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## America's Black Political Profile

Aware black men and women in America have put down the rocks and picked up the ballot.

Led by a sharp increase in the ranks of black mayors, the number of black elected officials in the U.S. climbed in the past year to an unprecedented level that is 152 percent greater than five years ago.

The latest figures, released by Eddie N. Williams, president of the Joint Center for Political Studies, show that as of April 1 there were 2,991 black persons in elective offices in 45 states and the District of Columbia. This number compares to 2,621 a year ago and 1,185 in 1969, the first year a tally was made.

The number of black mayors increased at a rate faster than any other category of elective office, from 82 last year to 108 now, a 31.7 percent increase. The overall increase in the number of black elected officials in all categories was 14 percent.

Blacks are now mayors of such major cities as Los Angeles, Atlanta, Detroit, Gary, Cincinnati, Newark, N.J., Dayton, Ohio, and Raleigh, N.C. Williams said the figures on the increase of black elected officials "give us one measure of how far blacks have already traveled on the road to political empowerment, but they also show how far we have yet to go to achieve fair representation at all levels of government."

"Nevertheless, the political thrust of the civil rights movement is gaining momentum," Williams commented. "We expect to see greater involvement and sophistication of blacks in the 1974 and 1976 elections."

The complete survey of blacks in elective office, along with their names, current addresses and terms of office, is contained in the 1974 edition of the **National Roster of Black Elected Officials**, published by the Joint Center for Political Studies.

The Joint Center, sponsored by Howard University and the Metropolitan Applied Research Center, is a private, non-partisan and non-profit organization which provides research, information and technical assistance to black and other minority elected officials.

Increases during the past year in the number of black mayors, in particular, and in the number of black municipal officials, in general, are the result of a great many municipal elections in 1973. Only three states held regular legislative elections in 1973, so there was little change in the number of state office holders. The position held by the largest number of black officials is that of town or city council member. Blacks occupy 1,080 council seats, an increase of 240 council persons over last year.

Michigan continues to be the state with the largest number of black elected officials, with 194 this year. Mississippi, with 191, has displaced New York to rank second. New York, now in the number three position, has 174 blacks in elective office.

Of states with sizeable numbers of black elected officials, North Carolina has made the greatest gain in the number of blacks elected to office since last spring, raising its total from 112 to 159, an increase of 42 percent. This figure now places North Carolina in fourth rank among the states.

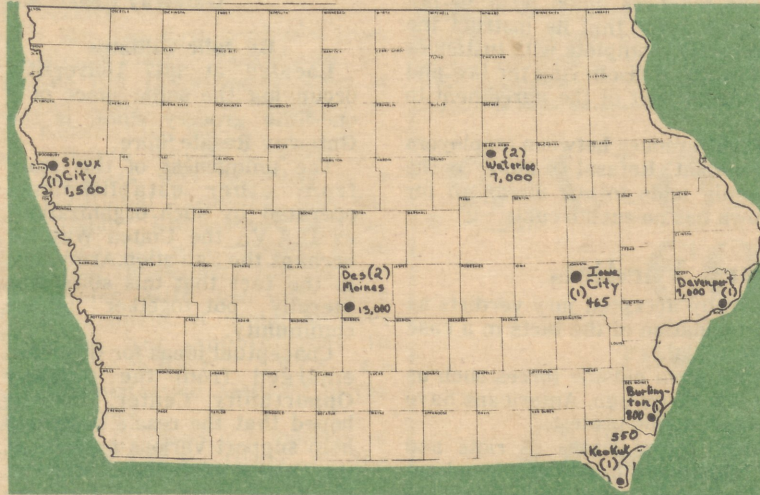
Other states in the "top ten" are Illinois and New Jersey, both with 152; Arkansas, 150; Alabama and Louisiana, both with 149, and Ohio, with 139. Five states have no black elected officials at all — Hawaii, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota and Utah.

Since 1970, the state with the fastest growing number of black elected officials has been Texas, which has shown a four-fold increase in four years. There are now 124 blacks in elective office in that state, compared to only 29 four years ago, a rise of 328 percent.

Of states which now have at least 50 black officials, most with particularly fast growth rates since 1970 are also in the South. They include Georgia, with an increase of 243 percent; South Carolina, 205 percent; Arkansas, 173 percent; North Carolina, 156 percent, and Mississippi, 136 percent.

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### Black Elected Officials in Iowa Including the Black Population of Office Holders' Residences



( ) - indicates number of Black elected officials in area

Five of the fifty states in this country have no Black elected officials. Of the forty-five who do, Iowa ranks thirty-first.

In 1970, Iowa had only 5 Black elected officials. In 1973 the number had grown to 8. This year of 1974 boasts yet another increase—Iowa now has 9 Black office holders.

Although most Black elected officials in the U.S. hold seats as city councilmen, Iowa differs in that most office holders sit on local school boards. Actually, five of the 9 officials are members of such a board.

Black Iowans serving as elected officials represent a total of seven cities and counties. Five of the 9 hold municipal posts, two represent counties. Iowa's Black elected officials for the year of 1974 are as follows:

#### COUNTIES

William Hargraves, Iowa House of Representatives, Johnson County.

Judge Luther Glanton, District Court, Polk County.

#### CITIES

Nolden Gentry, Des Moines School Board

Robert Pearl, Keokuk School Board

George Boykin, Sioux City School Board

Sylvester Haughton, Waterloo School Board

L.J. Twyner, Davenport School Board

D. Edmund White, Burlington City Council

Mary Berdell, Waterloo City Council

An examination of Iowa's limited political progress since 1970 should induce more Black people to seek public office, especially in the larger urban areas of Des Moines, Davenport and Waterloo. City Council seats are most important in terms of having an immediate positive effect on the lives of Black Iowans.

distribution is about to be stopped, and local educational stations will have to bid for **Black Journal** as well as other minority programming. Signatures gathered will be presented to the Iowa Educational Broadcasting Network asking that they give **Black Journal** priority when determining their new schedule of programming.

During the week of May 5th-11th, committee members in Des Moines will be identifiable by the red neckties they'll be wearing. Stop them and ask to sign a petition. Persons interested in supporting the activities may also call 255-3025 or 277-8736.

### Mayor's Conference On Rape

The Mayor's Citizens Conference on Rape, designed to give Des Moines area citizens an opportunity to discuss the problem of rape and to make specific recommendations for development of long-term action programs to correct and improve conditions regarding all aspects of the crime, opens Monday (May 6).

Sponsors of the conference are the office of Des Moines Mayor

Richard Olson, Drake University's Women's Programs and the Drake Metropolitan Criminal Justice Center.

Willie Whiting, associate circuit court judge in Cook County, Illinois, will give the opening address on "Rape: The National Scene" at 8 p.m. Monday in room 101 of Meredith Hall on the Drake campus. The public is invited to attend without charge.

A native of Chicago, Judge Whiting is a graduate of Fisk University in Tennessee and received both her LL.B. and J.D. degrees at the John Marshall Law School of Chicago.

Before she was named to her current post in 1971, she served for a year as assistant U.S. attorney in the criminal division and magistrate of the Circuit Court of Cook County from 1966 to 1971.

She has received numerous community and professional awards including the Jewish War Veterans Appreciation Award in 1965, the Cook County Bar Association Merit Award in 1966 and the R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company Salute to Black Women of America for 1972-73.

The conference continues from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Des Moines Hyatt House with registration from 8 to 9 a.m. The registration fee of \$4 includes luncheon costs.

### Friends To Support Black Journal

Friends to Support Black Journal, a recently organized committee of Des Moines persons has designated the week of May 5th-11th as "Support Black Journal Week." The week will be observed throughout the state of Iowa.

A city-wide effort will be made by the Friends to Support Black Journal in gathering signatures of persons who understand the positive benefits of the kind of programming provided by **Black Journal**.

Presently, **Black Journal** is offered free to all public television stations, however free

### Get To Know Head Start

"GET TO KNOW HEAD START", a show and tell meeting and exhibit at the Gateway Opportunity Center, 801 Forest Avenue, Des Moines, will highlight Governor Robert D. Ray's announcement declaring the week of April 28-May 4 as HEAD START WEEK in Iowa.

The meeting and exhibit begins at 10:00 a.m. on May 1st, and will be open to the general public. School board members, legislators, city council members, county administrators, state officials and other dignitaries have been invited to participate in the day-long program.

Special presentations, group discussions, exhibits and slides will be utilized to explain the programs currently being implemented by Head Start groups in Polk, Warren, Marion and Jasper counties.

Window displays about Head Start activities can be seen at Younkers Department Store (Downtown) and at the Iowa Power and Light Company main office at 823 Walnut in Des Moines.

