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CHAMPAIGN COUNTY SECTION  
NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NEGRO WOMEN  
309 West Michigan  
Urbana, IL 61801

January 15, 1988

Anna Wall Scot  
President

Dr. & Mrs. Albert R. Graves  
603 S. Pine  
Champaign, IL 61820

Dear Dr. & Mrs. Graves:

It is our pleasure to announce that on Friday, February 5, 1988, the Champaign County Section of the National Council of Negro Women will hold its Third Annual Achievement Awards Banquet at Jumer's Castle Lodge, Urbana, beginning at 7:00 P.M. All proceeds from this gala event will go to the United Negro College Fund.

The theme for this year's event is "The Afro-American Heritage Revisited." Three outstanding persons will be honored for their contribution to that heritage:

The late Mr. Charles E. Phillips, Sr., will be honored posthumously for his combined vision and efforts which led to radically improved housing conditions for Afro-Americans in Champaign-Urbana and improved human relations.

Professor Mildred Barksdale will be honored for her involvement in the Civil Rights movement and her continued contributions on behalf of that cause.

Major General Joel McKean, Commander of Chanute Technical Training Center, Chanute Air Force Base, will be honored for reviving the memories of the all Black 99th Pursuit Fighter Squadron by celebrating the dedication of a building named for the Squadron Commander.

A delightful evening of diversified entertainment by performing artists will be provided with cuisine and libation that Jumer's is famous for. Again, the Executive Director of the Illinois United Negro College Fund will be with us along with other notables.

We sincerely hope that you will plan to join your friends and us at Jumer's on February 5 at 7:00 P.M., for this special evening, and indicate below your area of participation. A self-addressed envelope

is enclosed

/for your convenience. If you elect to be a sponsor for \$75.00, you will receive two tickets to the banquet and special recognition on the program. For tickets only, the cost is \$20.00 per ticket. Think of the minds that your contribution may help to save.

Sincerely,

*Anna Wall Scott*  
Anna Wall Scott  
President

Enclosure

I will be a Sponsor for \$75.00. Check enclosed.

I will purchase \_\_\_\_\_ tickets at \$20.00 each. Check enclosed.

Please hold \_\_\_\_\_ tickets to be purchased at the door.

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Zip Code 61820 Phone 398-8958

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# Community calendar

## EVENTS

**Banquet.** "The Afro-American Heritage Revisited," a banquet and program of performing arts, is planned for 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5, in the Ballroom at Jumer's Castle Lodge, Urbana. The program will honor the late Charles E. Phillips Sr., the founder of Carver Park subdivision in Champaign; Mildred Barksdale, an assistant dean at the University of Illinois, for her continuing contributions to civil rights progress; and Maj. Gen. Joel McKeon of Chanute Air Force Base Technical Command, who recently dedicated a building to the memory of the leader of the 99th Pursuit Squadron. The event is being sponsored by the Champaign County Section of the National Council of Negro Women. For ticket information, contact Esther Kemp at 384-5080. All proceeds will go to the United Negro College Fund.

**Audubon Sunday.** May Berenbaum, an entomologist with the University of Illinois, will give a presentation on the world of bugs at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 24, at the Anita Purves Nature Center.

**Sausage and pancake day.** The annual whole hog sausage and pancake day sponsored by the firemen of the Bluegrass Fire Protection District will be from 6 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23, at the Potomac Grade School. Proceeds will be used for new equipment.

**Soup supper.** The DeWitt County Friendship Center, 410 E. Main St., Clinton, will host its annual soup supper starting at 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23. The event will also include raffles, craft sales and a cake walk.

**Champaign fund-raiser.** A Paul Simon for Champaign fund-raiser will be from 3 to 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23, at the Georgetown School. The event will include a performance by the K...

Grove Ave., Rantoul.

**Continuing Education courses.** The Office of Continuing Education and Public Service at the University of Illinois is offering credit and non-credit courses on campus and across the state. Information and course registration materials are available by writing to the Office of Statewide Programming, Suite 1401, 302 E. John St., C, or calling 333-6305.

## HEALTH

**Weight control.** The Woman's Choice Health Center of Burnham Hospital will offer "Take Charge of Your Weight" from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 27. A fee will be charged and registration is required by Jan. 22. Call 337-2607 to register.

