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Newsman Wood Dies of Heart Attack

AP— Prominent newspaper man and leader of the St. Louis Black Community, 59 year old Howard Woods is dead of an apparent heart attack while attending the National Urban League Convention in Boston.

Woods, who died late Monday, was Editor and Publisher of the St. Louis Sentinel, a weekly. He also served as chairman of the St. Louis Urban League Board of Directors. Woods was Vice President of the National Newspaper Association and a member of the University of Missouri Board of Curators.

Survivors include his widow, Jane. Funeral arrangements are incomplete.

NEWS BRIEFS

Chicago, Ill. — Several blacks are among those being considered for the position of Director of Cook County Department of Corrections. Among them are Frank Wilkerson, a young lawyer who is head of the Detroit jail system and Alphonso Ford, deputy commissioner for the New York City jail system.

Chicago, Ill. — The Illinois Board of Governors of State Colleges and Universities recently appointed top educator Dr. Ronald Williams as president of Northeastern Illinois University. Williams, a graduate of Western Reserve University, has more than 15 years of academic and administrative experience.

Portsmouth, Va. — Charging that black persons are being excluded from a golf course built on city owned land in Portsmouth, Virginia the Department of Justice filed a civil suit naming as defendants Portsmouth Mayor Richard J. Davis, Vice Mayor Robert W. Wentz and John C. Harper, developer of the golf course.

Chicago, Ill. — More than 70 women and minority people have joined the group that originally filed a suit of bias against General Motors in December. The suit alleges that General Motors has denied employment on the basis of race, has consistently giving minorities the dirtiest and lowest paying jobs, and has shown a pattern of refusing promotion to black workers.

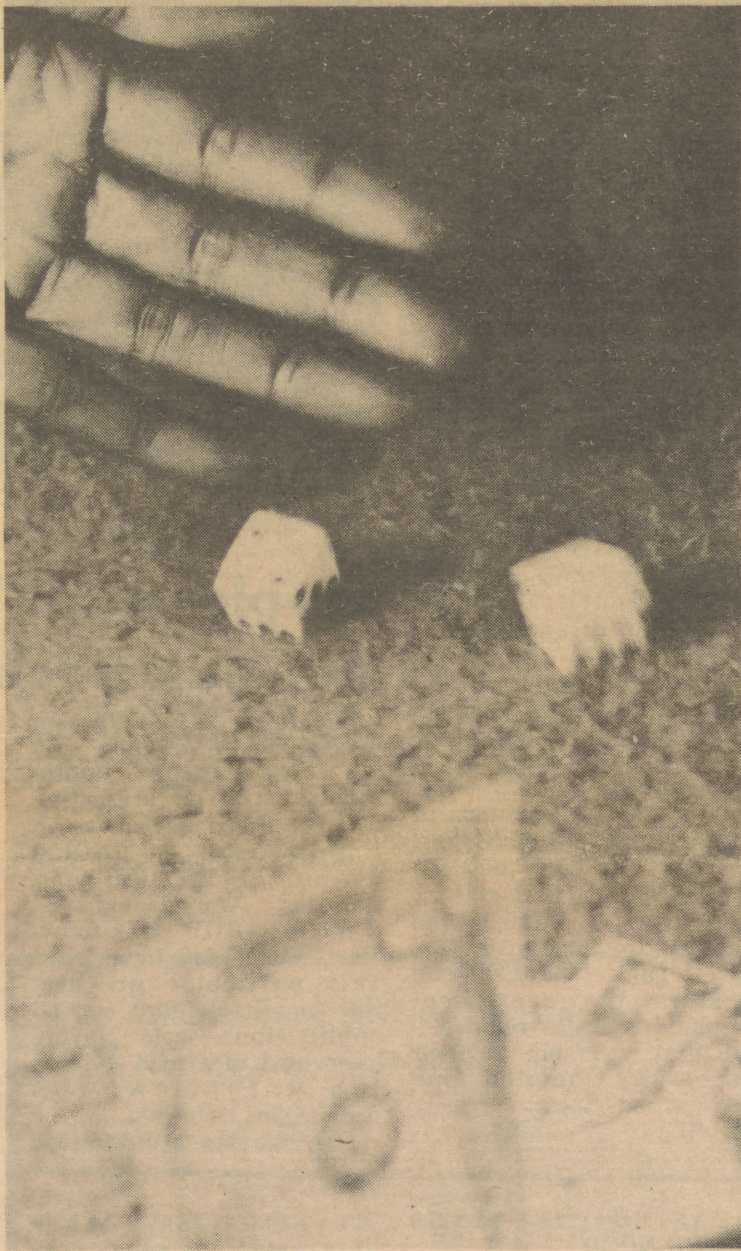


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Gambling: Good or Bad for Black Youth in D.M.?

by Eleanora E. Tate

"I guess I just walked up to the table and said, 'Let me try'. I didn't really know nothin' about dice, but I watched. I learned from everybody else."

—Jim

"You're havin' fun while you're gettin' money—or you're havin' fun while you're losin' your money. But I don't know if it will lead me to bigger trouble."

—Ben

Jim and Ben (not their real names) are "gamblers." Ben, now 19, began "shooting" craps and playing blackjack when he was about 17. Jim, now 20, began when he was about 16.

They are two of an unknown, but substantial number of Black Des Moines teenagers and young adults who gamble.

Up to \$100 (or sometimes more) may change hands to the clink of dice or the shuffle of cards wherever Jim and Ben play.

If the police go by—and they do—the money may be taken from the table—or from the car hood—or from the front porch—or even from the sidewalk.

Both craps and blackjack games for money, regardless of the "geographical location," is illegal, according to Des Moines Police Lt. Lawrence Carpe, who is in charge of the vice control department.

Yet the fact that certain numbers of the city's Black teenagers and young adults can be seen gambling in public apparently means that such "illegal" activity is of little concern to the Des Moines Police Department.

That may be why there have been "very, very few" arrests of gambling juveniles.

Gary Ventling, chief probation officer for the juvenile court here, could not even find any statistics on the number of juveniles arrested for gambling.

"And I can't remember the last time we had a juvenile referred to us on a gambling charge," he said.

He did not know why, except to say that "we're (law related agencies) like the people who wander around in the forest and can't see the trees."

It is not known whether white and other racial groups of teenagers participate in gambling, or whether they gamble as openly.