### National News Briefs

**Rochester** — A second grand jury to investigate the Attica prison riot of 1971 has been ordered. The first grand jury was composed of white middle-class persons while inmates at Attica were Black and poor. The second grand jury will be presented more information involving the riot and is expected to begin operating early in 1975.

**Washington, D.C.** — A bill in the Senate would provide U.S. District Courts with interpreters and recording equipment for non-English speaking persons. It would be especially helpful to Spanish-speaking persons.

**Washington, D.C.** — The number of Black mayors in the U.S. has risen to 108, up 26 from last year, a 31.7 percent increase.

**Washington, D.C.** — Nine of the country's major steel companies agreed today to expand job opportunities for Blacks, women and Chicanos and to pay over \$31 million in back wages.

**Washington, D.C.** — A study by Calvin Beale, a Black demographer, points to the fact that more and more northern Blacks are returning to the South, or planning to.

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## VIEWS and REVIEWS

by James B. Morris

### Embarking On A New Era

Our legislature has enacted a law authorizing public employees to bargain with their employers concerning wages, working conditions and other benefits.

The new weapon will mean something new to Iowans who have been accustomed to collective bargaining in purely labor operations but have had little with public employees.

Like many labor groups, powerful strikes have occurred in other states by teachers, policemen, fireman and other public employees. Kansas City, Missouri has just experienced a 62-day teachers strike which caused undue hardships to parents and children, disrupting the whole school system. In fact, the head of the teachers union went to jail because he refused to obey a court order that he instruct the teachers to return to work. The record is complete with instances where strike leaders make no bones about disobeying the law and in the end have the order set aside as part of the agreement to settle the strike.

We still find it difficult to settle differences between employers and employees by voluntary agreement. Refusal to abide by the law and orders of the court simply adds to our disregard for constitutional authority. I hope Iowa has no such trouble.

### Accepting Jury Verdicts

The American people have generally accepted jury verdicts as a judgment of their peers, a determination of the facts in a case based on the evidence produced at a trial.

In the absence of undue influence from outside forces such as occurred in trials in the south a few years ago, Americans have accepted the verdict of jurors without undue protest.

In trials of most defendants in recent cases of riots and disturbances leading to arrests, defendants have been found not guilty. In most cases the followers of such groups have hailed the verdicts as proof of the fairness of our judicial system.

The acquittal in the Federal Court in New York of former Attorney General Mitchell and former Secretary of Commerce Maurice Stans has aroused the ire of these same people who supported those who won acquittal in illegal riots and disturbances. They did so apparently believing that the status of the defendants in the case made the difference. Members of the jury stated that they arrived at this verdict because the prosecutor had not produced sufficient evidence to justify any other verdict.

All verdicts never satisfy everybody but we must rely on the system we have known over the years; that the jury is the judge on the facts.

## Anniversary Issue "Competition"

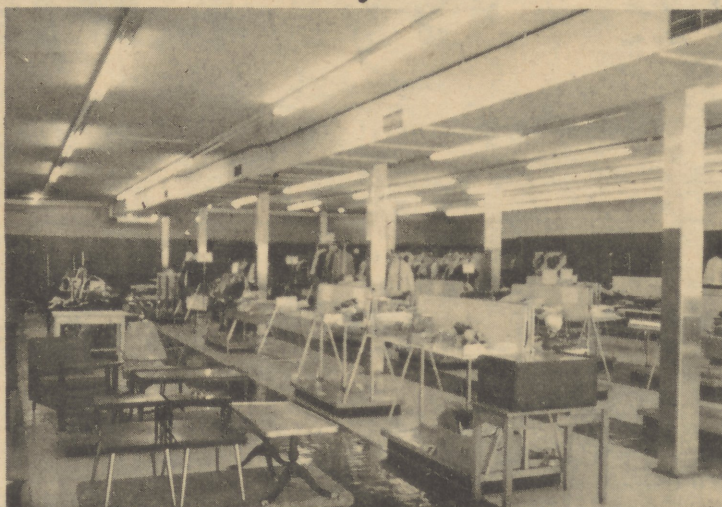
BLACK CHURCHES AND ORGANIZATIONS IN IOWA will have an opportunity to be "spotlighted" in the 80th Anniversary issue of the New Iowa Bystander scheduled to be published in June 1974.

A full page of the special issue will be dedicated to the church or organization that sells the most subscriptions to the Bystander by May 31, 1974. The page will feature photographs as well as information concerning the history of the church or organization. Members, officers and special activities will be well covered; leaders of the industrious group will work with a Bystander staff member to see that the page is as inclusive as possible.

Details regarding this offer are available from the Bystander office. Call us at (515) 277-8736 or write to the Editor, New Iowa Bystander, P.O. Box 491, West Des Moines, Iowa 50265. Remember, you could have a page of your own in the 80th Anniversary issue coming this June!!

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## Gateway Resale Store- A Community Endeavor



Gateway Resale Store 1817 University Ave.

By Julie Williams

Located at 1817 University, occupying the same space of a one-time grocery store, is the Gateway Resale Store.

The uniqueness of this store from other establishments operated by such organizations as D.A.V., the United Way, or perhaps the Salvation Army, lies in the fact that this store was literally "put together" by the community.

Conceptual ideas for this store emerged from the Gateway Opportunity Center. It was hoped that the resale store will help support various projects at the Opportunity Center while at the same time, offer furniture and other items to the community at a highly reduced rate.

Store merchandise includes clothing, appliances, furniture; basically anything available

which has use for the consumer. All of the items are repaired to the best possible condition before they go on the floor.

Of particular interest to the community is a unique service provided by the store. Available to those families who are absolutely unable to pay for the needed merchandise are items free of charge. However to prevent fraudulent transactions, absolute proof of inability to pay must be provided.

Funding for the resale store came from Greater Opportunity, Inc., so-called "seed money" or just enough funds to get started with continuance.

In speaking with Ken Warren, Chairman of the Gateway Board, he said,

"It is the hope of the Gateway Opportunity Board that this resale store in the very near future will be self-sustaining in

its total operation."

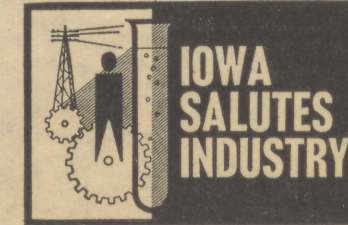
The Gateway Board which serves as an administrative instrument for the store, consists of members elected from the community. There is also an advisory board aiding the Gateway administration which consists of two members from the Gateway Board and three members from the Des Moines Jaycees. Warren cited the Jaycees as having been very active in helping with the store.

The store has a total of eleven employees, seven from the Concentrated Employment Program (CEP), two volunteers, and two from Greater Opportunities. The store manager is Mr. Victor Joseph, the cashier is Ms. Carmen Johnson, Ms. Nancy Mathews acts as secretary and calls for donations.

The store opened March 22, 1974 and is being very well received by the community. They attribute the store's success to word-of-mouth information. There has been a small amount of radio broadcasting, however they anticipate more advertisement as they go along.

Mr. Warren concluded in saying, "People are thankful for the store's services, and are happy that it's operated by Gateway."

**Editor's Note:** Persons wishing to donate items to the Gateway Resale Store can call 282-5106 Monday thru Saturday between 9 am and 5 pm. Items will be picked up.



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## For Black Students:

### Gloria Jean Watson-Relays Queen



Gloria Jean Watson

Miss Gloria Jean Watson of Wichita, Kansas, was every inch a queen when I arrived after 12:00 o'clock for a 10:45 a.m. interview. I found her at lunch in the Fort Des Moines Steak Ranch Restaurant. Failing to contact her by phone at the Hotel, I checked with the publicity clerk at Drake. She assured me that she had informed Miss Watson that my failure to arrive was due to some catastrophe, and directed me to the restaurant.

I informed Miss Watson that my car had given out on Cherry Street and that a passerby had parked it against the curb that I might meet my appointment with her. I couldn't think of a single thought. Miss Watson took over and gave me a lovely interview.

I did manage to inquire as to how she was selected queen. She won at her university, Wichita State University. They filled out the questionnaire from Drake University, giving the details about her career. The questionnaire had to be filled in about her personality and how she related to others. She helped fill it out but this part others had to fill in. Drake selected her from this questionnaire.

### Poetry & Prose

#### LOOKING FROM OUT BASEMENT WINDOWS by Zenobia Mitchell

Days turn to months. Months, years. The silence encompasses us like a prison. Timespan thins. Thoughts materialize into plans. Within each second tick, a prism. Shining, stillness crystallizes into light.

Still, there is hope. A golden ray of promise. Escape from the dismal underground darkness.

The best, is yet to be brought from underneath the surface of the weaknesses and trivial failures of a man.

We overtake the coldstares in careful conversation, and elevate ourselves above the indifference in fulfilling dreams.

