

Baptist Gets \$100,000 Grant

The General Baptist State Convention has been awarded a grant of \$100,000 by the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation for the purpose of strengthening the health and service capabilities of the Convention and associated churches. The Convention is com-

posed of 1700 member churches in North Carolina. Its membership of 450,000 represents 40% of the black population in the state. The program will be focused toward enabling churches to carry out their role as helper during periods of illness, stress and

crises in a more effective manner. After the family the church is the resource most frequently looked to in times of crises. During the first phase of the operation, the program will identify and train approximately 300 church lay persons as health and

human service advisors. The participants will learn about health problems such as diabetes and hypertension. The potential for managing these problems, how to secure needed services and the things the individual, family, church and community can do to

prevent or better manage these problems will be explored. The Z. Smith Reynolds grant will be matched by \$100,000 of in-kind contributions from the Convention and associated churches.

Wesley A.M.E.

Members of the John Wesley A.M.E. Zion Church will sponsor a "Talent Show", Sunday, December 14, at 3:00 p.m. Guest artists appearing on the program will be the Rupert Bell Choral, the male group from Cleveland Avenue Christian Church, The Rev. Alvin Diamond Family, Denard Lytle on the drums, Ms. Patricia Cason, singing and many more from the church family.

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AKAs Pack Christmas Health Kits for Orphanage

Members of Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., put finishing touches on health kits that the organization will donate to children at the Oxford Central Orphanage for Christmas. Pictured left to right are Wilma Wheeler, health committee chairman; Velma Friende, basileus, and Gloria Crawford, health committee member.

AKAs Pack Yule Boxes

Members of the Phi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., prepared over 50 Christmas health kits for the children residing at Oxford Central Orphanage. "The kits contain toiletries and a gift in an effort to share the Christmas spirit with the youngsters and to promote one of the national program thrusts of the sorority..." "Focus on Health Care," said Velma Friende, basileus of the local chapter of AKA. Each kit also includes a dental care packet made available by the School of Dentistry at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Wilma Wheeler is chairman of the sorority's health committee.

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Obituaries

The Rev. Thomas J. Wilkins, 82, of 1216 N.E. 29th Street died Wednesday, Dec. 3, at Forsyth Memorial Hospital after an extended illness. He was born May 30th, 1898, in Greenville, S.C., and had lived in Winston-Salem for 40 years. The Rev. Wilkins was a retired evangelist and a member of Cappadocia Holiness Church.

Surviving are his wife, Evangelist Hattie Wilkins of the home; four daughters, Evangelist Effie Cannon, Mrs. Julia Thomas, Mrs. Beatrice Myers and Mrs. Martha McKay; eight sons, Lewis C., Thomas E., Robert and Melvin (Rip) Wilkins, all of the city. Harold, Richard, Wilbur and Oscar Wilkins, all of New York; over 100 grandchildren and a host of great- and great-great-grandchildren; one brother, Sam Wilkins of Rutherford, N.C.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, December 6th, at 4:00 P.M. at Emmanuel Baptist Church by the Rev. F. Shepherd and Dr. S. Walter Mack, Pastor. Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery. Hooper Funeral Directors were in charge of services.

Funeral services for **Tandy Kiser** of 2247 Bethabara Road were conducted Sunday 11:00 p.m. in Piney Grove Baptist Church with the Rev. E.L. Grant and the Rev. Ishman Hurst officiating. Interment followed in the church cemetery. He was a native of Forsyth County, a retired farmer and a member of Piney Grove Baptist Church, where he served as a deacon, Sunday School teacher and in the church choir.

Surviving are five daughters, Mrs. Anna Myers, Mrs. Mary Walker, and Mrs. Hazel Kiser, all of the home, Mrs. Mabel Walker of the city, and Mrs. Mildred Woods of Cleveland, Ohio; 12 grand-children; 17 great-grandchildren; 24 great great-grandchildren; several nieces, nephews and other relatives. Clark S. Brown & Sons Funeral Home were in charge of services.