**Breast-feeding.** The Woman's Choice Health Center of Burnham Hospital will offer "Breast-feeding Your Baby," a class for women who are planning or considering breast-feeding, from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 28. A fee will be charged and registration is required by Jan. 25. Call 337-2607 to register.

**Family planning.** Instructions on natural birth control will be given by a certified teaching couple of the Couple to Couple League beginning from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 25, at St. Malachy's Church, 311 E. Grove Ave., Rantoul. For more information and to preregister, call 328-2363.

**Glaucoma testing.** The Champaign Lions Club will sponsor free testing for glaucoma from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 21, at the east end of Market Place mall, Champaign. Used eye glasses may be delivered to the Lions Club at this time.

**Blood donations.** A class...

ation for Learning Disabilities.

## PARENTS

**Film series.** "Turn Your Heart Toward Home," a film series featuring Dr. James C. Dobson, is being shown at 7 p.m. Wednesday evenings through Feb. 10 at the Bible Baptist Church, 911 W. Bradley Ave., C. The films deal with parents' responsibilities to their children and values for strengthening the home.

**Support groups.** Parents and Children Together is offering both daytime and evening support groups for parents and their children. The groups will meet monthly from January through August and will be presented by Michele Agusti, parent educator. The Parents Monthly Daytime Group will meet from 10:15 to 11:30 a.m. Thursdays, starting Jan. 21, and will focus on children from birth to 36 months. The Parents Monthly Evening Group will meet from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Thursdays, starting Jan. 28, and will focus on children from birth to 5 years. A registration fee will be charged. For more information, call Pam Kleiber at 351-2214.

## WORKSHOP

**Financial planning.** The Champaign County Cooperative Extension Service will sponsor a workshop on "Financial Planning for Living Alohe" at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 26, in the auditorium at 1715 W. Springfield

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## AFRO AMERICAN HERITAGE REVISITED

An extravaganza in the performing arts honoring  
Charles E. Phillips, Mildred Barksdale, and  
General Joel P. McKeon

Friday (Saturday) Feb. 5, 1988 — 7:00 p.m.  
Jumer's Castlelodge, Urbana  
Donation \$20.00  
For reservations, call 384-5080

Sponsored by the Champaign Section National Council of Negro Women; proceeds benefit the United Negro College Fund.

"A MIND IS A TERRIBLE THING TO WASTE."

This ad donated by The News-Gazette.



'Dad based his philosophy on self-help. In his early years dad said he prayed for help. When he got older he prayed for help to help others. And when he was 75 he said he prayed for others to help themselves.'

By Kirby Pringle  
News-Gazette Staff Writer

W as a time when Charles Phillips Sr. walked the muddy streets of Champaign's north end and was pained by what he saw: tar paper shacks — some without floors, electricity or running water. In some instances, three or four homes shared a single outhouse.

It was 1939 and John Steinbeck had just published, "Grapes of Wrath." Steinbeck concentrated on the plight of poor, white dirt farmers in dustbowl Oklahoma.

Phillips concentrated on the plight of

blacks who were snared in the grip of poverty and racism. But instead of writing about it, he did something about the conditions and helped them get new homes, and a sense of dignity.

"I remember him as a dedicated businessman who had a deep concern for the status of his people," said his daughter, Esther Phillips Kemp of Urbana. "It seems to me he was born with this burning desire to leave the world a little bit better place."

**PHILLIPS DIED IN 1975** at the age of 86 and will be honored at 7 p.m. Friday for his relentless efforts to bring Champaign

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and Urbana's black higher level. Also benefit for the Unit are assistant dean and nois Mildred Barks Force Base commandant McKean.

The third annual Banquet will be at J. Urbana, and is sponsored by Champaign County Section Council of Negro Women.

Phillips, with the late Dr. J. Edgar Hoover and Milton Clark, was instrumental in housing development in Champaign County. Known as the Phillips Center, named after famed chemist George Washington Phillips, the development is located on the east corner of Champaign and

"In 1947, Carver Park was the black communities' first major development," Kemp said. "It was necessary to dig out the mud holes."

Phillips found a way for the development, but she wanted 10 acres of land. The owners contributed for the purchase of the land, Kemp, and the \$10,000. Construction started afterward and by 1950 had moved into Carver

Attucks Place, an apartment for blacks in Champaign in much the same way generated at the F. W. Johnson Association. Phillips was one of the savings and investment

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News-Gazette Photo by Robert K. O'Daniel

Esther Phillips Kemp holds a photograph of her father, Charles Phillips Sr., who will be honored Friday for his efforts to improve Champaign-Urbana's black community.