In fulfilling dreams, we create images.

Because mutually we know and understand the commitments, that must be.

We overtake these by surprise in painful, tedious target study.

We plow through our shortcomings and endure the hardships of ghettolife, achieving strength and build a better man.

She was very glad to have won because she has always maintained that Black people could succeed if they would be able to qualify when the time came. When the opportunity presented itself, she qualified which proved her claim that Blacks be able to qualify. She was glad to represent her university here.

She spoke about her choice of the study of minorities. She observed that each minority feels that they are the minority. But she learned that we must understand every other minority, see them and their problems. This was very important in the scheme of things.

I asked what she planned as a career in journalism. She spoke of having met Eleanor Tate and of the books she has written. She, too, hopes to write children's books. She feels there is a great need for them.

I concluded the interview with deepest appreciation for Miss Watson, Our Drake Relays Queen.

### Cora Douglass To Speak At Women's Day Service

Ms. Cora Douglass, Administrative Assistant to Governor Robert Ray will be guest speaker at St. Paul A.M.E. Church for the Women's Day Services on Mother's Day, May 12th. She will be speaking at the 11:00 am Morning Service.

Ms. Douglass graduated from Illinois College, Jacksonville, Ill. She did postgraduate work at the University of Missouri in Kansas City, Mo.

Before moving to Iowa, Ms. Douglass was employed as a Vocational Counselor with the Missouri Employment Security Office. She was employed as an Equal Opportunity Employment Officer with the Iowa State Department of Social Services until her appointment in December, 1973 as Administrative Assistant to the Governor.

Ms. Douglass is a member of the NAACP, Order of the



Cora Douglas

Eastern Star, American Association of Public Administrators, and the Iowa Welfare Association. She is a Board member of the Polk County Republican Party.

Ms. Douglass is the daughter

of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Douglass of Parkville, Mo.

Immediately following the Morning Service, a Mother's Day banquet will complete the Women's Day observance of St. Paul A.M.E. for 1974.

Tickets may be purchased from the Women's Day Committee. Mrs. Bertie Hogan, Chairwoman, Mrs. Mildred L. Graves, Co-Chairwoman, and Mrs. Gwendolyn Fowler, Publicity.

### Ghetto Chess Club

Persons interested in joining a CHESS CLUB, please call Will Wilson at 243-1339. Games will be scheduled at the Center for Study and Application of Black Theology, 1016 Forest. The first club meeting is planned for Wednesday May 8th at 7:00 p.m.

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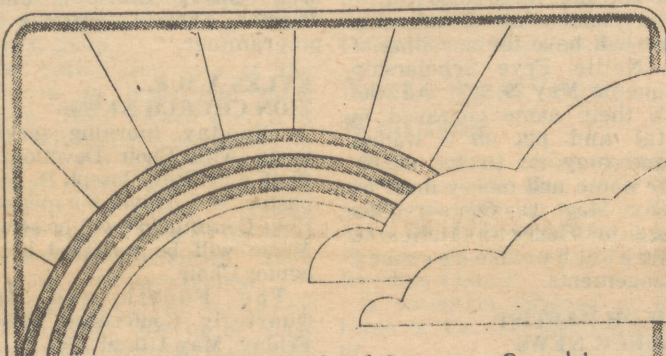
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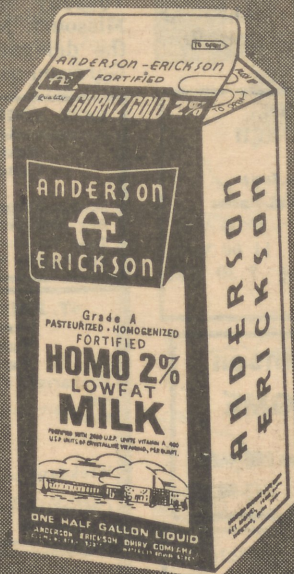
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Thursday Consecration and Healing 8 P.M.

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## CHURCH NEWS & RELATED ITEMS

Church news submitted to the Bystander should be submitted neatly typed or printed. Future items will not be printed unless they are submitted according to this method. We thank you for your cooperation and hope you'll continue to send your news.

## CORINTHIAN BAPTIST CHURCH NEWS

Rev. F. W. Strickland will deliver the message at the 11:00 am worship service, Sunday, May 5th.

The Lord's Supper will be observed following morning worship. Nursery services available for children 5 years and under during morning worship.

Sunday school convenes at 9:30 am. Church bus service available by calling Mr. Morris Smith, the church, or the pastor. At 6:00 pm the Church At Study will be led by Rev. Strickland. "HANDS TO SERVE THE LORD" is the chosen theme of the 13th annual music festival of the Corinthian Baptist Church Inspirational Chorus which will be presented Sunday, May 5th at 7:00 pm at the church. Mrs. Doris Wade is the director, Mrs. Olivia King pianist, and Mrs. Barbara Williams, organist. Special guests will be the 80-voice North High School Chorus under the direction of Mrs. Donna Emmons. Mr. Irving White has been invited to deliver a reading.

Friday, May 10th at 6:00 pm a Mother-Daughter Banquet will be sponsored by the General Missionary Society. Mrs. Ivan Johnson will be guest speaker. Dinner reservation deadline date is Wed., May 8th. Mrs. Helen Taylor Hopkins, Banquet Chairman, Mrs. E. Gaiters, president will take reservations.

The Corinthian Mother's Board will have their annual candle lighting ceremony honoring and memorializing

mothers at 7:00pm Sunday, May 12th, Mother's Day. Mrs. Essie Miller, president, or any member of the Mother's Board will take names to be remembered.

## MESSIAH TEMPLE CHURCH NEWS

Last Sunday's speaker was Reverend Jacob Reed. His message was, "Don't Sell Out." The Evangelist Zora Reed instructed Mr. and Mrs. Gary Ott on the vow of dedication of their sons.

Visitors were Mr. Randy Ralf, Wacile Higgins, Florence Mongo, Dorothy Griffith, Mrs. Posten, and Justina Holt and family.

Sunday school is at 10:30 with services at 11:30 a.m. The Life of Christ is at 7:00 p.m. every Sunday, and Prayer meeting is at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday. Come and worship with us.

Reverend Jacob Reed, Pastor

## MAPLE STREET BAPTIST CHURCH NEWS

On Sunday, May 5, Reverend Parrish will deliver a "Communion Sermon." The Combined Choirs will furnish the music.

The Senior Choir will be sponsoring the Wings of Grace Gospel Singers on Sunday, May 5, at 4:00 P.M. Everyone is cordially invited to attend. Reba Sloan, Pres.

This year the Annual Mother's Day and Father's Day Breakfast will be held together on Sunday, June 2, from 9:00 to 10:30 A.M.

The Nellie Frye Scholarship Com. will have the unveiling of the Nellie Frye Scholarship Plaque on May 29, 1974. All who wish their name engraved in metal and put on a walnut plaque may do so for \$25.00. Your name and money must be in by May 20. Contact Tina House or Henrietta McKee to make the necessary arrangements.

## SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH NEWS

Rev. Wm. S. Heath will deliver the message and serve Communion Sunday, May 5th. The Senior Choir will render the music.

## MT. HEBRON BAPTIST CHURCH NEWS

Communion will be served May 5th at the 11:00 am service. At 3:30 the True Light Singers will be in a musical program sponsored by the Senior Choir. At 7:30 the Senior Choir & Church will have their regular fellowship service with Morning Star. Presidents are Mrs. LuVenia Jones & Miss Lonie Jenkins. Pastors, Rev. James Harris & Rev. Alex Crawford.

## GATEWAY COMMUNITY CHOIR

The Gateway Community Choir meets every Saturday from 3-5 pm in the Gateway gym. All persons wishing to participate are asked to attend. Social hour follows rehearsal. Sandy Robinson, Director, Rose M. Webster, pianist.

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## MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH NEWS

Orlador, Ia.  
Sunday, May 5 Mt. Zion will worship with Our Saviour Baptist Church. Pastor Rev. T. Brown will bring the morning service at 11:00 at E. 16th & Des Moines Sts.

Sunday, May 12th Rev. Jessie Daniels, pastor of Second Baptist Church of Ottumwa will be guest speaker at 4:00 pm at Mt. Zion. The Shilohettes of Shiloh Baptist Church will bring forth the music.

Sunday May 19th will conclude the Men's and Women's Day. The speaker will be Mrs. Myriel Lean Johnson of Bethel A.M.E. at 11:00 am. At 4:00 pm Rev. Taylor of Second Baptist Church of Marshalltown will be guest speaker. The choir will also attend. Dinner will be served before service at Mt. Zion Baptist Church. Pastor, Rev. Henry Simmons, Ass't pastor, Rev. W. Bumpus.