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Mailing Tips For Christmas

With the Christmas mailing season just ahead, Winston-Salem Postmaster John Schoofield is offering some tips for customers to make sure their cards and packages arrive on time and in good shape.

In addition to shopping early, Postmaster Schoofield urges customers to properly address cards and packages with the name, street number and name or post office box number and the city, state and ZIP Code reserved for the last line. It's also a good idea to put a slip of paper with the recipient's name and address and your return address inside parcels. Be sure to include your return address including your ZIP Code on all envelopes and packages.

Postmaster Schoofield also reminds customers to check the size of their envelopes before mailing Christmas cards. Letter size standards which went into effect last year require envelopes to be at least 3 1/2 inches high and 5 inches long to be accepted for mailing.

The Postal Service is also asking its customers to put an ounce of extra care into preparing packages for mailing. Parcels will arrive at their destination in good shape if mailers follow a few simple instructions:

1. Make sure the contents are well-cushioned and there is no empty space in the box. Use crumpled newspaper around the item, on the bottom, the sides and on top of your gift. Foamed plastic shells and air pocket padding also are good cushions.
2. Brown wrapping paper and twine cord are not necessary. Wrappings can rip off, and twine can get caught in processing machinery.
3. Use sealing tape to close off and seal the box. Three types are recommended: pressure-sensitive tape, kraft paper reinforced with nylon or glass and filament-reinforced pressure-sensitive tape. Don't use masking tape or cellophane tape. They're no longer recommended due to past poor performance.

WSSU Host Gameshow

The Winston-Salem State University senior class of '81 will sponsor a game show entitled "The Games People Play," on Thursday, December 11th in the Kenneth R. Williams Auditorium on campus at 7 p.m.

Prizes will include cash and gift certificates. Admission is \$1.00 with the proceeds going toward the class gift to the university.

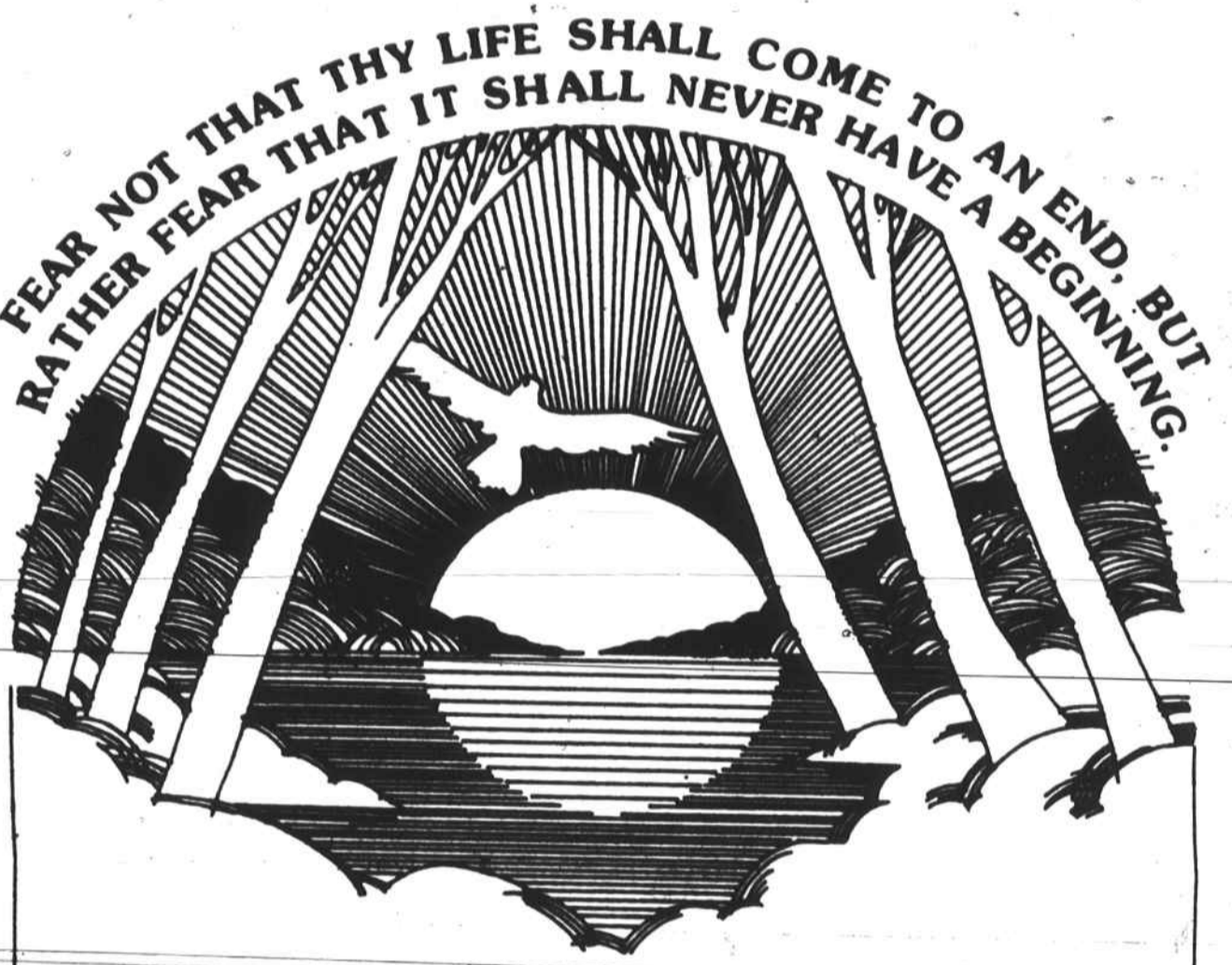
For additional information, contact Mrs. Madeline Scales at 761-3136.