There are those who recoil at the thought—and the sight—of Black youngsters rolling dice, shuffling cards and dropping money into a pile, for the scene smacks of the stereotype—and the historic, tragic, reality—of Black people gambling.

However, Ben and Jim, and apparently many other young local residents, see it differently.

"I gamble for the thrill of it," said Jim, who said that he once won—and then lost—\$70 in a game. "I like to see the looks on people's faces when they lose."

"People think gambling's a waste of time," Ben added. "If they don't know how to use the things that they're playing with, if they don't know nothin' about what they're doing, well, they're going to lose their money—unless they're getting lucky."

And gambling with the \$2 or \$3 he sometimes borrows from friends probably won't lead him to a life of dice.

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Financial Woes for Black Strikers

Vance Hawthorne

Several hundred Black workers at the Firestone and Armstrong tire companies in Des Moines are directly affected by the nation-wide United Rubber Workers union (URW) strike that is now nearly four months old.

The URW, an affiliate of the AFL-CIO, is demanding cost-of-living wage increases, plus there is

bickering over details of the employees pension adjustments, among other grievances by the union.

With families to support and the burdens of financial obligations staring the majority of the striking workers in the face, the drawn-out, 120-day-old strike is a grave concern.

The striking workers had been receiving \$35 per week

from URW funds for picket duty. "but the union ran out of money within three weeks," according to Lonnie Rollen, a 23-year-old supervisor at the Firestone plant. Nevertheless, the picketing continues.

Rollen, who has worked at the plant since 1972, estimated that 100 to 200

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Black Festival At Good Park August 7 & 8

The Des Moines branch of the A. Phillip Randolph Institute and a Des Moines organization known as Black Pride Inc. have joined together to sponsor a Black Bicentennial Festival at Good Park August 7 and 8.

"It's a two day Black Bicentennial Festival with the emphasis on voter registration," said John Calhoun, a member of both groups. "In those two days (Saturday and Sunday) we're going to have approximately fifteen or sixteen candidates running for office this fall," speaking

at Good Park. Each candidate will have the platform for about fifteen minutes to speak with the community and, hopefully, inform the people about their stance on issues which are of concern in the black community.

Some "prominent" black politicians in Des Moines are expected to attend the festival. Among them Larry Carter, head of the Black Caucus of Iowa.

The two groups are hoping for a large turn-out, perhaps the largest in "the history of the park."

The Black Bicentennial Festival is not solely concerned with the political aspect of the community but also offers, simultaneously a disco-dance and an art exhibition, featuring local Black artist sculptors, and photographers.

Voters Registration booths will be set up and available to the public for those who have yet to register for the fall elections. A mobile registration unit will also be available in the community.

The park regular facilities will remain open for public use.

VIEWS and REVIEWS

by James B. Morris

Black Caucus Mum On Derelict Democrats

When the late Representative A. Clayton Powell of New York was being reprimanded and finally voted out of the House of Representatives, the Black Caucus, which is composed of Black Representatives in the House, complained bitterly that it was done because he was Black. I have always felt that there was sufficient evidence against Powell to take the action which the House did but a lot of people did not agree with me.

I have watched the reports concerning the action being taken against Representative Wayne Hayes of Ohio and Representative Robert L. Sikes of Florida for misconduct which turned out to be a mere slap on the wrist. This was done because only a very few members of the International Relations Subcommittee were willing to challenge Hayes because of the powerful position he held. The same thing is true of Rep. Sikes.

So far as the news appears in our press none of the members of the Black Caucus has not said anything against these men even though they knew that Hayes and Sikes were being let off easy because of the powerful position they held.

Politics make strange bedfellow and cronies are seldom willing to police members of their own party for fear of reprisals.

Disputes Must Not Olympics

The 1976 Olympics closed with a beautiful array of parades Sunday night without incident.

One would think that no wrangles had occurred in the beginning or during the period of competition. And yet Canada, the host nation, found itself stuck with diplomatic relations problems which in the end caused some disagreement with the teams of different countries.

The Olympic officers did an excellent job under the circumstances for today any gatherings of representatives of nations find themselves in disagreement that cause confusion and inability to make very much progress.

But we cannot allow the historic Olympics to fall apart simply because a few nations disagree with the rules.

Iowans In Big Salary Column

The Des Moines Sunday Register, in a feature article of August 1, printed an extensive list of salaries paid executives whose businesses are based in Iowa. Practically all of them were home owned or concerns owned outside of Iowa but which are engaged in manufacturing here.

I have always felt that those Iowans who took the easy route and sold their business to outside concerns found themselves just an employee without making the large salaries like those who head home owned businesses.

Then too, these executives generally spend their money in Iowa and are not required to send it to New York or some other big city for distribution. A town is wealthy and prosperous when it has a lot of local people making big salaries as well as well paid employees, and thus are more interested in building up the things that make their community large and a good place to live and to invite others.

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Culver Seeks Changes In Mailing Checks

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Senator John Culver (D-Iowa) has called on the Treasury Department to change its rules so Iowans don't face weekend delays in receiving their Social Security checks. Culver wrote Treasury Secretary William Simon to ask that he release Social Security checks on Fridays when the normal release date falls on a Saturday, Sunday or a Monday holiday.

Culver noted that current Social Security rules call for mailing checks to arrive on the third of the month. But if the third falls on a weekend or a Monday holiday, the checks are mailed to arrive on Saturday.

"This causes unnecessary hardship for Iowans whose banks aren't open on Saturday," Culver said. "The problem is particularly acute in our state's rural areas. If recipients have trouble cashing their checks, they may have to wait as long as three days before the funds needed for their day-to-day living expenses are available."

Culver noted that the distribution rules can be changed at the discretion of the Treasury Secretary. He joined more than 30 other Senators in asking Simon to take whatever steps are necessary to see that the mailing pattern is changed.

"There are more than 350,000 Iowans over 65," Culver said, "and this small change in government regulations could remove a potential hardship in their receiving needed and well-earned Social Security benefits."



photo by Zack Hamlett, III

Harrison "Hawk" Robinson

Employment Workshop At Dunlap School

The Iowa State Extension Service in cooperation with the Des Moines Public Schools will be presenting two (2) more workshops on Employment. At Dunlap School, S.E. 10th and Railroad.. 7-9 p.m. Aug. 4-76.

WORKSHOP II: Know More About Job Interviews. This particular workshop will consist of filling out job applications, role playing interviews of a good and bad job interview with discussions following.