## OUR SAVIOUR BAPTIST CHURCH NEWS

At the 11:00 am service Mt. Zion Baptist Church of Orlador will be with us in a joint service. Mt. Zion's pastor, Rev. Henry Simmons will bring the message. Pastor Rev. T. R. Brown will serve the Lord's Supper. Everyone is asked to bring a covered dish of food for there will be a pot luck dinner served in the dining room after morning worship. At 3:00 pm the East-Side Gospel Choir will be presented in a musical concert. Mrs. Mary Clark is choir director, Sherrill James is the programmer.

## KYLES A.M.E. ZION CHURCH NEWS

Sunday morning services begin with Choir Devotions at 10:45 a.m. Rev. Joseph H. Jones pastor, will deliver the message. Holy Communion will be served. Music will be rendered by the Senior Choir.

The Fourth and final Quarterly Conference will be Friday, May 11th at 7:30.

There will be a Bake Sale at the Hinky-Dinky store, 19th & Carpenter on Saturday, May 11 sponsored by the Women's Day Committee.

Sunday May 12th will be the closing date for the Women's Day effort. AT 3:00 P.M. There will be a very nice program presented. A panel of well known ladies of the city will participate. Mrs. Frealy Garrison, Mrs. Ella Mae Burks, Mrs. Georgia Ingraham, and Mrs. Clara Wade. The Maple Street Gospel Chorus will also appear on the afternoon program.

We wish to thank everyone who helped make our CONCERT a success. It was most enjoyable, and very rewarding to have such wonderful friends. Pastor, Rev. Joseph H. Jones, members of the choirs, and congregation.

Annual Conference will begin Tuesday May 14, in St. Louis Missouri. Miss Debbie Hayes is the delegate, with Mrs. Frealy Garrison as alternate.

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## ST. PAUL A.M.E. CHURCH NEWS

On this Communion Sunday morning at 10:45 am, Pastor Clay will speak quite appropriately concerning "The Passover"

Immediately after the service, there will be a church conference. All members and officers are urged to remain and participate freely.

Sunday afternoon at 3:00 pm Mrs. Patrick Ann Clay will be guest speaker for the Missionary Society at Bethel A.M.E. Church. Mrs. Trella Perry's Y.P.D. group will be ushers, and the St. Paul Choir will sing.

Monday Evening, May 6th, the Lady Usher Board will meet at Mrs. Haley Houston's home. All members are asked to please be present. Mrs. Dorris Wilson is president.

The Women's Day Committee is having a carnival on Sat., May 4th at the Gateway Shopping Center, 19th & University beginning at 12:00 noon. Bring all the children and have a good time!

The Des Moines Area Missionary Society is presenting a musical at Bethel Church on May 19th featuring the "New Life Ensemble" and the "Wings of Grace."

## UNION BAPTIST CHURCH NEWS

Pastor Thomas' sermon subject last Sunday was "The Great Pretender". Inspirational numbers were offered by the H.I. Thomas Singers directed by sister Ruby Wilson and brother Charles Watkins. Sister Evelyn Thomas is pianist, and the youth choir directed by Brother Everett Matthews. Sister Alice Boyd pianist.

The Pastor, Members and Chairman offer deep appreciation to Rev. Alex Crawford of Morning Star Baptist Church and to Rev. and Mrs. Clay of Saint Paul A.M.E. Church, their choirs, ushers and members for the beautiful service rendered in behalf of fifty state rally day at Union. Pastor Clay spoke to the subject "Power for Auction". Our chairmen were Sister Deloris Clayvon and Sister Esther Wadsworth.

The Angel Choir extends a personal invitation to all of you to be with them Sunday May 5th. at 4 p.m. in honor of their eighth anniversary. Many choirs from Des Moines will be present and we will miss you if you don't come. Chrm. are Sister Evelyn Thomas and Sister Billie Jean Moore. Diedra Thomas is pianist, Janice Ary is president.

## CHURCH WOMEN UNITED SERVICES

May Fellowship Day Friday May 3rd, at 1 p.m. Capital Hill Christian Church 3322 East 25th Street. Chrm. Mrs. Earl Barclay.

Saint John Lutheran Church will offer the same program at 5:30 p.m. Chrm. Mrs. Ethyl Geer.

A panel consisting of career women will bring to you their personal stories of our 1974 theme "Explore new paths." Panel members are Josephine Barnes (Minister), Evelyn Buttram (Social Worker), Evelyn Davis (Child Care Director) Diane Gruenwald (Doctor), Phillis Henry (Police Woman) and Mildred Mahanna (Business Women). The public is invited to attend these services. Ecumenical celebrations chrm is Clara Wade.

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## SOUL STREET DAY CARE CENTER

The Soul Street Day Care Center is most unusual. It is one of the most talked about businesses in the City. I arrived right after lunch. The little people were having their play before nap time.



Marion Eppright

Mr. Eppright, after being replaced by a woman teacher, sat down with me. He explained that the day care was patterned after the Montessori Method coupled with something from the visual literacy. I greeted this admission with a complimentary remark. Mr. Eppright responded very quietly that he felt that he had made a contribution to education in his time and in his own way.

He deserves credit. He says, "You show me a child that can follow instructions, and I will show you a child, who can go

places." Mr. Eppright states that 50% of a child's intelligence is acquired from birth to 5 years of age. His school capitalizes on this period.

Calling three youngsters to our table, Mr. Eppright asked them "Who are you?" They replied "I am somebody and I am important. And I am beautiful". He placed figures on a blackboard asking a small boy to read them. When he did, Marion differed with him. The youngster indignantly stuck to his reading of the figure. Marion praised him for insisting he was right when he knew he was correct.

Asking if I had time to view a film I replied "with pleasure". He called out "David." Little David came to him addressing him as "Sir." and awaited instructions. He asked if he'd like to show me the film. With that Little David Burk threaded the film, hooked the tape and turned it on. After I finished viewing the film, David threaded the film on the original spool and dismounting the spools, placed everything in order. I had enjoyed his service every bit as much as the film.

At this point Eppright pointed out that a child can be instructed to do many things. The teacher teaches the children when a class begins. After that the children do the things which interest them.

He called for two of the children to bring him some shapes. They walked over to a shelf, selected two containers on which were plastic shapes: among them were squares, circles, right angles, triangles and the like. He asked the boys what were the containers. "They are units," the boys replied.

Supplies in orderly arrangements are to be seen everywhere. Eppright says this is the proper way to plan for the youngsters. "Writing" isn't the way to plan, but equipment available to the youngsters is the proper program.

In this way you help the children develop a sense of order in every day life. They develop eye and hand coordination. They concentrate 15 minutes to half an hour. They learn to concentrate on something until it is completed. Next they learn independence in life. They are not a slave to a parent or teacher. They derive self-satisfaction by doing a job by themselves.

How many others can add up their days to such totals? I wish that every child could share in a comparable experience. I wish there were a guarantee that each little being from birth until 5, could have their welfare so guarded.

I asked Mr. Eppright how Soul Street came into being. The story centers around his own career.

He worked for the YMCA. He worked with the schools as an

outreach worker, but was disappointed in some instances in trying to bring about a change in some of the young people. So someone from the schools decided that he had been a good worker with preschool ages through his associations with young people in the community. The job was offered to him. He refused. It was offered to him again and he felt that this must be for him. The Des Moines Public Schools employed him. The Southern Iowa Learning Resources Center, Red Oak, Iowa, was consultant to the School Board and set up his training. The whole effort was a challenge for him. He wanted to be a pioneer in a new field and this was it. Now he wouldn't want to do anything else.

The arrangements were made for him to spend some time at the Montessori Educational Center in Omaha, Nebraska, grooming him for his work in day care. He was to spend some time in Red Oak. In 1973 he again spent two weeks for advanced Montessori training.

Marion Eppright, as I said, heads a most talked about day care center. Viewing his role with young people, he felt impelled to view life seriously and so found himself giving of himself and his time to the ministry. And so ended my visit to Soul Street Day Care Center.

## North Las Vegas Wedding

Miss Arlene Craig and Mr. Melvin Jackson, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Jackson, Sr. were married April 19th at the Shades of Peace and Love Wedding Chapel.

A reception followed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jackson, Sr.

Out-of-town guests included Mr. and Mrs. Philip Jackson, uncle and aunt, Gwyn Hardiman, an aunt of Los Angeles, and Mrs. Evelyn Ritchie, a cousin, of Des Moines. This wedding marked three generations of this date.

Mrs. Evelyn Ritchie, 45 years. Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Jackson, Sr. 24 years and, of course, the newly weds.

The following Sunday marked Mrs. Jackson, Sr.'s birthday. Mrs. Jackson is the former Frances Potts.