Atkins Reunion

The Atkins High School Class of 1953 reunion committee will meet at Mt. Zion Baptist Church on File Street Sunday, December 14th at 3:30 p.m.

Carver Band Holds Program

The Carver High School Band and chorus will present Christmas concerts on December 15th at Carver High School at 7:30 p.m., December 16th South Park High School at Carver at 9:00 a.m. and December 18 at Walkertown Jr. High. The public is cordially invited.



IN REMEMBRANCE OF MRS. BIRDIE G. ROBINSON

DECEMBER 11, 1979

Please share with us in honoring a member of our race who contributed so much to the progress of this community. To many she was "Miss Birdie," a first grade teacher, a mother away from home, an advisor and one who would share ones' troubles.



She was a Barber-Scotia graduate and received her B.S. Degree at Winston-Salem State University.

She served her church, Lloyd United Presbyterian Church as a Sunday School teacher, Secretary of the Sunday School, President of the Presbyterian Women and Elder. She served on the Board of Trustees of Winston-Salem State University. She chaired NAACP Membership drives, Red Feather Campaigns and the Committee on Administration in the YWCA.

Among other civic contributions, she was a Charter member of Beta Alpha Chapter, Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc., which she organized in her home; Psi National Coordinator of Pelatis Auxilliary of Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc.; a Charter member of the Daughters of Isis, Sethos 105; member of Eastern Star, Meridian Chapter 308; Fourth Garden Council; The Book of Today; North Winston Senior Citizens Club; Nat'l Assn. of University Women; Along the Garden Path Flower Club; Maple Park Club; The Rose of Sharron Community Club; Nat'l Council of Negro Women and the Church Women of North Carolina.

At the time of her demise, she was the principal shareholder and Secretary-Treasurer of the Howard-Robinson Funeral Home, Inc. She was a contributor to the Aladine Robinson Award at WSSU, United Negro College Fund, Winston-Salem Bible College, A Contributor to the Barber-Scotia College through the Gold Club, and the Florida Memorial College in Miami, Florida. The policies set forth by Mrs. Birdie G. Robinson will continue with the present staff of Howard-Robinson Funeral Home, Inc.

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