

**With \$20,000 Grant**

**AEONMS Supports Higher Education**

The Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles Mystic Shrine (AEONMS) demonstrated their willingness to continue to support higher education for Black students. This year's scholarship grant of \$20,000 is the largest single contribution ever made to the National Scholarship Service and Fund for Negro Students (NSSFNS) Supplementary Scholarship Fund.

Today, a college education is as necessary as a high school education once was. The need of funding sources for Black students seeking post-secondary education is more acute now than ever. AEONMS is meeting this need in addition to other equally important programs which they support.

Marshall Johnson is Imperial Potentate of the 82 year old organization of Shriners. Carl Wilson, Imperial Oriental Guide directs the Student Aid Program. He has been instrumental in developing and maintaining this supportive aid program.

Nurturing Black minds is a responsibility that should not be taken lightly. For seven years AEONMS and NSSFNS have been working together to provide access to higher education for Black students.

NSSFNS serves 40,000 to 50,000 Black students annually. It is the largest counseling and referral agency in its field and the only such agency geared specifically for Black students.

David B. Kent, Jr., President of NSSFNS, called on other Black organizations to follow the Shriners' example.

"This Fall thousands of needy Black students around the country will be seeking and struggling to find funds for college admissions. Many of them will be the first in their family to go to college. This is important to the survival of all Black organizations," said Kent.

Working with some 3,000 colleges and 8,000 high schools throughout the country, NSSFNS counsels Black high school students and directs them to colleges most likely to offer admissions and financial aid. The service is free to all Black high school students.

NSSFNS is headquartered at 1776 Broadway, New York, New York 10019.

**Main Library To Show "Second Friday Flicks"**

The Main Library's "Second Friday Flicks" is back bigger and better than ever. And it's free, too.

This year, in addition to the two Friday showings at 3:30 and at 7:30, the library has planned a Saturday matinee at 3:30 p.m. The third showing was scheduled because of the strong popular support for the series.

Movies featured in this year's "Second Friday Flicks" are all films from the fabulous forties.

Fliers describing the series are available at any of the sixteen libraries in Mecklenburg County.



JOHNSON C. SMITH CLOCK  
...In need of repair

Photo by Harold Lucas

**Old Age Silences Chimes**

**Of Community Time-Piece**

By Melvetta Jenkins  
Post Staff Writer

It's been about six to eight years since the clock has been in working condition, according to Mrs. Inez Parker, English instructor and Curator of the newly formed Archives Building at Johnson C. Smith University.

The clock that Mrs. Parker refers to is located in the tower of Biddle Memorial Hall, the administration building at Smith.

According to Mrs. Parker's book on Smith's history, the clock was installed in the tower in 1925 when Smith's Alumni Association, through gifts and solicitations, raised money to pay for it. It cost approximately \$6,025 to install the clock which, in its working condition, chimed every fifteen minutes.

It was heard throughout this vicinity, according to Mrs. Parker. "It was called the vicinity time-piece."

Biddle Memorial Hall, which stands on the highest spot on the West side of Charlotte, can be seen from "many distant elevations in and around Charlotte."

Mrs. Parker reminisced that the chimes from the clock were very beautiful. She says that it hurts her that the clock isn't working because University Park Baptist Church, on Beatties Ford Road, has just installed a clock that chimes and it is very similar to the chimes that once came from Smith's clock in the tower.

Dr. Wilbert Greenfield, President of Smith, says the clock hasn't been working since he came to Smith.

Greenfield said that an estimate was made last year to determine the cost of repair-

ing the clock and it came to about \$25,000. He said the only way he sees that the clock could be repaired now is for the school to sponsor a fund-raising drive specifically for the purpose.

"But I don't think that a drive right now would be successful," he said, citing an unsuccessful drive last year that was held to raise funds to repair the University Church.

The Biddle Memorial Hall was designated a historical site by the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Properties Commission and listed in the National Registry of Historic Places in 1976.

At the time of that designation it was revealed that the building was in need of repairs totalling approximately \$1 million.