Job Service of Iowa will

be doing the presentations and will be available to answer all your questions regarding employment.

Aug. 11-76 WORKSHOP III: What Constitutes A Good Employee? Job Service of Iowa, John Deere, Broadlawns, and American Republic Insurance will be making presentations on what they feel makes a good employee. Also, a discussion on apprenticeship programs available in each area of employment.

Presentations will be in English and Spanish and open to the public at no charge. So come along and join us and better your job chances NOW!

LEASING MEETINGS ANNOUNCED

The Polk County Extension Service has scheduled two separate meetings on "Leasing" for landowners and tenants on August 11, according to Mohamad W. Khan. Khan suggests that interested persons should take advantage of these seminars since September 1 is the deadline for leasing contracts.

The first of these meetings will be held at the Bakers Colonial Cafeteria, 5030 N.E. 14th St., Des Moines, August 11, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. for Lady Landowners.

Nevertheless, other interested persons may attend.

The second meeting follows with similar discussions on leasing but is designed for both landowners and tenants. This evening meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. and concludes at 9:00 p.m. on August 11 at the Polk County Building, 1200 E. Euclid Avenue, Des Moines.

Extension Farm Management Specialist Don Gee and Area Crop Specialist Mark Wall will discuss the following topics: Comparing land to other investments; Cost of crop production;

Comparison of crop share, cash rent, and flexible rent to custom hire; Pasture and building rent; and the role of a professional farm manager.

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"Hawk" Robinson: cab driver with a meter full of stories

by Eleanor E. Tate
Harrison "Hawk" Robinson was pretty sure, on that late night run, that the young man sitting in his cab was going to "mug" him.

"I picked up this boy from West Des Moines," said Robinson as he recounted a few memories from his two-year stint as a Ruan Cab Co. driver, "and he wanted to go over on E. Fourteenth."

When Robinson reached the address, the man changed his mind and wanted to go somewhere else. "so I made a statement (that) I needed some gas," said Robinson. "I pulled into this gas station and made a phone call to the cab company and told them I thought there was a

possibility I was going to be robbed."

Upon reaching the second address, the man said he didn't have any cab fare and was going to "jump out and run, but a squad car met me there and stopped him."

The man went into the house, got some money, "and I got paid," he said.

Robinson, 47, of 1325 Jefferson St., had a meter full of stories to tell—about elderly passengers who looked askance at current rates; women who didn't like doors opened for them; drunks—and gripes.

"I've had experiences of people complaining (that) I took them the long way around" to get a higher fare, said Robinson. "so I'd say, 'how much do you generally

pay'? They would say, 'So-and-so-and-so'. I'd say, 'If that's what you pay, well, just pay that'."

He would often receive a tip, anyway.

"You find out in people that if you treat them nice, you can more or less kill them with niceness," said Robinson.

"Now, some of them just really got under your skin," he admitted, "but you just had to hang in there."

There was also grocery store trips. "and that's a gripe, I think, of every cab driver, Black or white," said Robinson.

Cab drivers are not "obligated" to carry grocery sacks and bundles to the house. That is a service left up to the individual driver, a check with Ruan and Yellow Cab Co. officials revealed.

But passengers generally expect drivers to help them automatically.

"I had one lady that had as high as 19 sacks," said Robinson, chuckling. "I counted them, just for the heck of it."

He carried the sacks, received a "thank you", but no tip. "and that's the reason why a lot of cab drivers do not like to go to grocery stores," said "Hawk." "People won't tip."

Speaking of tips: The "better" tipplers, according to this former cab driver, are white people, drunks, and the poor.

Another, more serious gripe, according to Robinson, came from white cabbies who do not want to go into Black neighborhoods "after dark."

"They have a very good reason because they have been robbed," Robinson pointed out. "They're scared to come in. They just don't want to come in."

Robinson, who was a cab driver in Omaha, Neb., before coming to Des Moines seven years ago, was never robbed here. He wasn't because he used his wits and, when driving in Black neighborhoods, was fairly well known.

And being known helped at least one time. One night Robinson was dispatched "to a certain address and the (cab) door was snatched open," he said. "The guy said, 'Oh, Hawk! Man, I didn't know that was YOU!'"

"I said a few profane words and he left. There wasn't any more said about it," said the former semi-pro welterweight boxer. "and I didn't say anything to anybody about it."

Probably the most crucial key to being a financially successful cab driver depends on whether the dispatchers and the drivers get along, Robinson believes.

"I wouldn't drive for Ruan (again) because a dispatcher, to me, is your money," he declared. "But if you get him mad at you, he can make you have a bad day. You almost have to bow down to him and be awful nice to him."

A dispatcher, he explained, can send drivers to addresses where there are no passengers; give more lucrative trips to other cabbies; or send an innocent driver to an address where a disgruntled customer has been waiting for a long time.

"If the dispatchers would treat everybody equally, a person could make a good living," said Robinson. Robinson, who was buying his own cab at the time that he quit—for personal and financial reasons—is now employed elsewhere.

"But here's one guy making \$80 a day and here's one guy making \$30 a day and he's working twice as hard and he's out there just as long."

Still, driving a cab was enjoyable to Harrison Robinson, since he likes people.

"And you do learn when to talk and when not to talk," he smiled.

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The Board of Directors of Goodwill Industries of Des Moines, Inc. are pleased to announce that Goodwill Industries of Des Moines, Inc. has been accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities. This means that Goodwill has achieved standards which allow them to be recognized as a facility which has been accepted throughout the United States. The accreditation process includes a report which will give Goodwill guidance in improving its facilities and programming and which will ultimately bring better programming for disabled people.

Goodwill Industries of Des Moines, Inc. has been accredited in three areas: Social Adjustment, Vocational Adjustment, and Sheltered Employment.

Quitting School to Work?

Some Things to Consider

Seventeen-year-old John is thinking of not going back to school this fall because he's in love... with a car, that is. His summer job has earned him enough for the down payment, but he'll have to keep on working to meet the installments.

If John knew how many more cars he could afford during his working years by finishing high school, he might change his mind. The Bureau of the Census estimates that a high school diploma is worth \$90,000 more in a man's lifetime earnings than completion of only one to three years of high school... and \$135,000 more than completion of elementary school only.