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## Anita Brown Wins Second Place In Cooking Contest

Anita Brown participated in a cooking contest in the Vocational Food Class at Tech High School. Her first cake was criticized by food students and food teachers. The second cake was donated to the kindergarten class. She was permitted to bring the third cake home.

She next baked the contest entry, a cake baked in the form of a cat.

The judges commented on her "ease of time, motion and equipment." There was a two hour time limit for preparation of the cake. Her skill was judged "excellent." Her choice of equipment was termed "good." Her safety was "especially excellent." She was "neat,



Anita Brown

excellent in grooming, and originality". She "maintained poise during difficult periods."

Anita is a sophomore at Tech and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Deering, 1526 McCormick Street.

## The T-Cwan Club Meets

The T-Cwan Club president and hostess, Mrs. Rose Tolson, treated the members last month to an evening of fun, snacks, and music at the Black Play Boy Club. The club met Friday at the home of Mrs. Nadine Abbott for a business meeting. A lovely repast was enjoyed by all.

The president wishes to remind all members, please don't forget your secret pals. The next meeting will be May 10th at the home of Mrs. Margaret Galbourn, 1504 Washington.

## African Violet Show

The Evening African Violet Club of Des Moines presents its African Violet Show, Saturday, May 4 from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday, May 5, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. It will be held at the Filter Plant, Water Works Park on Fleur Drive in Des Moines. There will be judging of individual plant entries and artistic designs and arrangements featuring the African violet. The Show Theme is "Violet Symphony."

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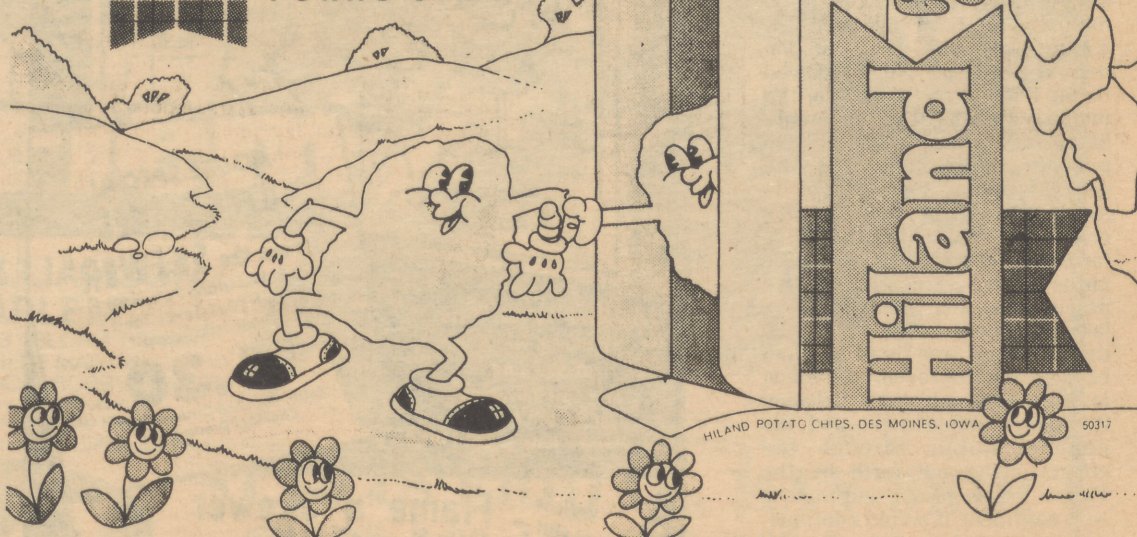
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## Round The City

By Ken Warren

Recently I had the pleasure of interviewing Lt. Frank Kaiser of the Des Moines Police Department and here are the results of that interview. Lt. Kaiser is in charge of the Public Relations department under the auspices of the police administration with a staff of three persons plus the ability to utilize other personnel from all the other various departments. The main purpose of this unit is to promote understanding between the police and the community as a whole; it is the hope of this unit to especially create an atmosphere of mutual respect and concern in the so-called ghetto or black areas. Another goal is the recruiting of minorities into the police system; Lt. Kaiser reassured me that he and any member of his staff would diligently pursue this endeavor with the greatest vigor. He remarked he will go anywhere at anytime that is reasonable to discuss this matter with any group or individual that is interested in becoming involved with the local police department. In a recent article I asked if Lt. Kaiser was being utilized to the best advantage since his promotion, this is one of the questions I put to Lt. Kaiser. He answered that question with a definite yes because he felt that had he been assigned to another area, he would have most likely been in charge of a small segment of the police function and may have been able to possibly influence actions and attitudes of this segment, but in his present job scope he has the potential to influence to some effective degree the whole police department and the general public as well. He further stated that in the short time he has been in his present capacity the cooperation from the total department has been excellent and that the responses from the general public have been very encouraging. The basic tools used by this unit are movies, pamphlets, personal contacts, the police uniform and police vehicles to accomplish educational programs, and profiles designed to promote a positive image of policemen in general. They have also established classes such as the law enforcement class at Tech High School for the purpose of making persons familiar with the duties and problems of policemen by allowing them to accompany these officers on routine patrols. I queried Lt. Kaiser on the goals of the department as he perceived them, he replied that one of the primary goals was to create better relations between the police department and the general public, another was to assist in public problems as they relate to the overall police functions and letting the public know and understand police procedures and problems. His last statement before we closed the interview was that there had been great improvements made in the communications between the police department and the general public through the efforts being put forth by the Public Relation unit and that he was confident it would continue.

The most important question that Lt. Kaiser and I discussed was the proposed creation of a

minority advisory council to the police department. Lt. Kaiser was in favor of this concept only if it was completely sanctioned by the top echelon administrative personnel of the police department and was composed of responsible persons from the minority community. He further stated that his concurrence with the idea was of very little relative importance unless it was the wish of the power structure of the police department and the city council. The reason I queried Lt. Kaiser on this particular question was because in an earlier interview with Chief Nichols, he indicated this was one of the priorities that ranked high on his list.

In my opinion it is time that this group was established, because if handled properly, it can be a useful tool to combat the strained feelings between the police department and the minority community; it may also be the solution to the eradication of some of the double standards of law enforcement suffered by minorities.

Chief Nichols, if you were sincere in your desire to alleviate the atmosphere of distrust, then I charge you and the city council with the responsibility of taking the necessary steps to make this concept a reality. I also charge the minority community with the task of demanding that this advisory council becomes a viable organ to voice opinions on proper law enforcement in the community.

Remember anyone can be a complainer but participation gets the job done.

To go one step further I think this unit should be channeled through the Public Relations department but with the full cooperation and concurrence of the power structure. I don't mean that this group be used as informers by the department. But I do mean the recommendations of this council should be given serious consideration. Whenever feasible, these recommendations should be adopted as part of the

policies of the police department. Maybe if we all work at a equitable solution to the complex and many problems they will not seem so insurmountable after all.

Chief Nichols, the City Council and all concerned persons: "LIKE IN CHECKERS, IT IS YOUR MOVE".

## Political Profile

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Two northern states almost match the rates of increase in the South. They are New York, which has shown a 135 percent increase since 1970, and New Jersey, with a 108 percent increase.

Mississippi is the state where blacks constitute the largest proportion of all elected officials in the state. They account for four percent of that state's office holders. Blacks make up more than one percent of elected officials in only 11 other states.

Other states in which the black share of elected offices is close to Mississippi are Alabama, where blacks account for 3.7 percent of elected officials in the state and 26 percent of the total population; South Carolina, 3.8 percent of officials and 30.4 percent of the population, and Maryland, 3.3 percent of officials and 17.8 percent of the population.

Nationwide, blacks constitute slightly over one-half of one percent (0.057) of the almost 522,000 elected officials throughout the United States. By contrast, 11.1 percent of the nation's population is black.

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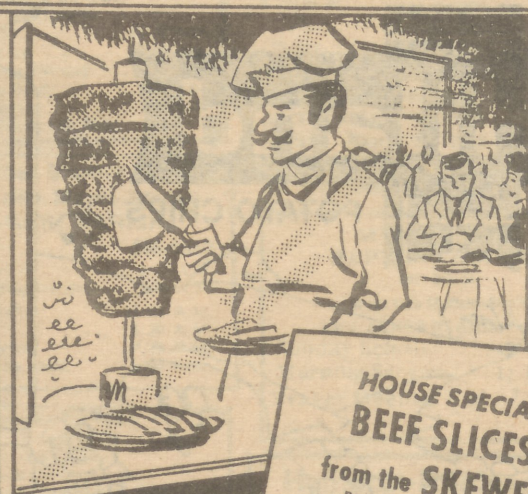
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The Northeast, with 19.3 percent of all blacks, has 16.6 percent of black elected officials, while the West, which embraces eight percent of the nation's black population, holds only 6.5 percent of the black officials.