Greenfield said that applications for a Federal grant were filed to help pay the costs of the needed repair, but that if and when the grant is approved, it will not include funds for the repairing of the clock.

**Minority Enterprise Facing Uncertain Future**

The development of minority business enterprise in Africa faces an uncertain future due to steady deterioration of the nation's commercial centers, according to the head of the country's oldest national business organization. Dr. Berkeley G. Burrell, tenth President of the National

Business League, today warned that unless minorities can produce a healthy economic climate in their communities, efforts to achieve economic parity may well be doomed. Said Burrell: "Among the great maladies which now stalk this land, the one, I think, which most threatens to undermine and destroy the foundation of a free society is the absence of a national economic program for the revitalization of America's centers of commerce. Thus, turning our commercial centers around and restoring them to patterns of productivity growth must become a national priority."

Addressing the 8th Annual Business and Cultural Exposition, jointly sponsored by the Cincinnati Small Business Development Foundation and NIP Magazine, Burrell decried the steady deterioration of our urban communities and

**UNCC To Offer Courses On**

**New South**

Southern Universities have long taught courses on Southern history. Now Jimmy Carter's election as the first President from the South since the Civil War has inspired a course on the new South at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

It will be taught at UNCC in the spring semester beginning in January 1977. The course will be team taught by three geographers, Dr. James W. Clay, Dr. Douglas M. Orr, Jr. and Dr. Alfred W. Stuart.

Clay and Orr are editors of an innovative regional geography, "The Metrolina Atlas," about the 12-county area surrounding Charlotte.

noted the impact of persistent economic stagnation on the Black community, saying: "Our current problems of inflation and increasingly sluggish recovery from the worst recession since the Great Depression, place tremendous pressures on unstable income areas. As a result, the Black market is seriously depleted. High unemployment, poor housing conditions and inadequate training and experience in the labor field combine to disintegrate their (Centers of Commerce) already decaying financial base."

Dr. Burrell called upon Black Americans to unite in declaring that their communities can no longer harbor the symptomatic illnesses and constitute the economic scapegoats of an insensitive society. Moreover, he warned that majority America must understand that Blacks are serious about their communities and are prepared to get down to the business of restoring economic stability to Black and other minority communities.

Emphasizing the uneconomic environment in which Blacks are forced to operate, Burrell continued: "Add to this the unusually high rates of unemployment and other patterns of decay and you end up with communities that can attract neither capital resources nor people with a sufficient financial and economic base to support a realistic implementation of free enterprise."

Noting the relationship between the plight of commercial centers and minority efforts to achieve economic parity by the turn of the century, Burrell concluded: "In seeking to turn our communities around, we recognize that the fundamental task is still economic development. Revitalization of our commercial centers is a necessary ingredient in the parity struggle. The strength of our unity appeals, on which success depends, is dependent in turn on our willingness to meet our basic

commitment: eliminating the barriers to minority economic development." The National Business League was founded in 1900 by Booker T. Washington. It currently boasts an at-large membership of more than 5,000, plus 120 chartered local chapters in 37 states and the District of Columbia, and more than 50 national business, trade and professional associations that are affiliated through the League's National Council for Policy Review.

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**NAACP To Elect New Officers**

**Here Sunday**

The election of officers will be the primary order of business in the Friday, November 26, meeting of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg County Branch of the NAACP.

A nominating committee was elected in the October meeting of the branch. This committee will report its nominations to the branch. Other nominations can be made by written petitions signed by three or more members of the branch in good standing, said a recent meeting notice.

It was also announced that a special program will be held Sunday, November 28, at 4 p.m., Gethsemane AME Zion Church of 531 Campus Street. The program is an Appreciation Public Meeting for supportive efforts of the "Save The NAACP" Campaign. Over \$5,000 was raised locally towards a national effort to raise \$1.6 million.

Court rulings have subsequently eased the impact of the legal suit which created the crisis.

Guest speaker for the appreciation program will be Phillip O. Berry, the first black chairman of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education.

Local NAACP officials are also urging people to become members of the organization.

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