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Johnson C. Smith University To Observe Black Cultural Arts Week

Johnson C. Smith University will observe Black Cultural Arts Festival Week from April 20-26. This week is annually set aside to present musical, artistic, dramatic and historical programs and exhibitions for the student body and for the community at large. It is coordinated by the University Memorial Union Program Board under the direction of Mrs. Joyce Crisp. On Sunday, April 20 the Boggs Academy Choir of Key-ville, Georgia will be presented in a full concert of sacred and secular music at 2:00 p.m.

in the University Church. The Negro Spiritual, an art form indigenous to the American Black will dominate the program. There is no charge for this concert. On Monday, April 21 Dick Gregory, noted comedian, social satirist, writer will appear at 8:15 p.m. in the Hartley Woods Gymnasium. Dick has been the recipient of national acclaim for his astuteness in assessing the racial issues of the American nation and for telling the truth about the problems in ways that make people laugh instead of cry. This will be his first

appearance on the Johnson C. Smith University campus. Singing the gospel songs which black college students have recently revived on their campuses in both the predominately black colleges and the predominately white ones as well, the Morris College Gospel Choir of Sumter, South Carolina will perform on Tuesday, April 22 at 8:00 p.m. There is no charge for this event. An exhibit entitled "Black Odyssey" will be the highlight for Wednesday, April 23. This exhibit presented by Mr. George Norman, promises to be

an educational and emotional experience for people of all races. Hundreds of illustrations, artifacts, photographs and documents tracing the history and culture of the Black American are included. This presentation is recommended for all age groups and arrangements for group attendance can be made by calling Mrs. Crisp at the University Memorial Union. The exhibit will run from April 23 through April 25. The Ira Aldridge Drama Guild production "Ceremonies in Dark Old Men" by Lonnie Elder will be presented on

Thursday, April 24 in Biddle Auditorium. Mrs. Henrietta Riederick is the director of this play which centers around the Parker family, the widowed father, Russell and his three children, Theophilus, Bobby and Adele. Mr. Parker and his crony Mr. Jenkins are the "dark old men" who spent their lives in a continuous checker game in the Parker's barber shop. A chance to get rich quick comes to Russell Parker through Blue Haven, a Harlem gangster who convinces him to turn his back room into a liquor distillery with Theophilus and Bobby as oper-

rators. After a succession of women with wine and song, Russell decides to change his attitude and his life style and restore tranquility to his family. The shocking ending of this play leaves both Russell and the audience in tears. On Friday, April 25 a Bridal Fashion Show will be presented on the Union Plaza at 8:00 p.m. Saturday, April 26 combines festival activities with High School Day, an activity coordinated by the Office of Admissions. High school students are being invited to spend the day on the campus to learn

more about the institution and its offerings and to participate in the scheduled cultural events. In the afternoon, an art show and novelty booths will be set up on the Union Plaza. These exhibits will be followed with a 5:00 p.m. concert featuring the Solo Rays from Fayetteville, North Carolina. Free Spirit and Heat, two popular groups will provide continuous music for an all-student dance which will be held in the Hartley Woods Gymnasium from 10: p.m. until 2:00 a.m. on Saturday night.



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MISS TRACY CRAIG
...Measures 32-26-35

Tracy Craig Is Our Beauty

By POLLY MANNING
Post Staff Writer
Gracing the front page this week as "Our Beauty" is Miss Tracy Craig, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hughe Craig of 2532 Booker Ave. Our Beauty is a ninth grade student at Hawthorne Junior High School. She participates in various school activities which include the Student Council, the Drama Club, and the Drill Team. "I use to be on the staff of the "Howler". It is a school newspaper. My duties included writing about different couples on the campus, interviewing athletes, and writing the sports column," explained Tracy. Miss Craig has as her hobbies dancing and singing. "I really enjoy learning to do and doing all the latest dance steps. I practice my singing

while dancing by learning the words to all the latest hits, stated Miss Craig. The Craig's attend Gold-Hill A.M.E. Zion Church where the Rev. R. A. Morrison is the minister. Tracy is a member of the Junior Choir, an Usher, and was the secretary for the Sunday School. Miss Craig weighs 120 pounds, stands 5 feet 4 inches tall and measures 32-26-35. She is born under the sign of Libra. She describes Libra's as being kind, passionate, very mature, and basically very nice people. Tracy has plans of becoming a psychiatrist when she pursues a career. "I would like to work with children, mentally retarded children that is. I feel that I will be of more help to them. I really like helping people in general, but I feel children need more help than adults." She would prefer practicing in New York or Las Vegas. "I feel that these are really exciting places. They are big places also, so it would stand to reason that they would have more children in need of help." Our Beauty is a wanderer. She loves to travel different places and has ambitions of eventually taking a trip around the world. Stevie Wonder is Tracy's favorite male vocalist. "The reason I am crazy about Stevie is the fact that he can sing. Not only can he sing, but he has a handicapp. I admire him because he hasn't let this handicapp stand in his way. I want to inspire my patients with examples of this sort.