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of Negro Women*

# **AFRO-AMERICAN HERITAGE REVISITED**

**An Extravaganza in the Performing Arts**



## **THIRD ANNUAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS BANQUET**

**Sponsored by  
The Champaign Section  
of the  
National Council of Negro Women**



**Friday, February 5, 1988  
7:00 P.M.  
Jumer's Castle Lodge  
Urbana, Illinois**



**Anna Wall Scott, President  
General Chairman**

**Ruth Hendricks  
Finance Chairman**

**Esther P. Kemp, Executive Assistant**

**Mary Alexander  
Cynthia Biggers  
Faye Catchings  
Nettie Cook**

**Doris Hoskins  
Hattie Paulk Jones  
Teresa Standifer  
LaVerne Wright**



**Guest Hostesses  
Elana Hassell — Carol Smith**



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Spruiell D. White  
Illinois Area Development Director

February 25, 1988

Mrs. Anna W. Scott  
President  
National Council of Negro  
Women/Champaign-Urbana Chapter  
309 West Michigan  
Urbana, Illinois 61801

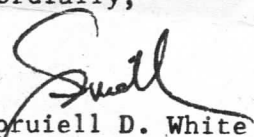
Dear Mrs. <sup>Anna</sup> Scott:

The United Negro College Fund sincerely appreciates the recent contribution of \$3,000 to its 1987 "Lou Rawls Parade of Stars" Telethon by the National Council of Negro Women/Champaign-Urbana Chapter. The increased support is clear testimony that you care deeply about the cause of black higher education.

As you know, many of the 45,000 UNCF students come from impoverished backgrounds and would be unable to attend college without the assistance provided through gifts of this type.

It is through strong, long-term relationships such as the College Fund enjoys with the National Council of Negro Women/Champaign-Urbana Chapter that its critical work is sustained. I hope that we continue to warrant your care and support.

Cordially,

  
Spruiell D. White  
Illinois Area Development  
Director

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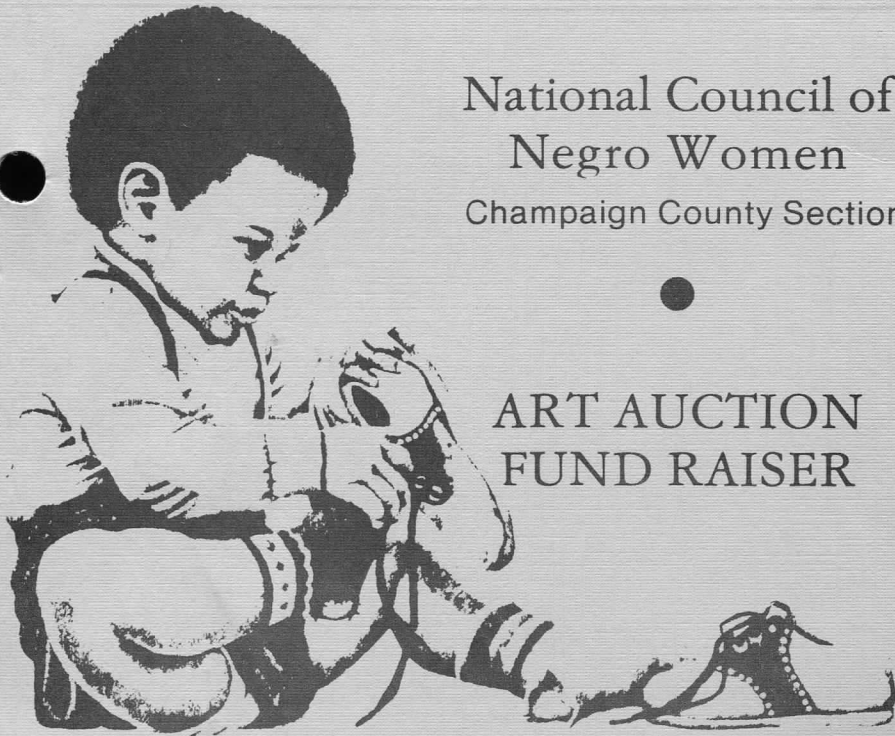
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