

# Afro-American Center To Recognize Black History Month

By Deborah Gates  
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The Afro-American Cultural Center, located at Spirit Square, is recognizing the month of February as Black History Month with an array of art exhibits, staged plays, and dances, according to Ms. Jean McDuffie, a member of the Center.

During the week of February 13-18, the national recognition week of Black History Week, the Center will sponsor an art exhibit at Johnson C. Smith in the Student Union on the 13, featuring the works of Contemporary Afro-American Metrolina artists, (CAMA) and on February 18 a stage drama and dance will be presented by the students of the Afro-American Theatre group at the Excelsior Club on Beatties Ford Road beginning 8 p.m. The students will also present another stage drama on the 19, at Spirit Square.

The Contemporary Afro-American artists (CAMA) will continue, as a part of the Center's recognition of Black

History Month, on the 19 with an art exhibit in the main gallery at Spirit Square. A gospel extravaganza on the 20 (place to be announced), another art exhibit (CAMA) at the Raddison Hotel, February 21-25, and a talent revue also on the 25 to be held at West Charlotte High School from 8-11 p.m., featuring all local people, will round out the Center's recognition of Black History Month.

## ABA Says Winter Woes Require Action

WASHINGTON.—To help families who are being financially snowed under this winter by factory shutdowns, the loss of overtime pay and rising fuel costs, the American Bankers Association (ABA) is offering three suggestions for immediate use.

No. 1 — If you are having trouble paying your monthly bills, visit a consumer loan officer at your bank. It's not a sign of personal failure, says the ABA, but, rather, a sign of responsibility.

Alternatives include refinancing your loan to reduce monthly payments or consolidating your debts into a single loan. On mortgages, some bankers may let you make only alternate payments, or let you pay only the interest on your loan, until your financial

situation improves.

Unfortunately, for many families, this could be a long time. Recent projections by the Federal Power Commission say the natural gas crisis may not ebb until this summer and that many factories will be idled until then.

No. 2 — Flesh out a realistic budget on a monthly basis. Your budget should comprise "fixed" expenses (such as rent, taxes, insurance), "flexible" expenses (food, clothing, transportation) and "discretionary" expenses (vacations, entertainment, weekend activities).

Without a formal budget, warns the ABA, a family cannot accurately trim its expenses because there is nothing tangible to base decisions on.

No. 3 — Don't buy or borrow against anticipated income such as overtime pay, and income tax refund or tax rebate.

Anticipated increases in fuel costs will probably eat up the extra income. In some areas, fuel oil delivermen are even demanding cash on the barrel-head before filling the tanks.

Also, weather-related crop failures from Florida to California will mean higher food bills.

And overtime for many employees is already a thing of the past because of reduced store and business hours.

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## Charlotte Receives \$104,135 Water Grant

Charlotte has received a \$104,135 grant for water supply construction and improvements, State Human Resources Secretary Phillip J. Kirk Jr. announced recently.

Charlotte is one of 27 applicants receiving grants from the \$70 million authorized by the North Carolina Clean Water Bond Acts of 1971. The Act authorized the money for grants to local governments to aid in financing the cost of construction of water supply system projects in the State. The issuance of the clean water bonds was approved in a 1972 referendum by the

voters. Kirk said that the Division of Health Services will be accepting applications through March 31, 1977 for consideration during the second semi-annual review period of fiscal year 1976-77. Those grants, Kirk said, will be announced next June.

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## Ms. Helen Council To Get Parole Officer Post

By Melvetta Wright  
Post Staff Writer

Helen Council, a December graduate of Johnson C. Smith University, is being considered for an appointment as a parole officer working out of the Raleigh Corrections Office.

Ms. Council said that she had been approached by a friend in the field who felt that her ability to relate with people, her educational background, and her traveling experiences would make her qualified to work in the position of a parole officer.

After securing applications and submitting them to the Raleigh office, Ms. Council was scheduled for an interview with Joe Hamilton of Corrections Personnel.

Ms. Council spent three years active duty in the United States Army where she worked as a lab technician and blood specialist. While at Smith she attended ROTC at Davidson College where she acquired the rank of lieutenant. Ms. Council said that she plans to re-join the Army, at which time she expects to be placed in the legal field because of her Political Science major.

About her possible appointment Ms. Council said, "I feel that it will be an emotional adjustment because of the different type situations that I will encounter from time to time. However, after thinking about this position, before making a commitment, I am confident that I am prepared to uphold my responsibilities."

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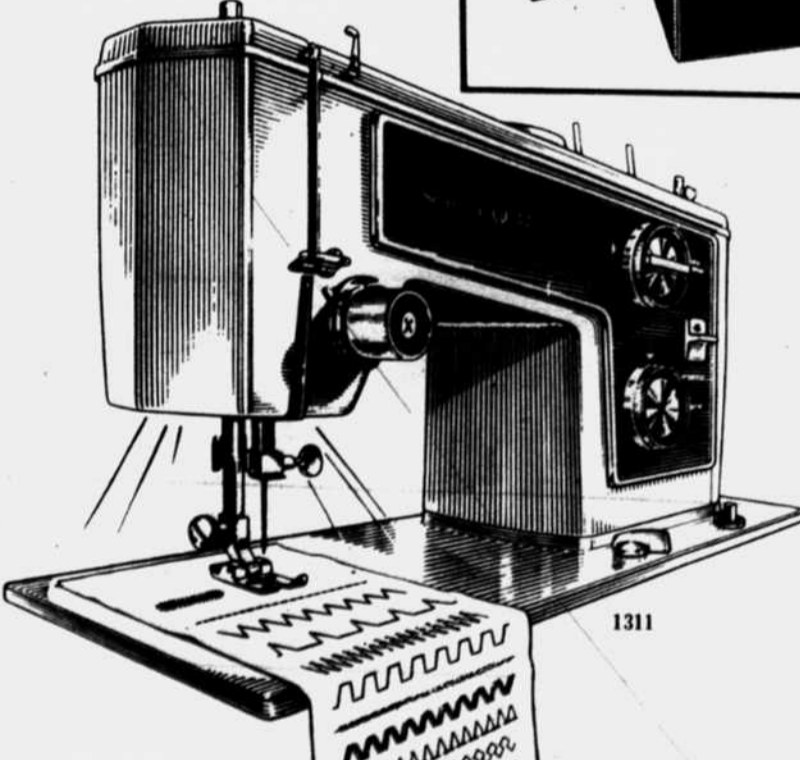


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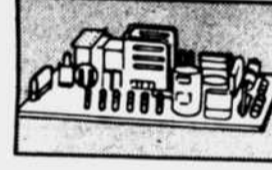


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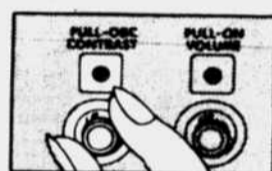
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