John should know, too, that he'll need steady work to make his car payments, but that high school dropouts have a higher unemployment rate than graduates. During the recent economic downturn, according to the Labor Department's Bureau of Labor Statistics, the unemployment rate for dropouts rose 4 percentage points, while that of graduates rose 2.6 percentage points. And job

market competition will be getting tougher for dropouts each year as a greater proportion of job seekers have their diplomas.

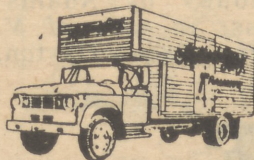
Additional schooling will give John more than an advantage in the job market. He can learn the principles that make his car run and how to read and understand a credit agreement. Less practically he may even increase his enjoyment of the automobile he'll own someday by learning about eye-appealing color schemes for its chassis and pleasant music to play on its tape deck.

But it all depends on going back to school this fall. If you know John, tell him.

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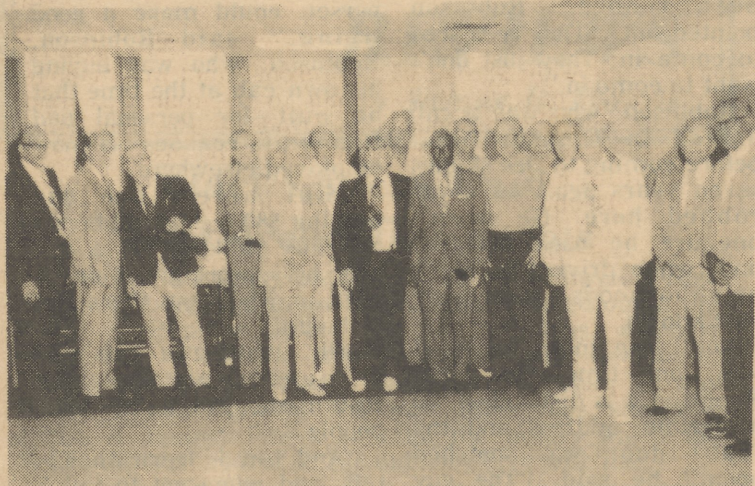
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S.E. Proctor Retires from Post Office



L-R Des Moines Postmaster Francis Sarcone, and retired employees and Postmaster's gathered with Mr. Proctor.



Stanley E. Proctor, Manager of Employee Relations for the Des Moines Post Office, will retire from the Postal Service on August 6, 1976, after nearly 40 years of service.

On July 30, over 100 friends, relatives, and retired postal employees gathered at the Des Moines Post Office to honor this great man who's name is so well known within the postal population. From the Regional Headquarters in Chicago to National

Headquarters in Washington, D.C., the name of Stanley Proctor will bring a response from someone who has had contact with him during his long and varied history with the Postal Service.

Not many people can enjoy and boast of a career of 40 years with the same organization and even fewer will leave the impression or create an impact such as Stanley Proctor has done. His amazing record and lists of achievements were again crowned when he recently was proclaimed by the Des Moines Federal Executive Council as the Federal Employee who had contributed the most to the Equal Opportunity Program in the Des Moines area.

On Friday, August 6, 1976, the employees of the Des Moines Post Office and District will honor Mr. Proctor with a final tribute and farewell as he closes the door on his illustrious, history-making postal career.

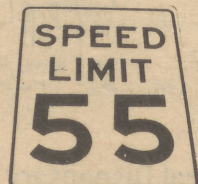
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KEEP THE FAITH, COLONEL

A masterpiece of acrimonious writing, a letter from a freed slave to his former master, is recounted in the August issue of **American Heritage**. The magazine states that the letter from George Anderson to Colonel P.H. Anderson was apparently dictated to the V. Winter mentioned therein, who sent it to the British and Foreign Anti-Slavery Society in London.

In his letter of August 1865, the former slave wrote that he was glad to find the Colonel wanted him to come back "promising to do better for me than anybody else can," and expressed surprise that the Colonel had not been hung for harboring rebels, or for killing a Union soldier. "Although you shot at me twice before I left you I did not want to hear of your being hurt..." he said.

"I am doing tolerably well here. I get 25 dols. a month, with victuals and clothing, have a comfortable home for Mandy (the folks here call her Mrs. Anderson), the children... go to school. We are kindly treated. Now, if you will write and say what wages you will give me, I will be better able to decide whether it would be to my advantage to move back again.

"...We have concluded to test your sincerity by asking you to send us our wages for the time we served you," the double-edged letter continues. "I served you faithfully for 32 years and Mandy 20 years. At 25 dols. a month for me, and 2 dols. a week for Mandy, our earnings would amount to 11.680 dols. Add to this the interest for the time our wages has been kept back, and deduct what you paid for our clothing... Please send the money by Adams' Express, in care of V. Winters, Esq., Dayton, Ohio."

National Council for Black Studies Now Open for Business

BLOOMINGTON, Ind.—The newly established National Council for Black Studies, with headquarters here at Indiana University, is "officially in business."

A preliminary constitution drafted at a conference here in April was formally ratified earlier this month at a second constitutional conference in Princeton, N.J., reported Joseph J. Russell, chairman of the I.U. Department of Afro-American Studies and executive director of the Council.

Established to "promote and strengthen academic and community programs in black and Afro-American studies," the Council has 50 charter members from colleges and universities from California to New York and from the Carolinas to Minnesota.

"This Council," explained Dr. Russell, "answers the growing needs for an organizational structure that is capable of articulating the thought of black studies scholars and translating them into workable academic programs on a national basis."

One of the strong supporters of the movement is Gary Mayor Richard Hatcher, who told the delegates at the Indiana conference, "We need black studies to become conscious of ourselves as people. We must be aware of the dynamics of our culture to produce freedom and the dynamics of our art to produce liberation."

Praise for the Council also came from Martin Sullivan, assistant director of the Division of Public Programs for the National Endowment for the Humanities, who added, "It is about time that we attempted to see what kind of a future there is in black studies."

And James Stewart, director of black studies at the University of Notre Dame, noted, "The

constitutional conference produced the results that we wanted. We now have a constitution, a criteria for membership and a national structure... So, we are officially in business."

Also stressed in the constitution are four basic components which all black studies programs should include: a strong academic base; sound social and cultural program; community involvement, and emphasis on appropriate research.

I.U. Bloomington was selected as the national headquarters for the Council because of I.U.'s "demonstrated interest and abundant resources in African and Afro-American studies," Council members said.

