

Dimes and nickles grow

Minorities get help

A warm smile, a good attitude, and well-defined goals are all a part of Alberta Henry.

Years ago Mrs. Henry, even though she had had no college education herself, felt strongly that disadvantaged minority students who wanted a university education had to have help—encouragement and money. She started collecting dimes, nickels and quarters from her friends and neighbors. Then she went outside, and through an auxillary committee of the New Hope Baptist Church in Salt Lake City, went to the entire community seeking support for her program.

As Mrs. Henry remembers it, those were times of lots of hard work to get money and a lot of contact with the students she was helping. But, working with the church group, she found that she was not allowed to send some of the students with lower grades on to college even though they had high potential.

After some time she went to business and community leaders to seek support for an independent scholarship group that would allow her to send other students on in their education. Many of them helped financially for a number of years, and agreed to

serve as officers and directors, to actively solicit funds and to help guide the program.

A student must apply for financial assistance from the Alberta Henry Scholarship Foundation. Then, when the student is chosen for assistance, a member of the Foundation confers with the school that he or she wants to attend. The Foundation makes arrangements to pay the school directly for the benefit of the student receiving the scholarship. No money is paid directly to the student. The money is used to pay for tuition, books, housing, and other necessary expenses.

“Good relations with the colleges help us so much in this program,” said Mrs. Henry.

She pointed out that the Continuing Education programs at different universities help students to fill in required credits so that they may become full time students at colleges and universities.

Mrs. Henry is now taking night classes at the University and hopes to be able to attend full time in September.

Their first student was in 1970 and they fully expect of the 16 students now in program to graduate.



Mrs. Alberta Henry, founder of the Alberta Henry Scholarship Foundation, gets minority students financial help and encouragement.