Other highlights culled from this year's tally of black elected officials include:

\*The state with the most black members of Congress is California, with three. They are Reps. Yvonne B. Burke, Ronald V. Dellums, and Augustus F. Hawkins.

\*States with the largest number of blacks in a state legislature are Illinois and Maryland. Each has 19.

\*There are 236 blacks in legislatures of 41 states. New Jersey has a black speaker of the assembly, S. Howard Woodson of Trenton.

\*Only four blacks hold offices that are filled by votes of a statewide electorate. They are Secretary of State Richard H. Austin of Michigan; Superintendent of Public Instruction Wilson C. Riles of California; State Supreme Court Justice Robert N.C. Nix, Jr. of Pennsylvania, and U.S. Senator Edward W. Brooke of

Massachusetts.

The 1974 National Roster of Black Elected Officials (Volume 4) will be available in early May. It may be ordered for \$6.00 per copy from the Publications Office, Joint Center for Political Studies, 1426 H Street, N.W., Suite 926, Washington, D.C. 20005.

## Iowa Civil Rights Comm.

The Iowa Civil Rights Commission will hold a public hearing on its proposed rules and regulations regarding Age Discrimination in Employment. The public hearing will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 12, 1974 in the Cadiz Room of the Ramada inn located at 929 Third Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa. All oral presentations will be limited to five minutes.

Any individual or group who desires to make an oral presentation must contact Sue Zylstra at 515/281-3286 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on or before Friday, June 7, 1974. Those individuals or groups who wish to submit a written presentation should mail these to Sue Zylstra, Iowa Civil Rights Commission, Executive Hills West, 1209 East Court Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa 50319 on or before Friday, June 7, 1974.

Copies of the proposed rules on Age Discrimination in Employment will be furnished by the Commission upon request.

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by Habiba

**The Moton Guide To American Colleges With A Black Heritage** is jam packed with information for everyone interested in Black institutions of higher education. It's great for non-reading pre-schoolers too, because the photographs of Black students are as attractive as the eighty-some pages of information. **The Moton Guide** lists 103 colleges, and offers concise information regarding each school's test requirements, annual costs, majors offered, number of students, percentage of Black students, and athletic teams. As an example, following is a **Moton Guide** profile of **Prairie View A & M College in Texas**.

1) Offers majors in almost all fields from Afro-American Studies to Zoology.

2) It is a public college with a Grad School. Test requirements include the SAT and ACT.

3) Tuition, fees and room & board are under \$2,000 per year for out-of-state students. 75% of students live on campus.

4) 5,000 student body, male/female ratio is even. 85% to 89% of students are Black. Financial aid available; 75% of the students receive some form of aid. Faculty-student ratio is 1 to 20. Founded in 1876, offers a varsity athletic program in football, basketball, baseball, tennis, golf and track.

The Moton Guide is attractive, useful and valid. It may be one of the best arguments in favor of attending Black colleges. It is available for reference at the Bystander office, as is information on obtaining a copy of your own. All high schools with Black student bodies should have a copy.

### Haitian Goatskin Drums Dangerous To Some

Persons traveling to Haiti were advised today by the Public Health Service not to purchase goatskin drums produced in that country. Dr. Charles C. Edwards, HEW Assistant Secretary for Health, issued the warning following the discovery that a 22-year-old Florida woman contracted anthrax—a bacterial disease—from such drums purchased in Haiti last December.

Anthrax is an acute bacterial disease, usually of the skin, characterized by blisters (vesicles) at the site of the infection, which develop into a depressed black scab (exchar). Untreated infections may lead to blood poisoning (septicemia) and death. The Florida woman has recovered from her illness.

The Center for Disease Control (CDC), the agency which administers the PHS quarantine program, has announced that because of the risk to persons handling such drums, importation of the drums from Haiti will not be permitted at the United States ports of entry. Dr. David J. Sencer, Director, CDC, said persons who have previously purchased such drums produced in Haiti are advised to turn them in to their

local or state health department for appropriate disposal.

"The bacterial organism which causes anthrax produces a spore highly resistant to disinfection. The infectious spores may persist on a contaminated item for many years. Therefore, persons owning Haitian goatskin drums should turn them over to their health department regardless of the age of the drums," Dr. Sencer said.

## Twins



**TWO IS BETTER THAN ONE.** Walter Williams, a member of the world famous Philadelphia International singing group, The O'Jays, has much to sing about these days. Because recently his wife, Nancy, presented the proud father with identical twin girls. Their names are, left to right; Shalawn (Lovie) and Seandra (Dovie). The couple also has another daughter named Dawn.

### "To Be Young, Gifted and Black"

With a distinguished cast including Ruby Dee, Barbara Barrie, Claudie McNeil, Al Freeman, Jr., Roy Scheider, Blythe Danner and Lauren Jones, "To Be Young, Gifted and Black," a portrait of the late playwright Lorraine Hansberry, airs as part of WNET/13's THEATER IN AMERICA, public television's major new drama series being funded by Exxon Corporation and the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

Adapted from the immensely successful stage production depicting the life and works of the late Black playwright, "To Be Young, Gifted and Black," will be broadcast nationally over the Public Broadcasting Service Saturday, May 4, at 10:30 p.m.

Lorraine Hansberry was 34 years old when she died of cancer in 1965. Her most famous work, "A Raisin in the Sun," had made her the youngest American and the first Black playwright to win the New York Drama Critics Circle Award (best play, 1959). The play later became a major motion picture and she won the Cannes Film Festival Award for the screenplay. A musical version of the work, "Raisin," is now enjoying a successful run on Broadway.

"To Be Young, Gifted and Black" is a creation of the playwright's husband, Robert Nemiroff, who calls it "a

portrait" of Miss Hansberry "in her own words." Woven together from her diaries and letters, and from portions of her plays, it relates her experiences growing up as a Black artist in America, and the realization that her life would be ended prematurely. For television, many scenes have been filmed on location to capture such episodes as Miss Hansberry's response to the streets of Harlem, and her bittersweet memories of a high school English teacher.

### Rhodesian Leader, Ian Smith On Firing Line

Rhodesian Prime Minister Ian Smith, whose white supremacy policies have been described as "unabashed racism" will confront William F. Buckley Jr. on **FIRING LINE** at 8 pm on channel 11 & 12, Sat. May 4.

The 60-minute exchange, which was taped in Rhodesia, will be transmitted nationally by Public Broadcasting Service. On this program, Smith will explain his country's racial policies, discuss the United Nations embargo and talk about relations with Rhodesia's black African neighbors.

Smith became Prime Minister in 1964 and declared the country independent from Great Britain in 1965. Britain and the United Nations imposed an embargo on Rhodesia in an effort to force the country to give political power to the country's black citizens who constitute about 97 per cent of the total population.

However, the embargoes have been largely unsuccessful and Rhodesia has continued to implement its policy of white supremacy and conduct a thriving export business.

Forbes Magazine termed Smith's policies "unabashed racism" and added "his views are those of a man cut off from the rest of the world and increasingly self-righteous in his actions."

Smith does not apologize for his country's racial policies but contends, instead that, "in the main, the racial divisions have been created to protect the black man, not the white man."

Nonetheless, many black Africans want the policies changed and guerrillas are active in many parts of Rhodesia.

"Change is coming," a former British official predicted, "and the government cannot stop it. It is up to Smith whether it comes peacefully — or whether we get our throats cut."



## Black Godfather's Mad...and that's Real Bad!

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# Church

## MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH NEWS

The Mt. Olive Senior Choir, will have their annual "Mother, Daughter Tea", on Sunday afternoon May 5th, at the Church from 3:00 to 6:00.

There will be a short program proceeding the Tea, with Mr. David Burkett narrating, "Don't Drive Your Mother Away".

This program is one of the efforts, leading up to Our Pastors 24th Anniversary with us. Everyone is welcome.

## CORINTHIAN MOTHERS' BOARD PROGRAM

The Corinthian Mothers' Board is having Mother's Day candlelight service, May 12, at 7:00 p.m. The guest speaker will be Mrs. Marri B. Johnson.

## A Tribute To All Mothers

The pastor, officers and members of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church invites you, the public, to a very special Mother's Day Program on May 12, 1974 at 7:00 p.m.

The "Des Moines Harmonette's" will be in concert for the occasion with praises in song honoring all mothers living or deceased.

The oldest mother, the youngest mother and the mother with the most children will be receiving special recognition.

Make it a point to leave May 12th open on your calendar or date book so that you will be able to partake of this program dedicated especially for all mothers.

Sunday services includes Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. divine worship at 11:00 a.m. Holy Communion will be administered by pastor and associates.

