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Special To The Post
Emergency Shelter Grants totaling \$10 million for 36 metropolitan cities and urban counties, all 50 states and Puerto Rico, were announced today by Samuel R. Pierce, Jr., Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

"We will not delay these funds by waiting for final rules," Secretary Pierce said. "We have notified all eligible state and local governments of the amount of their grants and will begin to award funds to help these communities expand their programs of emergency shelter for the homeless."

Draft rules to administer local programs through the Winter of 1986-87 were published in today's Federal Register. Comments are

due by February 13, 1987, to help the Department develop final rules.

Funds may be used directly by local governments, or distributed by the local government to non-profit organizations providing assistance to the homeless. Funds may be used in the renovation, major rehabilitation, or conversion of buildings for use as emergency shelters for the homeless, or for the payment of certain operating or social service expenses in connection with emergency shelter for the homeless.

Each grantee is required to meet certain program requirements, including: supplement the Emergency Shelter Grant with an equal amount of funds from other sources; ensure that buildings where assist-

ance is provided continue to be used as homeless shelters for specified periods of time; ensure that rehabilitation is sufficient to make the structure safe and sanitary; and other applicable requirements including Federal statutory proscriptions against discrimination.

Individual grants were awarded based on the states' and localities' 1986 allocation under the HUD Community Development Block program. Any grant amount of less than \$30,000 was added to the state's Emergency Shelter Grant allocation. For the state portion of the program, funds must be allocated to localities within 65 days of receipt; all localities must have funds obligated within 180 days.



Henry Winston

Communist Party

Pays Tribute

To Winston

New York-A memorial meeting will be held in New York City, Sunday, January 11, 1987 to pay tribute to Henry Winston, national chairman of the Communist Party USA. Winston died on December 13 in Moscow at the age of 75.

Winston died after a brief illness, which was related to damages sustained as a consequence of medical neglect while in prison during the McCarthy era. It was during that period that Winston lost his eyesight but not his political vision.

Winston had joined CPUSA in 1933. He became its national chairman, the first Afro-American to do so, in June 1966. In that post Winston organized and mobilized the party's membership in the struggles for peace, jobs and equality. He traveled throughout the country and around the world meeting with heads of states, leaders of political parties and people of many different nationalities.

"Winnie," as he was affectionately called by his family, co-workers and other friends, was the grandson of slaves. He was born April 2, 1911 into the workingclass family of Joseph and Lucille in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. He was one of six children.

Winston became a leader in the struggles of the unemployed in Kansas City in 1930. As an activist among Kansas City's jobless, Winston joined the Young Communist League in October 1931. He helped mobilize Kansas City youth to go to Washington, D.C. for the historic Hunger March in 1932.

Winston helped build support for the nine Black Scottsboro youths, victims of a racist frameup, who were convicted of raping a white woman and sentenced to die. Despite the fact that the white woman said no such incident occurred, Winston crunched throughout Missouri for funds to help the defense's case and spoke at numerous support rallies, demonstrations and meetings. Winston was among those advancing the slogan, "Black and white, unite and fight."

Winston was elected to the national executive committee of the YCL in 1936. He set a tone of leadership by example. While the YCL decided that he was not to be among the young volunteers to fight fascism in the Spanish Civil War, Winston devoted himself to building support at home for the effort to stop the fascist takeover. From 1938 to 1941, Winston was YCL national administrative secretary.

In 1947 Winston was elected national organizational secretary of the Communist Party. In July 1948, Winston was one of 18 CPUSA leaders arrested and charged under the infamous thought-control Smith Act, with "Conspiracy to advocate the overthrow of the U.S. government in spite of the fact that the CPUSA advocates a peaceful transition to socialism."

In October 1949 each defendant was sentenced to a five year prison term.

Upon his sentencing, Winston went underground as did several other Communist Party members who were victims of repression and persecution. When he finally surrendered to the authorities in 1955, he was sentenced to an additional three

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Shonda Ham

...On quest for stardom

Singing Is The Only

Career For Shonda Ham

By Russell Clark
Post Staff Writer

Bobby Brown's "I Need a Girlfriend" is the number one song in the country, but if it was up to Shonda Ham, she would be his.

"I've met him twice and I think I'm in love," asserted this week's beauty who is also a musician. As a vocalist, drummer and keyboardist, she is a member of TSK.

The trio is called TSK after its members Tiffany Miller, Shonda, and Kali Weathers. They rehearse at the home of A.J. Weathers who is a contemporary gospel music writer.

"We pattern ourselves after teenage groups like the New Edition and the Jets," says Ham. "After learning how they made it big, we are trying to follow in their footsteps," confirms Ham.

A 1986 graduate of Cochrane Junior High, Shonda is adjusting well to high school. "It isn't that hard for me to adjust. I like high school because I have more freedom. I just have to discipline myself to do the work," says Shonda, a 15-year-old Garinger High School sophomore.

"My favorite subject is chorus because it helps me develop a

stronger voice and that will be helpful to me in my career," explained Ham who plans to attend the North Carolina School of the Arts or Spelman College to study music.

The daughter of Keith and Regina Ham of Charlotte, Shonda has one brother, Keith Jr. 12. The Hams' are members of the Victory Christian Center.