North Carolina Food Stamps Rolls Reach All-Time High

Black Voters Say "No" To Bond Issue

By James Cuthbertson
Post Staff Writer
Voters in the predominately black precincts of the city turned out in low numbers with 25 percent of Charlotte's voters to defeat all but \$4 million in bonds which will build 32 miles of sidewalks and allow the city to purchase the bus system. The voters said No To \$55 million in airport bonds, \$500,000 in Bikeway (Recreation) bonds, and a special tax referendum in which the city sought approval for issuing property taxes to support the bus system's operation. In final, but unofficial returns, 32,372 of the city's 125,000 eligible voters turned out to voice their choice. They approved by more than 2,400 votes the city's purchase of the privately-owned bus company and by 247 votes the issuing of \$1.5 million in sidewalk bonds. And No by 7,300 votes to give the city the right to levy property taxes for the bus system's maintenance, by 1,200 votes for building bikeways, and 2,300 for a new airport terminal building. In the five predominately black precincts of Lincoln Heights, Druid Hills, Double Oaks, Oaklawn and West Charlotte High School only the airport bonds were rejected. They approved by slim majorities the public transportation system the sidewalks, the recreation bonds, and the special tax levv. At West Charlotte precinct 25, the vote was 245 against the



OPEN HOUSE SITE - Throngs of Greater Mount Sinai Baptist Church members filled into the modern structure which is now their new church home. The church, pastored by Rev. Norman E. Kerry, is located at 1243 West Blvd. and will hold Open House this Sunday from 4 until 6 with the Pastor's Aid, The Deaconess Board, and The Young Matrons organizations conducting the activities. Photo by Peeler.

Mt. Sinai Baptist Church To Hold Open House Sunday

After many months of hassel with HUD and Charlotte's Redevelopment Commission the delighted congregation and pastor of Greater Mt. Sinai Baptist Church will hold OPEN HOUSE at their new location, 1243 West Blvd. this Sunday from 4 until 6 P.M. The Pastor's Aid, The Deaconess Board, and The Young Matrons organizations of the 630-member church will conduct the Open House activities and cordially invite all to attend. Refreshments will be served in the 150-seat Fellowship Hall which separates the church's main 700-sanctuary and its 24-room Education Building. The \$250,000 facility are located on a two and one half acre lot that has already undergone \$30,000 worth of improvements and renovations. According to church pastor Rev. Norman E. Kerry, "we have paved the parking lot and marked off spaces, have air-conditioned the Education Building and Fellowship Hall, along with numerous other improvements such as painting etc." Roger L. Campbell is General Contractor for the improvements with C. & M. Heating and Air-Conditioning installing the air conditioning. Rev. Kerry has been pastor of Greater Mt. Sinai Baptist Church for 10 years and the church was formerly located at 817 East 7th Street.

140,600 Recipients Certified Since October

Food stamps and public assistance rolls have reached an all-time record high in North Carolina. Based on statistics for January released by the Division of Social Services of the N. C. Department of Human Resources, there were 512,605 food stamp recipients. This was an increase of 140,600 recipients from just three months earlier in October. Based on prior surveys, there were an additional 50,000 people who were certified to participate in January that did not purchase food stamps during the month. Secretary of Human Resources David T. Flaherty credits this increase to two factors. An outreach campaign started by the Division of Social Services in October to inform the people about the food stamp program and the depressed economy that began about the same time. The highest number of Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) recipients in the history of the program can only be credited to the depressed economy. In February there were 176,792 people receiving financial assistance under the AFDC program. This is an increase of 20,200 recipients in just four months when there were only 156,590 AFDC recipients in October. Legislation has been introduced in the N. C. General Assembly to extend AFDC payments to families with unemployed fathers living at home. The federal government makes this program optional with states. North Carolina currently does not have such a program. Only families where the children have been denied the support of one or both parents by death, desertion, physical or mental disability or other reasons are eligible for AFDC in this state. Secretary Flaherty says the Department neither supports or opposes this legislation. He noted that the Department has other priorities it is seeking funds for from the limited revenues that are available. "One of our Department's top priority expansion budget requests is for funds to increase monthly payments to eligible AFDC recipients. Currently a family of four is only eligible for \$200 per month. A study by the Research Triangle Institute has already shown this to be totally inadequate even before inflation drove costs for basic essentials higher," Flaherty commented. The study was based on December 1973 costs of living for low-income families. If the General Assembly appropriates funds for this increase, a family of four would be eligible for \$228 per month in 1975-76 and \$248 in 1976-77. This would require an additional \$11.3 million in state and county funds for the biennium. "I think our foremost concern with the limited revenues that are available should be the children in broken homes," Flaherty concluded.



It takes a mighty conscientious man to tell the DIFFERENCE between being TIRRED and LAZY.

Memorial Convocation Held For Dean McKinney

The Fortieth Anniversary Meeting of the Association of Social and Behavioral Scientists, Incorporated was held last week at the Sheraton Motor Inn. Highlighting the conference was a special convocation held on the campus of Johnson C. Smith University in memory of the founder of the association, the late Theophilus Elisha McKinney. McKinney was the Dean of the College at Johnson C. Smith for many years. Dr. Theophilus E. McKinney Jr., Institutional Researcher for the United Negro

College Fund of New York City and son of Dean McKinney, was the key note speaker for the event. His subject was "Social and Behavioral Scholarship and Research: Retrospect and Prospect." Robert L. Gill, of the Department of Political Science at Morgan State College and Moses S. Belton, retiring Director of Admissions at Johnson C. Smith University, both close friends of the honoree, brought recollections on the late Dean McKinney. Mrs. Martha L. McKinney, the widow of Dean McKinney

was presented a beautiful orchid and an inscribed silver bowl in her late husband's honor. Several other members of the McKinney family were present for the occasion. Some of the family members who attended the event were Mrs. Martha L. McKinney, Juleigh Brown and Kenneth Brown, Mrs. Arthur Brown, Mr. Ernest H. Cohen, and John S. Evans of Charlotte. Out of town family members included: Mrs. Eloise M. Johnson, of San Francisco, Dr. Theophilus E. McKinney of New York City.



Dr. T. E. McKinney Jr., addressing convocation at the Sheraton Motor Inn held in the honor of his father.