## Elizabeth Tolliver Missionary Society

MISSIONARY DAY will feature Mrs. Patrick Ann Clay as guest speaker in an afternoon service at 3:30 p.m. in the sanctuary of Bethel A.M.E. Church, 1528 - E. University. A native of Mississippi, Mrs. Patrick Ann Clay - nee Eichelberger, spent most of her school-age years in Chicago, Illinois. After graduating from Wendell Phillips High School, she attended the University of Illinois at Chicago for two years, then transferred to the University of Illinois, Urbana. There she earned her Bachelor of Arts degree.

After graduating in 1961, she began her employment as a social worker with the Cook Department of Public Aid, (specializing in child welfare). In 1967 Mrs. Clay transferred to the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services. She now serves as a Child Protective Services Worker with the Polk County Social Services.

She has done graduate studies at Jane Addams School of Social Work in Chicago, Illinois, Chicago State College, and the De Paul University College of Law.

Mrs. Clay is one of the original founders of the Afro-American Family and Community Service Agency, the only independent Black professional agency of its kind in the United States. She is a lecturer for religious and social activities throughout the country. Mrs. Clay is the wife of Rev. Robert G. Clay, pastor of St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church. She is the mother of Camilla Patrice age 10 and Gordon Dave, age 5.

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These and other questions will be explored in a free public lecture to be given in Hotel Fort Des Moines, Sunday, May 5th, at 3:30 P.M.

Miss Jessica Pickett, C.S., of Chicago, Ill. will speak under the auspices of Second Church of Christ, Scientist, Des Moines. The title of the lecture, "Your Right to be Right."

The lecture is free and everyone is invited. No collection will be taken.



## WILLIAM E. SPRIGGS

Services for William E. Spriggs, 75, of 2024 Forty-seventh St., who died Saturday at Mercy Hospital, following a brief illness, were held at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at Union Baptist Church. Burial will be in Glendale Cemetery.

Mr. Spriggs was born in Tuscumbia, Ala., and had lived in Des Moines 61 years. He was a retired employee of Central National Bank, a member of Senior Citizens Pioneer Club, Golden Age Bridge Club, Senior Citizens Whist Club, Treasurer of Four Counties Senior Citizen Pioneer Club, Golden Age Bridge Club, Senior Citizens Whist Club, Treasurer of Four Counties Senior Citizen Pioneer Clubs.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Ruth Turner, of Miami, Fla., Mrs. Edith Roberson, of Flint, Mich.; four sons, Thurman, of Virginia Beach, Va., William H., of Seattle, Wash., Max, of Champaign, Ill., Lacey D., Principal of Brody Junior High School in Des Moines, with whom he made his home; one brother, Rev. Alphonso Spriggs, of Des Moines; two sisters, Mrs. Lutie Wiley, of Riverside, Calif., Mrs. Anna Lee Rhodes, of Beggs, Okla., 16 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

## MRS. JENNIE E. FINDLEY

Services for Mrs. Jennie E. Findley, 92, of 1349 Fremont St. will be at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at L. Fowler & Son Funeral Home, with burial in Glendale Cemetery.

Mrs. Findley died of arteriosclerosis Wednesday at Mercy Hospital.

## GEORGE ALFRED BROOKS

Funeral services for George Alfred Brooks, age 66, who died April 15, 1974 at the New Haven Rest Home were held at L. Fowler Funeral Home on April 18, 1974. Burial was at Glendale Cemetery.

Mr. Brooks was born in Buxton, Iowa and he came to Des Moines at an early age. His latest employment was at the Holiday Inn.

He is survived by his son William Sharp of Des Moines; five sisters: Mrs. Odessa Booker, Mrs. Violet Evans, Mrs. Gladys Kemp all of Des Moines, Mrs. Fleta Johnson of Arlington, Virginia and Mrs. Evelyn Phillips of Seaside, Calif.; a brother, Obed Brooks of Seattle, Washington and a number of nieces and nephews.



**MUTUAL CONCERN** — Ms. Carmen R. Maymi, director of the Women's Bureau, U.S. Department of Labor, (right) and Madame Elizabeth Thiam, director of cabinet, Ministry of Labor and Welfare, Ivory Coast, discuss some of the programs, goals and achievements of the Women's Bureau in promoting the welfare of women. Mrs. Thiam visited the United States on a State Department cultural exchange grant. While in the United States, Mrs. Thiam visited Labor Department officials, members of trade unions and women's organizations.

## John Ehrlich, III Wins Oratorical Contest

The winner of the Elks \$1000 Oratorical Contest was John Ehrlich, III, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Ehrlich II, 912 California Drive. He is a sophomore at Roosevelt High and is 16 years old.

Runner-up was Miss Sandra Faye Brown, age 16, a senior at Roosevelt. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Brown, 1905 Lincoln Avenue.

Randall Kong, age 16, a senior at North High School, was third. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. William Kong, 2103 Chautauqua Parkway.

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## O'Daye To Attend Sixth Pan African Congress

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Mr. O'Daye, 55, was named a delegate by the North American Region Executive Committee of the congress, which will be held June 19 through June 27; the original dates of June 3 through June 13 were changed to avoid a conflict with another conference, the Organization of African Unity.

As part of Mr. O'Daye's responsibilities as a delegate to the conference, the Sixth Pan African Support Committee is seeking views, questions and statements concerning Black life in Des Moines and throughout Iowa. Mr. O'Daye will carry this information with him to the congress for discussion there in Dar Es Salaam.

Persons wishing to submit such statements or views should contact the committee through the Survival Education

Association, 643 Twenty-seventh St.

The Sixth Pan African Congress, the latest in a series of congresses held since the early 1900's, is meeting to provide a vehicle through which African peoples worldwide can progress in self-reliance and self determination in agriculture, health and nutrition, science and technology, education and communication, politics and liberation movements throughout the world.

Pan Africanism, simply defined, means that all Black people, regardless of their geographical locations, are an African people (including those in the United States); that they have a definite and intimate relationship with other African peoples, and that the struggles being waged on all levels of the continent are the struggles of all African peoples elsewhere.

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## card of thanks

### CARD OF THANKS

The family of George Brooks wishes to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to Rev. H.R. Fields, Rev. George H. Parrish, Rev. Albert Fox, L. Fowler & Son and our many friends for their floral arrangements, food, telegrams and expressions of sympathy during our bereavement.

William Sharp, Odessa Booker

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Violet Evans Evelyn Phillips & Obed Brooks

### CARD OF THANKS

Mrs. Maybelle Jefferson of 1733 Walker St. was in Mercy Hospital for ten days with pneumonia. She wishes to thank Rev. Robert Clay and St. Paul A.M.E. Church, Mrs. Pauline Gilbert of Bethel A.M.E. and others for their prayers and cards during her illness.

### CARD OF THANKS

The family of Mrs. Jennie Findley wishes to express its sincere appreciation to all those who were so very kind during their hour of sorrow. May God bless & keep you.

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Northwestern Bell stresses that when a buried telephone cable is cut, phone service to homes and businesses could be disrupted over a wide area. Long distance calling and even network radio and TV could be affected. "If a calling emergency came at that point," he says, "the result could be tragic."

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NOTICE is hereby given that the Articles of Incorporation of CAPITAL CONSULTANTS, INC., were adopted and filed in the office of the Secretary of the State of Iowa. The Articles provide in substance as follows:

1. Name: CAPITAL CONSULTANTS, INC.

2. Applicable Statutory Chapter: Chapter 496A of the 1973 Code of Iowa.

3. Date of Beginning: February 26, 1974

4. Period of Duration: Perpetual

5. Purpose: Corporation shall have unlimited power to engage in and to do any lawful act concerning lawful business for which corporation may be organized under provisions of chapter 496A, Iowa Code, 1973.

6. Shares: Aggregate Number of Shares is 150,000; one class, with a parvalue of \$1.00 per share.

7. Address: Initial registered office is 511 Third St., Ankeny, Iowa.

8. Agent: R. J. Wagener  
9. Director: R. J. Wagener, 511 Third Street, Ankeny, Iowa.

Dated at Ankeny, Iowa, this 29th day of April, 1974.

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# Around the State

## Ottumwa



**Rev. Jesse Daniels**

Sunday, April 28th was the day Rev. Jesse Daniels was installed as the pastor of Second Baptist Church in Ottumwa. He was installed by Rev. William Heath of Shiloh Baptist Church in Des Moines. It was truly a beautiful ceremony. The pulpit was full of visiting ministers, all of whom gave a short talk. A lovely dinner was served with about 200 people in attendance. Rev. Daniels is also an associate pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church in Des Moines. Second Baptist Church is grateful to have Rev. Daniels as their pastor because he is indeed a man of God.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Melvin Smith were guests of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Taylor at Play Time Club in Oskaloosa on Tuesday, April 23rd. The occasion was Mr. and Mrs. Smith's 45th wedding anniversary.

