By Karen Parer Post Staff Waer The Head Start rogram in Charlotte, defurt since October, 1982, is at a few weeks away from leing re-vived by a new sensor. Charlotte-Meclinburg

Urban League, creater Gethsemane AM Zion Church's Enriquent Center, Bethleher Center and the University of North Carolina a Charlotte are seeking appoitment as sponsors of the ead start program. An nnouncement by a fe-person screening commttee is expected to be mile by the end of January clarifying the new sponso

Each institute submitted an application to the Department of fealth and Human Service in Atlan-ta. Once the deral offi-cials have cheen a sponsor, about 4 poor and handicapped hildren will be able to rep the benefits of the Hed Start Program once agin. Charlotte Area Fund derated Head Start previouly, but voted to drop the program in September.

Robert Alon, director of the Meckinburg Urban League, word like to see not only chdren but the members of the children's families enjying services of the Head tart Program.
"If Urban Lague is selected to spons the program we will wok to help the entire facily," stated Alston. He puld like to see a program that provides high schol education courses, scial service advice and more parental involvement. According to Alston, may people who

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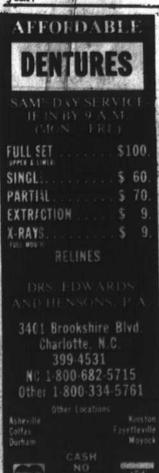
Focus On Balck Heritage

The Mnt Museum of History, 3500 Shamrock Drove, innounces the open-ing of the exhibition, "Place and Spaces: Afro-American Architects and Architecture, on Sunday, January 9, at 2 p.m. The museum continues to focus on the Black heritage of America by exhibiting this travelling exhibition corsisting of approximately 100 photographs which flect the contributions, spirations, esthetic values and cultural heritage of Afro-America as seen in architecture by Afro-American architects and build

Organized by the former head of the Department of Architecture at Tuskeegee Institute, in Alabama, the exhibit is accompanied by a brochure-exhibit guide and a poster. Photographs of local landmarks of black architecture wil also be included in the exhibition: Little Rock AME Zion Church; street scenes of Cherry; several views of Brooklyn; andother structures important in the hi-story of the Black community in Charlotte

This exhibit vill continue through February 6th.

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are unemployed are also in need of career and educational development assistance. "We want to be able to provide that assistance as a part of our Head Start Program," Alston stated.

Also looking forward to getting the Head Start Program operable again is Doug Boyd, director of the Bethlehem Center. Boyd can't say for certain what changes will be made in the Head Start Program if the Bethlehem Center is chosen as the new spon-"If we are selected I feel certain the Department of Health and Human Services will make available data kept previously by the Charlotte Area Fund. "After we evaluate the present facilities and equipment and supplies, we will be able to reflect more accurately on any changes or improvements expected to take place within the program should

we be chosen," Boyd noted. He revealed transportation, food, parental and community involvement will be primary concerns at the Bethlehem Center if it's chosen as the sponsor. "We want parents to participate in the program and we will also seek the assistance and involvement of other community agencies,' promised Boyd.

"Even if He continued, the Bethlehem Center is not chosen, any of the other institutions which may be chosen will probably seek community support. Boyd cited the Health and Social Service Departments as two of the agencies which will hopefully get involved with the sponsors of the Head Start Program.

Some of the concerns Boyd feels are important to teep the Head Start Program sate from some of its ast problems are shared y Chancellor Jim Werntz t UNC-Charlotte. The university is also in runlotte's Head Start Pro-

potential sponsors, UNCC officials are interested in the amount of space available in the public school system," Werntz stated. He feels the head start centers should be scattered in areas most convenient for the participants of the program. "It wouldn't make sense to even consider moving the Head Start classes to the college campus because of a lack of space and the inconvenience that would be created in transporting the children," he continued.

Werntz explained UNCC applied for the sponsorship because the staff viewed the opportunity as an excellent way to join ties with the school system. We have provided training during the summer for Head Start personnel and have conducted research that justifies the existence of Head Start. We also submitted a proposal be-cause UNCC officials wanted to make sure that Head Start remained in Charlotte. Werntz noted how delighted he was that three other Charlotte institutions were also interested in the survival of Head

Mrs. Adelaide Hunt, spokesperson for the Gethsemane Enrichment Program, would not provide any comment on the center's plans should it be chosen as the sponsor of the head start program.

While it is not certain what depth the staff would pursue as head start coordinators, the Gethsemane Enrichment Program is already comprised of cultural and educational programs designed for

Alston, Boyd and Werntz agreed they will support Charlotte Head Start Program, regardless of the ting for sponsoring Char- chosen sponsor.



Special agents for the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) are seeking the two males above who robbed First Citizens Bank & Trust Company on December 29, 1982. The bank, 2480 Wilkinson Blvd., was entered by the robbers at approximately 11:40 a.m., according to a spokesman for the FBI. The man on the left was described as being 6'2" and about 25-28 years of age. He was dressed in an Army fatigue jacket and wore a woman's stocking as a mask. He carried a shotgun or rifle. His accomplice on the right was described as 5'9", stockey and wearing a

khakki waist jacket. He also wore a scarf around his head and carried a brown leather satchel. The FBI and the reached by telephoning 374-2311.

Charlotte Police Department are offering up to \$2,000 for information leading to the arrest and indictment of these robbers. Though they escaped on foot with an undetermined amount of money no one was hurt during the incident. All information reported to legal authorities will be held confidential. Anyone wishing to contact the FBI should call 372-5485; the Charlotte Police Department can be

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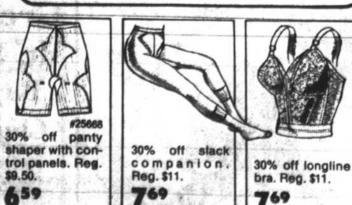
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