

Revival Of Farmers' Cooperative Forseen



CRAFTS FROM THE POOR were on display at Tuesday night's annual meeting of SENClard Community Action, Inc., held at the Southeastern Community College auditorium. Among the products shown were homemade quilts, back-scratchers and other novelties, ceramics and a host of handbags, pillows and apparel (above), the latter being from the Oak Forest Senior Citizens' endeavors. (Photo by Justesen)

By BEN JUSTESEN
A "revived interest in the old cooperative movement" and "performing something worthy to be remembered" were the key phrases at Tuesday night's annual meeting of SENClard Community Action Inc.

SENClard Chairman Jackie Stephenson welcomed the group to Southeastern Community College Auditorium with a tribute to the revival of "the old cooperative movement" among America's small farmers, while SCC President (Dr.) Tom Cottingham called for SENClarders to "develop the resources of our land ... and see whether we may not perform something worthy to be remembered" in his special address during the two-hour meeting.

Both speakers were somewhat thwarted in their appeals by the rather small attendance at the annual meeting, with Stephenson admitting sheepishly that his prepared speech referred to the "large turnout" anticipated beforehand.

Despite the poor showing in numbers (about 100 attended), the SENClard meeting held something for everyone: crafts exhibits for the spectators, entertainment by the Mt. Zion Junior Choir and several skits created by SENClard personnel and friends, and a report by Executive Director Robert Clark on the past year's work.

According to Clark, SCA Inc. accompanied the following during the year just ending:

Classes held — Adult Basic Education, 128; sewing and related skills, 300; vocational 456; nutrition and gardening, 84; quilting, etc., 288.

Outreach visits made to individual homes — 14,513 (made by SENClard staff); other visits — approximately 7,000; walk-ins at the area's six centers — 4,210.

Neighborhood Youth Corps — federal funds received for in-school service, \$78,230 (115 slots); out-of-school service funds, \$113,550 (33 slots); federal funds for summer program, \$50,640; MDTA funds, \$33,720; total slots in both, 220.

Of 28 seniors graduating through the program — 20 of whom received scholarships (12 from MDTA) — 28 went to college this fall. A total of \$63,750 in scholarships was received.

Family planning services — 6,449 low-income women in three-county area eligible; through September, 2,700 served, 1,752 of whom are active cases at present; \$34,719 spent on program during the year.

Emergency Food Program — 1,835 families assisted in purchasing food stamps; 1,835 assisted through outright purchase of food, (\$5,786); home gardens, \$5,576.

Families assisted in obtaining food stamps, old age assistance, AFDC, Medicare, Medicaid — 1,060.

Head Start — Oak Forest Center, 59 enrollees; Brunswick County, hope to enroll 50 when open this week; Mt. Olive Center projected, 226; total recruited for Headstart, 744 (182 above poverty level). Total budget, about \$325,000 (\$260,000 of which was the federal share); projected budget 1973, \$340,000 (federal share \$294,130). Total children to be served, 290. One center projected as

opening during next year.

PACE — 92 out of 115 applicants placed in jobs for summer. Total pay — \$71,359.

Realignment — When Atlanta OEO office approves the NC plan, SENClard will have five months to implement it — Bladen County will be shifted to Region 'N' group, with Brunswick and Columbus to join Region 'O' members New Hanover and Pender in new group Community Action Council; New Hanover currently without a CA group.

SCA Inc. President Franklin Randolph of Brunswick County told the crowd that "It's been a year of hard work and sweat, putting through this agency. We're not where we'd like to be but by trying hard, I believe we can make it."

Referring to "some people (who) are doing their best to tear it (SCA) up", Randolph emphasized that "the goals of peace and harmony among the employees of SENClard" are still there.

Randolph then introduced visiting candidates for the offices of state senator and state representative, as well as SENClard board members present, before Board Chairman Jackie Stephenson adjourned the meeting with the note that a brief board meeting would be held immediately afterwards.

Dr. Cottingham quoted a line from 19th-century Statesman Daniel Webster (engraved on the wall of the United States Senate) in his

address: "Let us develop the resources of our land, call forth its power, build up its institutions, promote its greatness and see whether we also in our generation may not perform something worthy to be remembered." The SCC president praised SENClard CA for its ability to instill self-confidence in poor people who have "a low self-image of themselves". Stephenson asserted that

"The small-farm concept can, will, must survive," noting with pleasure the recent revival of interest in "the old cooperative movement", using "group action to market the small farmer's products". Stephenson predicted that the farming industry in America would someday be pointed only in the direction of producing foodstuffs, with such non-edible crops as

tobacco extinct. Director of the Brunswick County Economic Development Commission, he also noted that of the privately-owned farms which have gone out of business in the past 30 years, almost all were those with annual sales of less than \$5,000 each, with corporate farms today still comprising only a tiny percentage of American agricultural interests.

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Democratic Candidate for County Commissioner

Lonnie C. McKoy, Jr., Democratic candidate for County Commissioner, is a Brunswick County product. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie C. McKoy, Sr., of the Northwest Community of Brunswick County. Lonnie was graduated from Lincoln High School in Leland.

After completing high school, he served four years in the United States Armed Services. His speciality being jet mechanics, he excelled in this area of work and received many commendations for his proficiency. His present employment is with Federal Paper Cooperation as a millwright. He is married to the former Virginia Graham. He is a member of Crystal Spring Baptist Church and a quiet respectable member of the Northwest Community.

Lonnie C. McKoy Jr. seeks your support in this election. In times like these, we need representation on all levels and for all races. Brunswick County citizens need commissioners who will work for the good of all people rich, poor, black and white, who will consider what is best for all people. We need wise and proper fiscal planning so that the taxpayers monies will be used only to fit the best needs and interests of the people.

Industry is moving rapidly into Brunswick County and we need commissioners that will see that our work forces are allowed jobs that will take care of the many economic insecurities. Brunswick County citizens rightfully need to have first priority in dealing with the many things that affect their lives.

Our educational system is vitally important, therefore much concern must be shown in supporting our schools in their efforts to offer good, sound academic and vocational programs. We must think not only of today but also of what tomorrow will be.

Please, Fellow Citizens, cast your vote for Lonnie McKoy. This is the only way we can be assured of having basically good representation for all people. He has a great desire to serve and is willing to sacrifice with no limits in doing his best to upgrade Brunswick County economically as well as educationally.

Lonnie McKoy has an understanding of the problems facing the farmer, the businessman and the people in industry because he has had direct contact and experience in dealing with them all.

Again, this is a special plea. Vote for Lonnie McKoy as our Brunswick County Commissioner. He will listen to the people, he will help the people, he will make himself available to the people and he will represent all the people. Thank you for your vote.

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