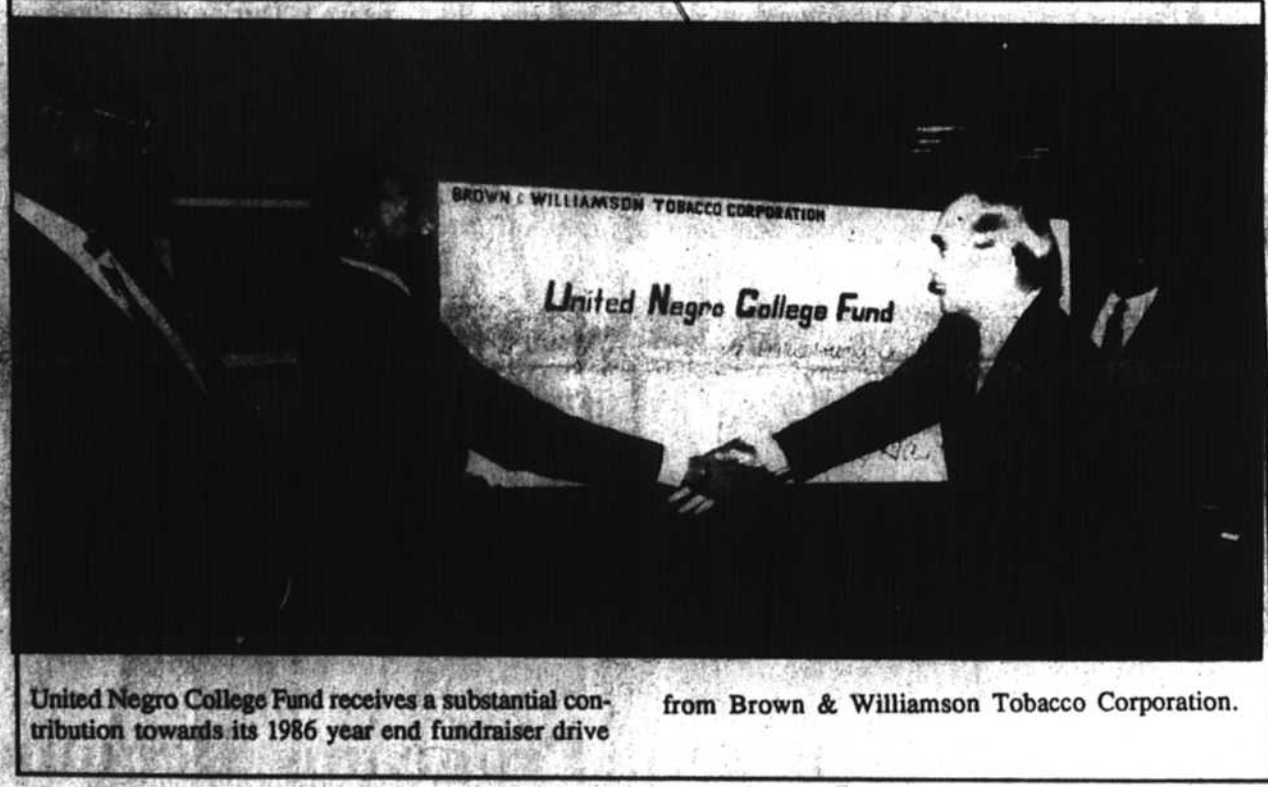
Many prominent black vocalists got their start singing in church and Shonda is no exception. "We sing both gospel and pop music," she began. "We have sang in churches from Gastonia to Virginia traveling with Mr. Weathers. We prefer pop music and that's what we'll stick to for now."

When not busy, she enjoys listening to music, talking on the phone and reading. She also likes live entertainment. "My main interest is to see how they get the crowd popped up," mentioned Shonda who also enjoys Rap concerts.

While TSK's quest for stardom is on hold because of school, they have managed to put together a demo tape. "We are going to send a

tape to Entertainers of America in Charlotte. If they like it, they will try to schedule us some suitable gigs that may be very helpful to us."

Among their selections are "Perfect For Love," "Special Love," and "Summertime Love." "We have big plans and we're already talking about ideas for our first music video. I've liked singing since I was a kid and I'm determined to make a career as an entertainer."



United Negro College Fund receives a substantial contribution towards its 1986 year end fundraiser drive from Brown & Williamson Tobacco Corporation.

Urban League Hosts Its

Fourth Annual Awards Dinner

The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Urban League will hold its Fourth Annual Equal Opportunity Day Awards Dinner on Friday evening, January 9, 1987, at the Marriott Hotel in Uptown Charlotte.

The League will present its highest honor, the Equal Opportunity Day Award, to a corporate supporter to be announced that evening. The Equal Opportunity Day Award recognizes a corporation or company for its outstanding contribution to the Urban League.

The League will also present its two annual Community Service Awards to a company and to an individual. This year's recipients will be Duke Power Company for the Corporate Community Services Award and educator Kat Crosby for the Individual Community Service Award.

"Our theme this year is 'Working Together to Make A Difference,'" says the League's Board Chairman Bettye Harris, Community Services Director for the Charlotte Housing Authority. "These Award recipients have helped us toward that goal in employment, housing, health, education and human services," she adds.

Television personality and actress Oprah Winfrey will be the speaker for the 7:30 banquet. Ticketholders will have a chance to meet Winfrey during a 6:30 cocktail reception prior to the start of dinner.

Winfrey hosts a syndicated talk show from Chicago called the "Oprah Winfrey Show," which is carried in Charlotte at 10 a.m., Monday through Friday on WSOC-TV, Channel 9. WSOC news anchor Bill Walker will emcee the Awards Dinner.

For ticket information call the Urban League office at 378-9834. Inquiries about Ms. Winfrey can be



Kathleen Crosby



Bettye Harris



Oprah Winfrey

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