create a void with loved ones, especially children.

"We are in a time similar to the 60s and what was known as the generation gap. It is frightening to see the number of young people involved in serious crimes," he said continuing, "Unless the direction changes, we are going to lose our young by ages 15 and 16. There won't be enough of them to attend college."

Erwin called for the masons to serve as leaders in the community and lend their support to not only to their children but to all young people.

"Can't all of us join our hands together to give leadership to young people to move them up the ladder. The most important thing that you and I have are our children and young people in this state. The best thing we should do is improve our best product," Erwin said.

In his annual report Deputy Grand Master Clement said that as of June the masons had \$1,245,000 in the bank.

Last year, the North Carolina group invested \$140,000 in education thru scholarships. All 26 districts of the North Carolina Grand Lodge were called upon and did contribute \$500 for the scholarships. The total amount of those scholarships given was \$12,000.

Last year, the group also donated \$141,000 to widows of deceased masons.

Clement said that he personally was the most pleased with the club's contribution of \$20,000 every year to Central Orphanage in Oxford, N.C.

The group also donated \$10,000 to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and \$1,000 to the United Negro College Fund.

In a special part of the program, Clarence M. Winchester, R.W. Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina presented

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Carter

Stone

Washington



Brickmaker George Black receives a commendation from former president Richard Nixon.

## George Black - Brickmaker Dies

By Sheila Monroe  
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George Henry Black, the man whose name became synonymous with brickmaking in Winston-Salem, died Thursday afternoon, October 9th in Winston-Salem Convalescent Home. He was 103.

Black was born in Randolph County in 1877, the son of George Marlan and Ann Chavis Black, both of whom were slaves. He reportedly came to Forsyth County in 1889 where he and his brother began making bricks by hand in the Old Hedgecock Brickyard, a white owned company.

In the early 1920's, Black started his own brickyard behind his home on Hattie Avenue, where he con-

tinued making bricks for over 80 years.

Black mastered his trade so well that he lived to see his name known across the nation. He is recorded in the history books of Winston-Salem, and in the early 1970's he was the subject of Charles Kuralt's CBS special "On the Road."

In 1971 he was sent by the state department as an ambassador of good will to Guyana, South America to teach the art of brickmaking to the natives. A few years later he was awarded the George Washington Medal of Honor by the Freedoms Foundation for his craftsmanship and his contribution to the humanity.

Black was also the subject

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# Med Deans Say Report Racist

By Donna Oldham  
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Three representatives of the nation's minority medical schools have called a report which says that by the year 2000 there will be too many physicians "racist."

The three doctors were referring to the Graduate Medical Education National Advisory Committee's recently released publication which says that medical schools should take steps now to eliminate the projected surplus by limiting enrollment.

Dr. Louis Sullivan, Dean of the School of Medicine at Morehouse College in Atlanta, Ga.; Dr. Russell Miller, Dean of the Howard University Medical School in Washington, D.C., and Dr. Charles Johnson, speaker of the house of delegates of the National Medical Association, and professor of medicine at Duke University were attending the southern council of medical schools meeting in Durham and called a news conference of North Carolina Mutual Insurance Co., to discuss the report.



Dr. Sullivan



Dr. Miller

According to Dr. Sullivan, "the report makes recommendations, which if applied, could have serious negative consequences for already stated national goals of equity in health professions for minorities." The committee who submitted the initial report was appointed by Congress three years ago to assess the nation's need for physicians and concluded that the United States would have a

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## NCSA-Stevens Center Project

# Blacks Promised Jobs

By Donna Oldham  
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Officials from the North Carolina School of the Arts have promised minority contractors a portion of approximately \$1 million worth of work on the Roger Stevens Center for the Performing Arts.

The promise came after the contractors had complained several months ago that they were not allowed to bid on the \$10 million project that will convert the old Carolina Theatre into a multi-arts theatre for NCSA.

Sam Stone, director of development for NCSA told a group of minority contractors and their advisors Monday that although he couldn't say how large the contractor's "portion" would be, they would have a "meaningful," part of the center's work.

Stone explained that the theatre was being renovated in phases, with the first phase costing \$5.3 million which is underway now.

The second phase, which the minority contractors will have a part in will cost \$1 million. However, the money has not been raised yet, according to William Hancock, president of Frank Blum Con-

struction Co., general contractors of the project.

"When we get the money, we are committed to giving minorities a piece of the \$1 million. The jobs on the phase two project will be rebid or re-negotiated to accommodate the contractors and will begin sometime in December," Stone said.

He also revealed to the contractors that the School of the Arts has approximately five other jobs underway presently which they are welcome to bid on.

Two contractors have indicated to Stone that they are willing to let bids to minority contractors. The two firms, Herring Decorating, Inc., and Shields, Inc., acoustical contractors, have already had their low bids accepted by Blum and NCSA.

Jobs that the minority contractors will be involved in include sheet rock work, plastering, tile, the installation of 14,040 seats, carpeting, which has already been committed to a minority firm, and painting, the largest amount of the work.

The painting is estimated at half a million dollars.

Minorities will also be able to bid on the remaining phases of the center which in-

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## DOE To Deposit

### \$15.8 Million

## In Black Banks

As a result of negotiations initiated by Opportunity Funding Corporation and its Minority Bank Development Program, the Department of Energy announced last week that \$15.8 million received under consent orders and agreements with various oil companies will be deposited in 79 participating minority banks.

About half of these banks are owned, controlled and/or managed by Blacks; 30 percent by Hispanic Americans, 8 percent by women and the balance by Asian-Americans, Native Americans, Eskimos and Aleuts.

The Minority Bank Development Program began operation just one year ago when OFC was awarded a \$405,000 grant by the Department of Commerce, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and the Federal Reserve Board. The Program serves as a catalyst to encourage and coordinate public/private support for the nation's 100 minority banks.

Opportunity Funding Corporation is a private

non-profit corporation established 10 years ago to develop innovative methods of financing minority and community business enterprises.

Last week's action is the largest single deposit made by a federal agency with the minority financial institution. Each bank will receive a \$200,000 deposit through two trust agreements administered on a pro bono publico basis by The Bank of America of San Francisco, and Citibank of New York. The funds will be placed in six-month time deposits. All 100 minority banks were invited to participate.

OFC's President, C. Robert Kemp and Wesley H. Queen, Director of the Minority Bank Development Program, in conjunction with DEO's Office of Minority Economic Impact, developed and negotiated agreements with the DEO and trustee banks to facilitate receipt of these funds by the minority banks.

Minority owned banks in North Carolina receiving deposits are Mechanics and Farmers Bank with offices in Durham, Raleigh and Charlotte and Greensboro National bank.



After addressing a political rally at the Dixie Classic Fair, President Jimmy Carter traveled to Tanglewood Park and was joined on the podium by Gov. Jim Hunt. Some 600 Democrats from across the state were on hand at the fund-raising reception last Thursday to hear the President deliver a 10-minute speech, noting more than a token representation of blacks present. "Now I look out on this audience and see blacks and whites. It's an exhilarating, almost emotional thing for me," said the President. The affair raised \$152,000, including approximately \$45,000 from the 90 Twin City citizens present.