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## JCSU Okays Endowment Funds

ATLANTA - The Frank T. Wilson - Elder G. Hawkins Endowment Fund, to aid in the theological education of minority students, has been established by the Board of Trustees of Johnson C. Smith Theological Seminary. Final approval of the endowment fund was given by the board in its fall meeting this month.

The fund was named for the two men for their "dedicated service...in the whole church and especially to theological education through their decisive roles in helping Johnson C. Smith Theological Seminary develop a new dimension by becoming a constituent school of the Interdenominational Theological Center," the trustees said.

Assets now available for the fund, as well as future gifts, will be deposited with the United Presbyterian Foundation, with income earned each year to be used to help meet the costs of the seminary. Special emphasis in use of the endowment money will be placed upon scholarship aid.

Established in 1867 and moved in 1970 from Charlotte, N.C. to become a part of the seven - denomination Center in Atlanta, Johnson C. Smith has been the primary training

ground for the denomination's Black ministers. The need for more seminary - trained Black men and women was stressed by the trustees in their decision to establish the endowment fund.

## Property

## Taxes Due

## Immediately

Please add this item to your Christmas List: Pay your property taxes before Christmas! This is the message from J.A. Stone, City-County Tax Collector.

The deadline for paying 1977 property taxes without interest is Tuesday, January 3, 1978.

Beginning Wednesday, January 4, interest equal to two percent of the tax bill will be placed on all unpaid taxes, plus 3-4 per cent interest will be added every month thereafter until payment is made.

The mailing address for the Tax Collector's Office is P.O. Box 10897, Charlotte, N.C. 28234. Citizens are urged to mail their payments. Be sure to enclose your "Tax Payment Card" when you send your payment.

Parking is available in the County Parking Garage for those people who find it necessary to come to the Tax Collector's Office. The parking fee is 50 cents, payable in exact change as you leave the garage. The access driveway into the garage is on East Fourth Street, between South McDowell Street and South Alexander Street.

## TURTLE-TALK



Good eye sight is a good thing to have, but WISDOM is a good thing to be SOUGHT... If you are truly wise you POSSESS good vision and the WISDOM to know that TRUE VISION IS NOT SHORT SIGHTED.



LOVELY SYNOVIA SAMUELS  
...Like mellow music

## Synovia Samuels

## Is Beauty Of Week

By Jeri Harvey  
Post Staff Writer

Synovia Samuels, the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Thomas Samuels, is The Post Beauty of the Week. A native of Eustis, Florida, Synovia is a graduate of Bethune-Cookman College in Daytona Beach.

When her father accepted the pulpit of Mount Moriah Baptist Church in Charlotte four years ago, Synovia was already enrolled at Bethune-Cookman and so has spent mostly holidays here but she says, "Charlotte is O.K. At least there's a lot more to do than there was in the little town where we lived in Florida. There was absolutely no social activity there. When I'm here I mostly bowl and shop but at least there are other things to do if I choose to."

Synovia majored in pre-law history in college because criminal justice, her first choice, wasn't offered. She plans to work with Probation and Paroles and, in fact will return to Florida shortly to take the State Boards examination for a parole officer.

She hopes to work with youth and young adults. Asked for her views on why young people get into trouble in the first place, she said, "It usually begins in the home. Often they haven't been taught any values and have trouble separating right from wrong. Another reason is trying to get something for nothing. Things just don't come that way. You've got to be willing to work for what you want. Robbing and stealing is not the easy way because eventually you have to pay a price of some kind - usually prison."

As the daughter of a minister, Synovia considers her upbringing "very strict" but adds, "It was helpful. Parents should be concerned about their children. Some just don't care so they let their kids do anything they want to. I still have a curfew to keep even though I'm out of college but I know it's because my parents love me and don't want anything to happen to me."

## CMS Announces

## Holidays For

## Student, Teachers

Christmas holidays for students and teachers in Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools are scheduled Monday, December 19 - Friday, December 30. Classes will resume on January 2.

The Education Center and other offices will be closed December 22, 23, 26 and 30.

Because she doesn't spend much time here, Synovia says she doesn't have a lot of friends in Charlotte but she stays busy with a class at Central Piedmont, working part-time at The Charlotte Post, bowling and shopping.

She likes to listen to "mellow music" and lists Roberta Flack, Gladys Knight, Diana Ross and Maze as some of her favorite artists.

One of four children, Synovia has an older sister, Gennita, who is a graduate of Morgan State University and works with the U.S. Agriculture Department in Washington; and two brothers, Henry, a student at Central Piedmont; and Thomas, who attends Myers Park High.