Mrs. Mack Baugh and her son

Ralph have returned from Kansas City, Mo. Mrs. Baugh took the trip to visit her daughters, Mrs. Edna Perry, Mrs. Naomie Lalinie and Miss Barbara Baugh. Miss Baugh will be attending law school while working in Kansas City.

### MRS HARVEY CLARK

Laura Christina Clark, 84, of 508 Meadow, died Friday at 1:10 a.m. at Ottumwa Hospital. She had been in failing health five months.

She was born Nov. 8, 1889, in Centerville, to George and American Madison Chrittenden. She had lived in Ottumwa 50 years and was a member of the A.M.E. Church.

She married Harvey Clark on Aug. 17, 1919, in Missouri.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Kathleen Brooks and Mrs. Gladys Beverly, both of Ottumwa; one son, Calbert Clark of Ottumwa; 15 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; and one sister, Alice Conley of Ottumwa. She was preceded in death by her husband and one son.

The funeral service was Monday at 1:30 p.m. at Jay Funeral Home with the Rev. Lloyd Watts of Mount Zion A.M.E. Church officiating. Burial was in Ottumwa Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Curtis Green, Frank Vivian, Fred Flowers, Cecil Manley and Russell Hendred.

## Keokuk

**Mrs. B. H. Toomes**  
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Mrs. A. V. Robbins has returned to her home in Quincy, Ill. after spending the winter in Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. Joplin Wilson of Chicago, Mr. and Mrs. James

Patrick, Mr. and Mrs. William Salisbury of Evanston were week-end guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. Merritt.

Debra Bradley and Kevin Oliver were among the 24 Career Education students that made the trip to Orlando, Florida last week.

Mrs. Annie Baker is in St. Louis, Mo. with her brother Benjamin and wife for an indefinite stay.

Mrs. Mary Majors entertained the Self-Culture Club on Sunday, April 28th. Mrs. Jane Marion was the guest and spoke on her trip to Rumania. Mrs. Majors is the daughter of one of the charter members, Mrs. Della Bland Johnson. The club was organized in November of 1913.

## BURLINGTON

**Mrs. Velma L. Lewis**  
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Brother Virgil Redd conducted the morning worship services at St. John A.M.E. Church because Rev. A.C. Wright, Jr. and Mrs. Wright were in Evanston, Ill.

Mrs. Gladys Redd, Mrs. Virginia White, and Mrs. Virginia Oldham, members of the Sweet Roll Bowling League, also known as the "The Frostines", won second place and a trophy for the year. This award was presented at a banquet held at PZAZZ last Tuesday night. Gladys Redd had high series with 555 at the Thursday A.M. League.

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## Ruth Culberson Wins Speech Contest



**Ruth Culberson**

Clinton - Mrs. Ruth Culberson, member of the Clinton Toastmistress Club, won first place in the Council 4, Corn Belt Region, International Toastmistress Clubs speech contest.

Mrs. Culberson will compete in the regional contest in Oak Park, Illinois in May.

## Iowa Civil Rights Comm. Report

Written Application for the Rules and Regulations on Disability and Submitting of Written Responses to These.

The Iowa Civil Rights Commission held its public hearing on the Proposed Rules and Regulations on Disability at

Ramada Inn in the Cadiz Room on April 10, 1974. After listening to the testimony which was provided at the public hearing and reviewing the written responses, additional time to submit written responses to the Rules and Regulations on Disability will be granted.

Those individuals or groups who wish to request copies of the proposed Rules and Regulations on Disability must contact Office Secretary Sue Zylstra by telephone at 515/281-3286 or write to her at 1209 East Court Avenue, Room 405, Des Moines, Iowa 50319. Copies of the proposed Rules and Regulations will be forwarded by mail to those individuals or groups who make requests.

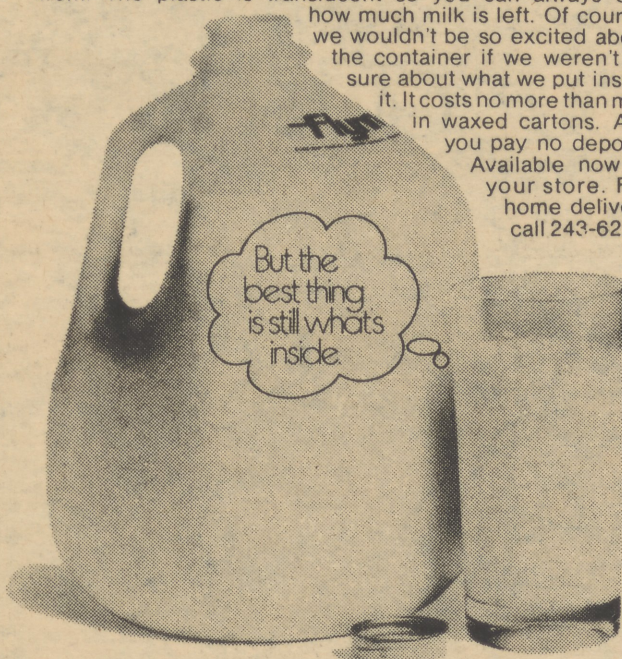
All written responses to the Rules and Regulations on Disability which are submitted will be reviewed and considered by the Commission. The deadline for submitting written responses to the Rules and Regulations on Disability will be extended to May 9, 1974.



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# sports



by Allen Ashby

If you are a track fan, I don't have to tell you about what the brothers did at the Drake Relays last week-end. You know that for years black runners have been sort of taking over in the short races and long and triple jump.

Schools like Texas A&M, Louisiana State, Rice and Texas Christian used to come up here and were tough with all white outfits. Now they have black runners who in other times would be going to Texas Southern, Grambling, Wiley, Prairie View or some northern schools.

But it seems there are enough of the guys to go around, and now there has come upon the scene a bunch of fellows also black from countries whose names American whites couldn't even pronounce and now they can't pronounce their names. They come from places like Nigeria, Kenya, I think, and other places I can't get on this paper.

They even went down into the high school ranks, where a young fellow from one of those countries took the baton about fifty yards behind a good Dowling half miler and caught and passed him with ease in the two mile relay for high schools. Then he did it again in the mile relay. All his team mates wanted to do was get him in the stadium for the last lap, no matter whether he was tenth. And they did and he did. His name is Korir and he ran for Washington of Cedar Rapids. Here at home, Mike Anderson of Tech chased Davenport's Carl Parks home in the hundred, and Chris Briant came up second in the hurdles as well as running on winning relay teams. In fact, they were all through the high school section, more than they have been in a number of years.

The university and college section was tough. In the short relays there were so many blacks on the track at once that it looked like a mob scene from the ghetto.

A fellow asked one of the Prairie View runners if they were going to break any records, and he said that they would if it didn't rain. They won three races Friday and Saturday, and were disqualified in one Friday. They might have finished second in that one.

Grambling came up with a couple of wins, and there was a funny incident about them. They were all black suits, and as there was a mad scramble between the black anchor men in the half mile relay, some guy sitting next to me asked which one was Grambling. With the track suits in mind, I replied the black. The fellow looked at me and snorted, "Hell, man, there are ten blacks out there. Which one do you mean?" Had to explain that I meant the black suits.

The hurdles and hundred were just about complete blackouts. It looked as if they had a couple of token whites in the two races, but the blacks had it out among themselves. Texas Southern used to run away with honors in the college section, but they moved up into the university races and won two of those

races, and finished fourth in another one.

But what got us was the way the black runners literally took over the short relays events in the university section as well as the college group. You expected it from schools like the ones there, the black colleges, but schools like Baylor, Texas, A&M, LSU and such, as well as the Big Ten schools and Big Eight came up with a collection of black runners. They showed up in the Iowa college races and made their presence known. At one time in the college four-forty relay there were ten black runners sailing around the track, and I mean they were in the wind.

The little fellow from Illinois who set the triple jump mark was in the press box, but he talked so fast that I couldn't get it down, other people took tape recordings and played them back and came up with the fact that he disagreed with his coach about how much time he should spend practicing. You get those guys up there, and everybody asks them questions, and they try to talk and think at once and

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if they have just finished a tough race, it can be a chore.

Marshall Dill of Michigan State looks big enough to play football. He would be tough coming out of the backfield on a swing pass, or for that matter, carrying the ball. Most of the sprinters this year looked like big husky athletes. They were not the usual rather slightly built fellows like Mike Boit of Eastern New Mexico, but they were husky.

About three years ago, a relay team from Chicago, Mayor Daly's Youth foundation, finished last in a race here. The girl told me after the race that she wasn't going to quit coming back here until they won a relay race. Well, they can stop now, because black girls kept step with the fellows. Prairie View girls didn't want to go home and say they didn't do as well as the fellows, so they came up with a win. About all I can say that is if you went to the races and were black, you had every reason to be proud.



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