



photo by Mike Cunningham

Look Out Fats!

"Stand back and watch the pro," says "Little" Johnny Cameron. The youngster issued the promise to his opponent, "Big" Tim Weston during a game of checker pool. The two were enjoying activities at the Sprague Street Recreation Center. Cameron made good on his promise as he went on to win the game.

Editors offer tips on writing black family history

Ever since the publication of "Roots" by Alex Haley and the book's subsequent television production, black Americans have been re-stimulated to search for and record their family histories. Until this time there has not been a reliable source to chronicle this valuable heritage.

Plans are presently underway to publish the Heritage Book of Black Families in North Carolina. This volume will contain some 1000 stories of black North Carolinians reserved in a collection that can be shared with loved ones and future generations.

The Black Family Heritage Book Committee invites you to preserve and share your family histories with other North Carolinians and the nation through an attractive annual cover volume. The committee will accept up to 1000 stories to be included in the book. Stories can be no longer than three typed pages, double spaced, with title centered. Be sure to list your name, mailing address and phone number in the

bottom right corner of page 3 of your story. Only two stories per author will be accepted.

Please send your stories as soon as possible or before Nov. 30, 1988.

You can begin your story with yourself and your immediate family and work backwards. Write about your mother, father, sisters, and brothers. Talk about your education, military service, church or the community where you grew up. Did your family grow up on a farm or in a city? Who were your grandparents and great-grandparents? Where did they live? Where were they buried and what date? What was their life style? If there is a favorite family memory that you would like passed on to future generations of your family, now is the time to put it in the Heritage Book of Black Families in North Carolina. Be sure to include birth and death dates, birthplaces, marriage dates, maiden names, in-laws' names, dates and homeplace. We also welcome stories in a folklore form as well. Write in paragraphs.

Suggested titles formats for your story include:

1. The William Murrell Family
2. Ancestors of Hannah Smith
3. Paul Jones Descendants
4. The History of Wesley Chapel A.M.E. Church

You must include where you got your information in the last paragraph. For example: family traditions, family Bible, personal knowledge, deed books, census, wills, diaries, cemeteries and grave markers, etc.

The Black Family Heritage Book committee reserves the right to edit your story.

Attach a fourth page, listing all the names that you have included in your story. Please put the last name first. Everyone mentioned in the story will be included in the index of this book.

State black history will be included at the beginning of the book on great accomplishments that have been made by notable blacks in North Carolina. If you have some history that you would like to be included in this part of the book, please contact the book committee before Nov 30, 1988.

We will have a special section for those who would like to make a tribute to a favorite person or a group of people in their family. You may use 1 to 8 photos in memory of that favorite loved one. This will be a customized layout of your family or church history. The cost of a full page tribute is \$175.00.

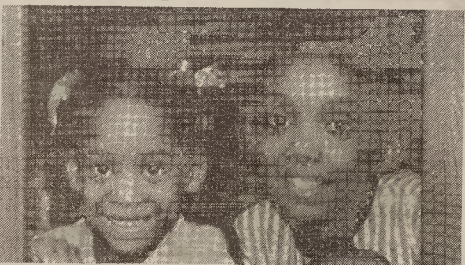
To make your family histories more valuable, we encourage you to give us one to two photos per story. To use a photo showing either an individual, small group (up to four people) or a homeplace, the fee is \$20 per photo. If your photo shows five or more people the fee is \$25. Black and white photos are preferred, but good color photos will be accepted. Your photos will be returned after the book has been published. We would like copies of your original photos. Please send a self-addressed stamped envelope. Make sure you identify your photos in pencil on the back, listing names of persons left to right, and date of the photo if known. Also, put your name at the bottom of the photo with address and phone number.

Sickle cell research gets boost from KFC grants

The battle against sickle cell anemia, an often fatal disease that claims one in 500 black newborns, is one step closer to victory today. The March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation announced that Timothy J. Ley, M.D. and Kiran K. Chada, Ph. D. will receive grants from the Colonel Sanders Memorial Endowment Fund for their research into sickle cell anemia.

Both researchers are conducting separate studies into gene therapy to combat sickle cell anemia, a genetic disorder that occurs mainly in the black population.

The Colonel Sanders Memorial Endowment, funded by the Kentucky-Fried Chicken family, under-



Sickle Cell victims such as Tonia and Tyra Perkins of Atlanta may soon conquer the disease, thanks to two research grants.

writes the research through a March of Dimes program aimed at helping young, promising researchers.

"Dr. Chada and Dr. Ley are involved in state-of-the-art research into one of the most promising

approaches to date for treatment of sickle cell anemia," said Richard P. Leavitt, director of science information at the March of Dimes.

"What makes their research so exciting is that it may help us understand how to turn on existing, but dormant, normal genes to treat sickle cell patients."

In persons with sickle cell disease, a variant gene produces abnormal adult hemoglobin, the main oxygen-carrying protein in red blood cells, which causes red blood cells to deform. However, all normal humans produce another type of hemoglobin, called fetal hemoglobin, before birth.

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Summer is here, let's start the new season off right by volunteering your time and energy! Call the Volunteer Center of United Way at 723-0601.

SCAN needs volunteers in the areas of Child Caretaker, and Transportation Aid. Responsibilities include 12:45 to 2:00 p.m. help care for 7 infants and transportation of parents and children to different sites. Qualifications: High School education, experience in childcare, NC license, no driving violations. Volunteers will be screened by agency director, and review of police record will be made.

PIEDMONT DIALYSIS needs volunteers to act as Lobby Host/Hostess. Responsibilities include assisting with light office jobs, keeping waiting room neat, making coffee and making changes for patients and families. Hours are from 9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

HOSPICE volunteers needed for the Hospice Speakers Bureau. Two-hour training session required.

NEIGHBORHOOD JUSTICE CENTER is recruiting volunteers for its medication program. These volunteers will be trained to mediate disputes between individuals. This service is free and is an alternate to the courts.

FIRST LINE needs volunteers in the area of Information Specialist. Responsibilities include

referral of: Community Resources, Computer Access, Answering Telephone, Update Files. Training will be provided in August.

NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR HELPING HANDS FOR VICTIMS needs volunteers to help assist people who have victimized by crime.

1988 CROPWALK FOR HUNGER, scheduled for October 16, 1988, needs volunteers for the following positions: secretary, co-treasurer, recruiting and publicity.

THE MANAGEMENT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM OF UNITED WAY needs volunteers for hosts/hostesses for training workshops. Responsibilities include telephoning and greeting participants and setting up for regularly scheduled workshops.

SENIOR FINANCIAL CARE needs volunteers in the areas of Financial Counselors, Insurance forms, Check Book Balancing and Home visits. Flexible hours, training provided.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS, a part of the Volunteer Center of United Way, is available to work with students who are interested in doing volunteer work this summer. A variety of opportunities are available for all types of interests.

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