Strikers From page 1

Blacks employed on the three 8-hour shifts at Firestone are striking. He speculates that "it will be late September" before the strikers return to work.

The Firestone hold-out has been the longest strike in the tire manufacturing company's history, surpassing the three-month walkout in 1967, according to Rollen.

Jack L. Jackson, a 14-year veteran of Firestone, is anxious to get back to the grind. "I have 14 and 9-year-old daughters to worry about," said the 39-year-old Jackson. "My wife works, which helps out tremendously, but you can't do nothing without that regular money coming in."

Jackson has been working for Manpower, Inc., a temporary job agency during the strike to offset some of the financial deficiencies, but he says they cannot compare with the wages and benefits received from Firestone.

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Around the State

Ft. Madison

Second Baptist Church, had their regular Sunday Morning services with the pastor Rev. W. J. Laster in charge. In the afternoon, Rev. Laster, and some of the members, were guest at Rev. Robinson Church in Burlington Greater Hope Baptist church Sunday, August 1st. The Spiritual tone, rendered a program.

The Booster Girls Club met Wednesday afternoon July 28 with Mrs. Roy Carl, Mrs. Hollis Clark, and Mrs. Frank McCutcheon were guests. A ham dinner was followed by Whist. Mrs. John Valentine won first prize. Mrs. Helen Wyatt low. The Aug. 11 meeting will be in

Community Affairs

The Abortion Decision

In the midst of the fanfare and Happy Birthday U.S.A. festivities surrounding the Bicentennial it was heartwarming to see the U.S. Supreme Court clarify and strengthen the rights of women to decide for themselves whether or not they want to terminate a pregnancy.

Although the Supreme Court's landmark 1973 abortion decision indicated that termination of a pregnancy was basically a decision for a woman to make herself, there were hold-outs among us who wanted to limit and restrict that right by insisting that husbands or parents of a minor give their consent.

In the abortion cases recently decided, the elimination of a requirement for a husband's consent to his wife's abortion and the limitation of parental participation in decisions where minors are involved are but logical extensions of the original opinion.

The soundness of the principle is indicated by Justice Blackmun's common sense argument that when a husband and wife disagree, only one can prevail and that since the wife "is more directly and immediately affected" her views should bear more weight.

Also, the court's extension of the right of decision of "mature minors" is not simply dictated by the logic of the 1973 decision, but also by the common experience that where safe abortions are forbidden by law or by parental fiat, back alley butchers flourish.

The price of illegal abortion in the days preceding the Supreme Court's abortion decision was paid in the currency of women's dignity, women's health and women's lives.

Though many paid the price, none paid it more often and more cruelly than minority groups and the poor. More than nine out of 10 of those who died at the hands of incompetent practitioners in the days before abortion was legal were black and Spanish-speaking.

the home of Mrs. Edward Paige. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Curry, and daughter Neoke grand children Gary, and Bobby, from Minneapolis Minn. were Mr. and Mrs. Orville Woods, neice Margarita Neora, from Mexico, Mrs. Helen Wyatt, Mrs. Lurena Woods, Mrs. Stella Harper, Mr. Bernard Sansberry, Mrs. Clifford Smith, Harold Richmond. The Curry's continue their vacation to St. Louis Mo., Oklahoma and Kansas City, Mo.

The Magnolia Art Club met Friday July 30 in the home of Mrs. Annie Toliver. They had their regular meeting. Current events were discussed, the next meeting will be announced later.

While abortion and its physical and psychological ramifications are not to be taken lightly, access to medically supervised abortion does bring about significant health advantages to individuals and their families.

Since the 1973 Supreme Court decision gave legal sanction to abortion, the maternal death rate and infant mortality rates have materially declined. Any attempt to interfere with a woman's right to personally make a choice on this crucial matter would reverse that trend and be a step back into our dark and ignorant past.

One would hope that the court's reaffirmation of this most intimate of privacy rights might serve to defuse much of the heat out of the abortion issue and free up activists to deal with improving the quality of life of all people alike and respond positively to the real gut survival issues we face in the Bicentennial year. (NNPA)

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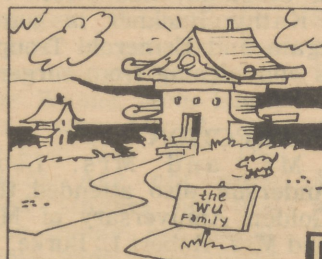
Mrs. LuVan Lowery of Rock Island, Illinois was elected President of the Illinois Association of Club Women and Girls, Inc., at Stouffer's River Front Towers, St. Louis. Mrs. Henry Fay, Moline, who was President 1958-60 presented her white ivory gavel to her daughter. This is the first time in the history of the IACW that mother and daughter have served as President. Mrs. Lowery is Past Central District President, Past President of Moline Civic Women's Club and also member of Agnes Moody Club., Monmouth, Illinois.

Mrs. Lowery presented the

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The Chinese were the first known people to acquire more than one name. The Emperor Fushi decreed the use of family names, or surnames, about 2852 B.C., according to World Book Encyclopedia.

Convention with scrole of Life Members of State, Made by Mrs. LuVan's husband. Scholarships were awarded to Rommel-Fay, Moline, Illinois. Barbara Harden, Tina L. Cole, Mrs. Laurey will attend the National IACW Convention July 31, August 6.

The 1977 State Convention of IACW will be at the Sheraton Rock Island, with the Agnes Moody Club of Monmouth as hostess unit. Mrs. Gertrude Johnson Williams of Chicago who was designated as honorary member of Board of Directors in Merit.

Mrs. Johnson is owner and publisher of Jet Ebony magazines and the Negro Digest. The National President Mrs. Juanita Brown of East Chicago, Indiana spoke of the National Session.

Several months ago Mrs. Wade, wife of Rev. Wade from Gaines Chapel AME Church, East Moline, delivered this talk to golden agers in a local church.

"Gold can range in shades of yellow to brown, the warm and earthly tones. It's a form of metal that can be extended or reshaped by the use of pressure (force) or heat. Whether flowing like water or still and solid, gold is still gold.

It's physical appearance may change from one extreme to the other but this precious substance depicts a means of security for Man and hold has played this role for man ever since man became a living soul, for gold was here before he was.

Scripture speaks of the things that God made available to Man for his pleasure and necessity. God was mentioned in the second chapter of Genesis 12th verse. The earth gives us gold and the arth gave us man too. Both originating from the same but the purpose of the two are quite

different. Gold was made for man to use-man was made for God to use. But before they can be used for true service they have to go through some changes- a process of refinement.