Just because our beauty had a "strict upbringing" and has some serious views on life, don't think for one minute that she's a "stick in the mud." Nothing could be farther from the truth.

An articulate, cheerful young lady, Synovia brightens up any room she enters with her warm, friendly ways and her bubbly personality.

We, at The Post, quickly adopted her as a member of our "family" and sort of hope she fails the state boards when she takes them so she'll stay with us a while longer.

Seriously, however, we know she'll pass with flying colors and we wish her all the luck and happiness she deserves, no matter where she goes.

# Racial Discrimination Must

# Be Solved In This Decade?

## Families To Get Help With Utility Bills

WASHINGTON - Assistant Secretary of Agriculture Carol Tucker Foreman has announced new rules that will allow food stamp households to have the purchase price of their stamps reduced this winter if their heating or other utility bills rise.

The new rules, effective Jan. 1, require state welfare agencies to count a household's most recent utility bills in computing the household's food stamp purchase price. The new rules also direct states to recompute purchase prices within 10 days when a household's most recent bills represent an increase of more than \$25 over the bills used to certify the household initially.

"We want the food stamp shelter deduction to reflect current utility expenses," Assistant Secretary Foreman said. "We don't want people to have to choose between buying food stamps and paying the heating bill this winter. Our new rules should enable households with significantly increased utility costs to contact their local food stamp office and receive quick service."

Last winter, she said, utility costs rose sharply for many food stamp households, but some did not get the corresponding increase in their shelter deduction which would have lowered the food stamp purchase price.

Under food stamp regulations now in effect, the amount a household must pay for its stamp allotment is based on net income, after itemized deductions.

The principal deduction is for shelter costs - rent or mortgage payments, property taxes, and utilities. If these costs are more than 30 percent of a household's income after all other deductions, the amount over 30 percent is counted as a "shelter deduction." Allowable utility costs include electricity, heating and cooking fuel, water and sewage, trash collection, and basic telephone service.

Here is how the new rules on increased utility bills will See FAMILIES On Page 12



Mrs. Eva Connor of Gastonia, along with her daughter and nieces take a breather during a hectic shopping spree at Eastland Mall last week.

## Goal Is Equality For All People

The problem of racial discrimination must and will be solved in this decade, one of the five members of the National Labor Relations Board said Tuesday in Knoxville.

Speaking to the South's leading labor relations experts attending UT's 21st annual seminar on trends in collective bargaining Howard Jenkins, Jr. said "One of the great problems confronting America today is the extent to which black people are brought into the industrial work force."

"The programs designed to accomplish this have not been effective," he said "It took the Labor Board a quarter of a century to discover it had the power to require fair and equitable representation of black and white workers. I regard this as one of the big issues which has to be resolved in this decade."

A native of Denver, Jenkins said the goal is equality for persons of any race, religion or sex in opportunities for employment, advancement and economic security.

The NLRB member said Tennessee was making progress that greatly exceeded the "lagging" efforts of other sections of the nation. He commended those attending for their enlightened, progressive labor relations programs involving the employment of minorities and women.

He noted Tennessee's progress had not produced riots, disruptions of hearings or other programs as had happened in some of our larger cities.

Quoting from the Kerner Commission report which studied the urban riots of 1968, NLRB Jenkins said, "We will have not one America but two," unless the racial discrimination problem is solved.

According to Jenkins, another NLRB problem demanding solution is the Board's every increasing caseload. He said the NLRB load has increased 7 percent a year over the last 15 years.

"We in the National Labor Relations Board take our work seriously," he said "We know and Congress knows we have certain problems. Congress and the 5-member board are making every effort to do something about them."

He said he could not make any suggestions to Congress that had not or were not being considered. He noted Congress has before it now a rather comprehensive proposal to restructure the board and to change its procedures.

The board now hears appeals from its judges. The next step on the appeals ladder is the U.S. Courts of Appeals.

"In fiscal 1977, we had a caseload exceeding 53,000," the NLRB member said.

## Local Students

Five Charlotte residents are among the 35 Winston-Salem State University students approved for listing in the 1977-78 edition of Who's Who Among Student In American College And Universities. They are: Regina Hailey, Asonia R. Battle, Alice M. Johnson, Ronnie Rakestraw, Dianne Strong and Robert Lewis Weeks.

