

Washington

Height Garden

Club Meeting

Washington Height Garden Club's January meeting was filled with plans for exciting upcoming events.

The agenda for the club's Valentine Party was discussed; names for secret pals for '81 were chosen; and plans to clear the grounds for Oaklawn Elementary School were made.

Remarks were also made about the tremendous success of the club's Christmas Party last month, as president, Lois Scott, presided over the meeting.

Members in attendance included: Lois Scott, Nancy English, Ethel Choate, Viola Allison, Willette Patterson, Essie Stovall, Lillie Mae Carter, Cora Gaither, Jessie Lee Hamlin, Genia Sizemore, Edena Williams.

Mrs. Cora Gaither of 1601 Beatties Ford Road was the hostess this month. She served a delicious repast. The February meeting will be held at the home of Arlena Gariel, 2212 Tate St.

JCSU Officials

Commemorate

King's Birthday

The Administrative Council of Johnson C. Smith University last week officially endorsed the declaration of the late Dr. Martin Luther King's Birthday as a national holiday.

In taking the action, the university administration commended the efforts of the student body on this behalf.

The Student Government Association is sponsoring a number of activities to commemorate Dr. King's birthday on January 15.

At 9:45, students will host a march and rally from the front entrance of the university campus to the university church where a special convocation will be held at 10 a.m.

Convocation speaker will be Dr. Bennie Goodwin of the Interdenominational Theological Center, Atlanta, Ga. Dr. Goodwin knew Dr. King personally. Afterwards a petition will be signed supporting the declaration of Dr. King's birthday as a national holiday.

At 2 p.m. a film on the life of Dr. King will be shown at the student union building. The film will be followed by a panel discussion.

All activities are free and open to the public.

Arts Council

Internship

Deadline Set

The N.C. Arts Council of the Department of Cultural Resources is now accepting applications for summer internships in arts administration.

Internships will be awarded to three people, each of whom will spend a total of three months at two community arts councils of different sizes and four days at the state Arts Council in Raleigh.

The internship program, now in its seventh year, is designed to advance arts administration professionalism in North Carolina through instruction and work experience. The program is conducted to help prepare participants for permanent employment in the field and to assist them in finding that employment.

Qualifications for interns include a four-year college degree, strong administrative and business abilities and wide knowledge and appreciation of the arts.

The ability to accept employment in September if positions should be available is desirable. However, people still attending graduate school are invited to apply if they have already committed themselves to a career in arts administration.

Applications may be obtained by writing this address: Summer Intern Program, N.C. Arts Council, Department of Cultural Resources, Raleigh, N.C. 27611.

Deadline for application is March 2, 1981.



New East Stonewall AME Zion Church Rally participants: First Row-L-R: Mrs. Virginia Shaw, Larry Jackson, Mrs. Audrey Womble, Rev. James E. McCoy, Mrs. Catherine Simmons, Jackson Womble and Mrs. Lelia Drakeford. Second Row, L-R: Mrs. Ola Mitchell, Mrs. Reba Wilks, Ms. Alice Tinsley, Robert Lee, Mrs. Eva Beatty, James Weathers Jr

and Walter P. Holmes. Winners included: Woman of the Year- Mrs. Audrey Womble; Man of the Year- Robert Lee; 1st Runner-up Woman- Ms. Alice Tinsley; 2nd Runner-up Woman- Mrs. Eva Beatty; 1st Runner-up Man- Jackson Womble; 2nd Runner-up Man- Larry Jackson.

Not On Public Assistance

Permanent Child Support Available For Parents

The Department of Health and Human Services Monday issued a proposed regulation that would provide 75 percent federal funding to support state child support enforcement services for individuals who do not receive public assistance.

The regulation was announced by Secretary Patricia Roberts Harris. She also announced proposed regulations to allow state child support agencies to use the Internal Revenue Service to collect child support payments for that group.

Secretary Harris said these actions would help ensure that parents who are not receiving child support, most of them women, would have access to the services of state, local and federal child support enforcement programs.

For families who receive assistance from the Aid to Families with Dependent

Children program, states are required by the Social Security Act to locate parents who have deserted their children, establish paternity of children when necessary and collect child support from absent parents. States must provide these services at little or no charge to families who do not receive public assistance. Congress recently enacted Public Law 96-272 which provides 75 percent federal funding on a permanent basis.

The new regulation implements this law. The regulation is retroactive to Oct. 1, 1978.

In fiscal 1979, states collected \$736 million for families not receiving public assistance. These collections helped many families maintain their financial independence and avoided costs that might otherwise have been expended in additional public assistance payments.

Families who need as-

sistance in obtaining child support from an absent parent can be referred to the appropriate child support agency by their local social services department.

The secretary's announcement of proposed regulations to extend Internal Revenue Service child support collection services to families that do not receive public assistance appeared today in the Federal Register. They implement Section 402 of Public Law 96-265.

In addition, they clarify and modify existing regulations to streamline the IRS collection process.

The minimum debt collectible by the IRS would be raised from \$75 to \$2,000. Eighty-seven percent of child support collections now being handled by the IRS are for debts of more than \$2,000.

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