DAVENPORT

The final report for Bethel AME Church, Davenport was made July 11. Chairpeople for this event was Claudine Jackson and Barbara Dean for the Women and Jethro Cribbs and Benny Sewell for the men. The women reported \$2,115.12 and the men made a report of \$832.00.

The church made special recognition to all of the chairpeople for their very fine report. Bethel is very fortunate to have people who went out of their way to do such a marvelous job. May God's blessings shine down on them forever.

Cheryl Irving, daughter of Vernon and Betty Oney is visiting in Davenport. Cheryl and her daughter Sidney flew in from Philadelphia last Wednesday.

Cheryl, who is a school teacher in Philadelphia, plans to be in Davenport for a week visiting with her family and friends. She and her parents will then motor to Chicago where she is to meet her husband Jay and her brother, Logan and his wife Stephanie. Cheryl is to be in her cousin's wedding in Chicago before returning to Philadelphia.

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KEMP JR. RECEIVES TWO SCHOLARSHIPS

Kemp Johnson Jr., the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kemp Johnson Sr. of 1315 W. 12th, Des Moines, and a 1976 graduate of Des Moines Technical High School, received two scholarships, one a full ride at Mary Holmes College in West Point Miss., and one from Tech High in which he will attend Iowa Western Community College in Clarinda, Iowa.

Kemp played basketball and baseball in high school and will enter college as a freshman.

LOGAN SPONSORS TRIP TO ADVENTURELAND

The Logan Neighborhood Priority Board has sponsored a Senior Citizen trip to Adventureland as well as sending a 143 Logan Neighborhood Priority Board has sponsored a Senior Citizen trip to Adventureland as well as sending 143 Logan Youth and Daycare youngsters, this Summer.

There will be a Skating Party Saturday, August 14th at 9:30 A.M. A bus will leave King Park going to Terrace Roller Rink. Those between the ages of 5 and 17 years of age. **GET ON BOARD.** Each must have a consent slip. The office is open from 8 A.M. until 5 p.m.; Thursday from 7:30 P.M. until 9:30 P.M.

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RITCHEY

Mr. William Lumpkin of Detroit, Michigan, was a weekend guest of his sister, Mrs. J.W. Ritchey of 1154-14th Street.

LINCOLN POST ELECTION

Lincoln Post No. 126 of the American Legion elected their 1977 officers Tuesday evening August 3. They are: Henry Thomas, Commander; Ted Daniels, First Vice-President; James Thomas, Second Vice-President; James Daniels, Adjutant and Finance Officer; Howard Rice, Service Officer and James Newsome Historian and Publicity Director.

MEETING POSTPONED

Lincoln Auxiliary Unit 126 will postpone their regular meeting until August 10, which will be held at the hall, 1625 Washington President Lora Warden.

WILKIE HOUSE

On Friday, July 23, Willkie House held a dance, and dance contest, the best dancers receiving tickets to the Isaac Haayes, Dionne Warwick Show. David Woods 1439, 17th and Tammy Wyant 1338 E. 15th were crowned "King and Queen of Boogie".

FAREWELL DINNER FOR KIPPER

Leonard and Clara Wade entertained Family and Friends at a Farewell Dinner at Merle Hay Bishops Thursday July 29th honoring Madeline Kipper. Family members and Friends present were Evelyn Davis, Sherry and Eddie, Donna Moore, Steve Wade, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Davis, Margarite Howe, Mary Parker, Yolaine Archer, Eugene Wilson, Rickey and Trella Perry, Lawrence and Evelyn Carter, Evelyn Holt, Katherine Moore, Ella Mae and Frank Burks, Christine Wyant, Bessie Matthews, and Cecil and Catherine Thompson. At the conclusion of the affair Madeline cut a red, white and blue decorated cake inscribed God Bless You Midge. Clara Wade, Evelyn Davis and Madeline Kipper are sisters.

Madeline and Wallace Kipper, Sherman Burrell and Berta Hicks are now residents of Mesa, Arizona.

KEOKUK, IOWA

Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church with Rev. J.H. Mims as pastor, will entertain The North Missouri District Association, beginning Tuesday August 3.

Jack Holder and Gervius Raleigh have returned from spending several days visiting Walford Raleigh in Washington, D.C. Returning with them was Walford Raleigh, who spent a week visiting other relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Flornoy Merritt and Mr. and Mrs. Ora Bates attended the Basket Dinner in Louisiana, Mo., the past Sunday.

Morning service at Bethel A.M.E. Church the past Sunday with Rev. D.E. Johnson, the pastor in charge. His sermon, "Slightly Soiled."

Mrs. Magga Johnson and son, spent a few days visiting another son in Greenwood, Miss., last week.

A.P. Robinson and son, LaFaun, of Peoria, Ill., visited relatives and friends in the city the past weekend.

Mrs. D. E. Johnson, has been invited to be the resource person with Mrs. Artie Harris of St. Paul, Des Moines for the Illinois Conference Ministers' Wives workshop, which will be in the form of an informal discussion.

Illinois Conference Conducted in St. Paul

The Illinois Annual Conference got off to a good start Wednesday, August 4, at St. Paul A.M.E. Church in Des Moines. Approximately 500 to 700 people are attending the conference, which will end Sunday August 8.

Thursday evening a panel will discuss the state of the country and social welfare, some of the communities leading people will be on the panel Friday evening will be youth evening. Saturday evening will be the Ordination Ceremonies for the ministers. Ministers wives and Ministers Banquet will convene Saturday afternoon. Late Saturday evening will be the Laymans meeting at St. Paul. Sunday morning will be the regular order of services at St. Paul and Bethel A.M.E.

ELK NEWS

Hawkeye Lodge 160 met Sunday afternoon. They were surprised to have Past Grand Exalted Ruler Herbert Brock of St. Paul, MMinn., who is the Pres. of Middle Western States Association. He brought an inspiring message on "Togetherness". Next regular meeting is the third Sunday.

Tuesday; Cocktail hours special 7-9 at 7:30 and continue plans for the Testamonal Dinner to be held this fall.

Rose Temple No. 33 will meet Friday 13th at 7:30.

Mrs. Victoria Hendricks is now with her sister Mrs. June Pamseur 2378 East 59th St. Cleveland, Ohio, 44104.