## Neighborhood Groups Air Proposals To City Council

By Jacquie Levister  
Post Staff Writer

At a public hearing held Tuesday night Dec. 13, members of the City Council and Community Development Department listened as Neighborhood organizations presented their proposals for area improvements to be conducted by the community development department.

The highly visible Cherry community organization that fears a squeeze on their neighborhood by business encroachment, announced a new working agreement with community development department.

Of immediate concern to the Cherry residents is a partition before council seeking to rezone a partial of land to facilitate business usage. Residents feel through Community Development the land could be purchased and maintained in accordance to the areas classification as a "rehabilitation, conservation, and re-conditioning area" as stated by the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Commission

in June 1976.

The Council has yet to act upon the rezoning request made by Dwelle of Dwelle Realty. The Cherry Community Organization seized the moment to inform the council of their shedding of the "real tor" role (sometimes attributed to the organization because of its failure to agree on previous plans presented for the community) and the sharing of a cooperative spirit with Vernon Sawyer, director, and the Community Development Department.

In her presentation to city council, Mary McLaughlin of Cherry, presented documentation stating the establishment of the Cherry Community Organization is a non-profit

## Pool Named Superintendent

Gordon E. Poole has been appointed Superintendent of the Motor Transport Division of the Public Works Department. He replaces E. G. "Buck" Davis who retired in May.

For the past five years,

neighborhood corporation under North Carolina State Law. "By incorporation, we will be able to take a more active role in the development and implementation of the community development plans," she said.

The organization requested that the council appropriate approx. \$10,000 for the hiring of a full-time staff person with sufficient resources to organize a survey of the social and physical characteristics of the community through door-to-door canvassing. The results of which would be the bases of the communities development thrust.

The fate of the community is still to be decided. The Cherry Community has let it be known that they plan to have a voice in their destiny.

Poole has worked in the Public Works Engineering Division as Project Control Officer. In that position, he was responsible for providing the overall coordination for Federal programs and projects assigned to the division.

## Lewis C. Coleman Has Gone To Arms

## To Abort Area Fund's Foreseeable Failures

By Jacquie Levister  
Post Staff Writer

"The Charlotte Area Fund is a great organization that has a valid service to render this community, but the present director gives one cause for concern," stated L.C. Coleman.

Coleman, of the North West Community Action Association and a highly vocal critic of local issues, has gone to arms in an effort to abort the foreseeable failure of the Charlotte Area Fund.

"When the organization began, its budget was \$5 million, it has been reduced yearly to the present low of one-half million. We have a lot of people in this area that could use the goods and services that money afforded. Had the administrative end of the Charlotte Area Fund used prudent judgement our city eco-

nomy would have those added funds, and, our poor people would have some much needed services," Coleman stated as he geared up to take on the battle.

Coleman further stated as examples of unsound judgments made by Sam Kornegay, Director of Charlotte Area Fund, "the resignations of former fund organizers Dave Blevin and Bill Convey, a lack of concerted effort to work with council and other elected boards and a total disrespect for senior citizens and their affairs."

Joining the Coleman's fight to keep the Area Fund an active part of our community is Ms. Luciel McNeil, member of the Board of Directors of the Area Fund, who was nominated to the board by the West Boulevard Coalition. Ms. McNeil agrees with state-

ments made by Coleman and further states that the ultimate problem with the organization is its Board of Directors.

Luciel McNeil stated "a poor board makes a poor agency." She further cited poor communications between board members, improper preparations, and deceptive maneuvers as causatives for poor board performance.

For Thursday night's board meeting, Ms. McNeil, on Tuesday, has yet to receive a copy of the agenda. According to Ms. McNeil "it was only today (Tuesday) that I received the minutes from the last meeting." "How can you prepare for issues called to a vote when you only receive notices the day before?" Ms. McNeil asked.

According to both Ms. McNeil, and Coleman, services



L.C. Coleman  
Highly vocal critic like hot lunches programs need transportation for the aged to encourage more participation. The poor peoples store (formerly on Oaklawn Avenue) and the Credit Union

(once in the organizing) are needed in this community. It is the Charlotte Area Fund that should be the provider of such services and would be if the program were effectively run," they chimed.

Coleman shares Ms. McNeil's feeling that in-kind money necessary to maintain the fund would be forth coming if enough working programs were organized and effective. In reference to a statement by Mayor Ken Harris (Post Oct. 20) stating he "wondered if the area fund was a duplication of services the city can render, Coleman stated "you should beware of people making those types of statements." "It could be that he is insensitive to people and their needs if he doesn't see the good of Head Start, a service administered by Area Fund and not duplicated in other services.