Kathy Buckner is home again and Esmerald Troupe is convalescing from surgery at home.

CORRECTION

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Anderson also attended the Golden Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Burke.

WANTED BLACK HISTORY

Information is being collected concerning decedents of Black people who have lived in Polk County since Polk County was first formed until the year 1886. Also being collected are histories of churches and charter members. Send any information you might have to John Estes at Estes & Sons Funeral Home.

The conference will close out at Edmonds School at 2:00 PM Sunday afternoon. At 3:00 p.m. will be the appointments. Hubert N. Robinson is the Prelate, Host Presiding Elder is the Rev. R.D. Smith Sr., Artic Harris, is host pastor.

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ENTERTAINMENT WORLD



To those of us who look both at the past and the future, history has a strange way of repeating itself. When I was just about 10 years old, I moved to Seattle, Washington. It was here, when I was 14-years-old, I met Ray Charles, who was then 16-years-old, in from Florida. His trio (piano, bass, and guitar) was called The Maxim Trio.

At that time my views on music were extremely short-sighted. If the music I heard was not jazz, or blues, or rhythm and blues, I wanted nothing to do with it.

But Ray, who was only two years older than me, had somehow developed a rare kind of maturity and worldiness about this subject. It was Ray who took me aside and explained that every form of music has its own soul; a level of emotional and spiritual musical value that is valid no matter who plays it.

Ray has been like a Guru to me. He opened the doors of writing and arranging for me, and I don't think I can ever forget that. We were sitting at the piano one day and I was frankly, quite puzzled about how eight guys could sit in a brass section and play the same thing rhythmically, but not play the same notes.

Ray raised his hands at the piano and went BLAM! He showed me harmonic structures and melody lines, and suddenly it all made

sense. It opened up a brand new horizon for me. Thanks to Ray, I've been growing ever since.

Back when Ray and I were just kids, we talked about performing a classical, gospel, jazz and operatic composition together. We even went so far as to vow that one day we would do it. Then in 1971, it happened. As part of the celebration of Ray's 20th year in show business, we performed my composition, "Black Requiem" with the 80-piece Houston Symphony orchestra.

My association with Ray Charles has very nearly come full circle. Just a few weeks ago, I was named as honorary co-chairman by the Beverly Hills chapter of B'nai B'rith as they honored Ray Charles as their man of the year.

The salute to Ray was like a who's who in music. Henry Mancini, Sammy Cahn, Johnny Mandel, Jimmy Webb, Alan and Marilyn Bergman, all did medleys of their works and the affair raised more than \$100,000. It was a tremendous tribute to this genius, and I was extremely proud to have been a part of it.

It was like a chance to give Ray something back after realizing all that he has given me. I can never hope to repay him for the doors he helped to open for me, but at least this was just a small way of saying "Thank You".

Black Focus Talks About Senior Citizens

The week of August 9th Black Focus will center upon senior citizens, hosted by Ruth Ann Gaines. Monday; Herman Lewis, Chairman of the Board for Senior Citizens will discuss with Ms. Gaines how the board serves Senior Citizens. Tuesday; crafts teachers, Mrs. Sloan and Mrs. Pottorff who will show sewing and hand-made crafts made by senior citizens. Wednesday, on Black Focus Ms. Gains will interview a corps-person discussing how they help senior citizens in their homes and through escort

services. Thursday; Rosetta Lee, from the Department of Transportation and M.S. Gains will discuss the problems that senior citizens have and what the head of transportation does to help senior citizens. Friday, August 13, on Black Focus will be a senior citizens who will discuss the activities that Senior Citizens were involved in this summer.

Black Focus, hosted by Ruth Ann Gaines, is a five minute program aired daily at 5:30 PM on channel 10, Hawkeye Cablevision.

Summer Operetta Workshop At Drake Hall

Our Rascally Privateers, an original bicentennial production for Summer Operetta Workshop performances will be performed August 13th, at the Drake Hall of Performing Arts, 8:00 PM.

The Summer Operetta Workshop is a community group providing theatre experience for the young.

Our Rascally Privateers is about more than pirates and if three dollars doesn't shipwreck you, go see it.

The show, reaching for the inclusion of the wider community, is worthy of discussion.



THE SPINNERS

Spinners Celebrate 19th Year

The Spinners vocal group are celebrating their 19th year in show business. This popular singing group formed in 1955, while they were in High School, still contains four of its original members, who consist of Henry Fambrough, baritone lead singer; Billy Henderson, tenor lead singer; Pervis Jackson, bass lead singer; Bobby Smith, tenor lead singer; and the fifth member of the group, Phillipe Wynne, tenor lead singer; who joined The Spinners in May, 1971. The Spinners are not only talented singers but this dynamic Quintet has one of the most widely acclaimed and uniquely original acts in the entertainment field.

They began in the 50's by entering amateur and talent shows which they frequently won. Soon they were singing in Detroit and other surrounding areas. The Spinners joined the "Make Way For Youth" Choral Clinic. Gaining more recognition, they began their rise to stardom. Their fans

reached beyond the limits of Detroit, and they were offered a chance to sing with a recording company. Their first record "That's What Girls Are Made For" was a smash, as was their second record "Love I'm So Glad I Found You."

Shortly after their successful 1963 appearance in Idlewild, Mich., The Spinners were offered a contract with Motown Recording Company. The Spinners first recordings with Motown included "Sweet Thing" in 1966, "I'll Always Love You" in 1967 and their smash record "Truly Yours" later that same year.

The Spinners in 1969 made recordings of "Message To A Black Man" and "In My Diary." In 1970, Stevie Wonder wrote, directed and produced their next big smash hit "It's A Shame". Stevie Wonder also wrote their follow-up record "We'll Have It Made". The Spinners had two LP's released while at Motown,

"The Original Spinners" & "Second-Time Around".

In 1972, The Spinners left Motown, and Joined Atlantic. Their 1st record "I'll Be Around" became No. 1. By the end of the year, their next single "Could It Be I'm Falling In Love" was zooming the charts and has now been certified gold. Also, their follow-up hit "One Of A Kind Love Affair" and their album "The Spinners," as has "Then Came You" with Dionne Warwick.

In 1975, they were voted No. 1 Soul Group in the world by Rolling Stone and now they are enjoying another great hit with their Atlantic Album: "Spinners Live".

Black Awareness

Paula Bakers guest for Sunday, Aug. 8 will be Angel Cordona who is the only minority candidate for election to the Des Moines School Board in September.

Black Awareness, hosted by Paula Baker airs 6:30 AM on KGGO and 11:30 PM on KSO.

expected to be able to do any work for a year or more. Payment generally starts with the 6th full month of disability.

To be eligible for social security disability payments, most workers need at least 5 years of work under social security in the 10 years before they become disabled. For workers disabled before 31, the requirement ranges down to as little as 1½ years of work, depending on age.

Disabled Wives Eligible For Social Security

Some working wives who become disabled don't apply for social security disability payments because their husband's are still working and they think that makes them ineligible, according to William Durst, social security district manager in Des Moines.

"Under the law," Durst said, "a wife and her children can get social security disability payments on her work record regardless of her husband's earnings."

"The children can get payments until they're 18, or 22 if they're full-time students in school and remain unmarried. A working wife facing a long-term disability should get in touch with a social security office without delay to get information about applying for disability benefits," he said.

Social security pays monthly benefits to eligible workers under 65 and their families if the worker is severely disabled and not

Church News

MESSIAH TEMPLE

The Lord was truly blessing last Sunday as each member entered with prayer in his heart, beginning our Sunday worship in the Spirit of Oneness. Reverend Brenda Campbell brought the lesson, "Hindrances to Faith" on this Communion Sunday. The lesson, taken from Romans 10:10-17, stated that we will not stay in ignorance if we are filled with the Spirit, for the Spirit is the Spirit of Truth.

Sunday school is at 10:30 with worship services at 11:30. The Book of Acts is every Sunday evening at 7:00. Prayer Meeting is every Wednesday evening at 7:00. Sewing class is Saturday at 2:00. This Sunday afternoon at 4:00, Reverend T. R. Brown and the Our Saviour Baptist congregation will be joining with us in a special worship service. Join with us in hearing what the Lord has to say about our daily walk with Him.

Reverend Jacob Reed is Pastor.

PRAYER OF FAITH CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

On August 10, 11, 12, and 13 the Supt. Grandy Johnson of Cairo, Illinois, will be with Supt. Eddie Davis and congregation in a three day Evangelistic Outpouring.

These services will be held at Mt. Hebron Baptist Church—131 9th Street, West Des Moines. Please come and enjoy the gospel with us. **UNION BAPTIST CHURCH NEWS**

Rev. Crawford the assistant minister at Union offered last Sunday's sermon speaking to the subject "Love Took Him There". Rev. Larry Harris prayed for the sick and shut ins, Deacon Charles Watkins welcomed our visitors. The H.I. Thomas singers rendered the musical selections. Karen Woods sang two inspirational numbers "I Made A Vow and I Got Jesus". Jan Robinson accompanied on the piano and Steve Wade played the flute. At the communion service Deacon Tom Smith blessed the communion.

Think About It "GOD IS LOVE".

MACEDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH

This Sunday at the hour of two o'clock, we will have a church picnic at Pioneer Park. We are inviting everyone to come out and join us. Bring your picnic basket and we will furnish the soft drinks.

MT. HEBRON BAPTIST CHURCH

On the 13th of August, Rev. Jas. Harris will present two spiritual groups at the Gateway Center. The Biblical Gospel Singers and the West Coast Proverbs. The program will begin at 7:30 p.m. and tickets are available from any members.

We will be observing our

MORNING STAR BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday, August 8, at 7:30 PM the Gospel Song Writers will be presented in a musical program.

KYLES A.M.E. ZION CHURCH

Sunday, August 8, morning services will begin with Devotions at 10:30 a.m. Pastor McDonald will use as his sermon subject "Everybody Is Somebody." The Young Adult Choir will sing.

Sunday August 8, at 3:30 p.m., "DEVOTION", a sermon in song and recitation will be presented. Reverend Andrew Johnson and his singers from the New Bethany Church Of God, will appear on the program, along with youth from Kyles and local churches. Mr. Melvin Coleman, talented musician, will accompany the participants and render organ selections.

Prayer Service 6:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. each Tuesday. Everyone is welcome. Bible Class - Wednesday evenings - 7:00 - 9:00 p.m., with the Pastor teaching.

Our Pastor will be teaching the Adult Sunday School Class, beginning at 10:45 a.m. Sunday mornings.

Miss Celeste Blakely will be one of the calypso dancers in the operetta "Our Rascally Privateers", which is being presented by the summer operetta workshop at Drake University. The performances will be August 13th and 15th at 8:00 p.m., with a matinee at 2:00 p.m. August 14th, which will be at the Hall of Performing Arts. Miss Blakely is a member of Kyles, and sings with the Young Adult Choir.

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Prayer Service Wed. 7:30 p.m.

Men and Womens' day, Sunday August 15. Our guest church will be Mt. Carmel Baptist Church of Waterloo. All are invited to come and worship with us.

Our ill members are: Mother Doris Porter, Mother Lucy Murphy, Mother Naomi Bryant, Joe Wallace.

James M. Harris is Pastor.

EAST UNIVERSITY CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

The East University Church Of God In Christ Is still on the move. We just closed a lovely revival where souls were saved and added to the church. Pastor Daye and Rev. Colburn and Sis. Woods took the people to the mountain every night. Souls were refreshed, bodies were healed at the laying of hands by our pastor R.L. Daye. The Holy Ghost fell each night.

On Sunday pastor Daye preached from Acts 9:1-19 His subject was A BIGOT MEETS JESUS all enjoyed the message very much. Again God poured out his spirit on his saints and all were blessed. Pastor Daye is a praying man and that is what it takes in these evil days.

We are enjoying our Holy Convocation at East University this week. Monday was our State Musical and did we have a time. Each night and day we are looking for a great time. On Friday we are looking for

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Friday Services 7:30 P.M.

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Prayer Meeting Wed. 7:30 p.m.

MAPLE STREET BAPTIST CHURCH NEWS

Reverend Parrish's sermon title for Sunday, August 8, will be "Do All Things Work Together For Good For Them That Love The Lord". The Inspirational Chorus will be singing.

Today, at 3:30 PM, the Roy H. Cheers and his mass choirs from the Olivet Baptist Church, Rock Island, Ill. will be the special guest

the State supervisor from Central Illinois Miss C Cantrell. Friday will be woman day all day, Mother Ruth Robinson will be in charge. Then on Saturday we will close with our Bishop bringing the official message.

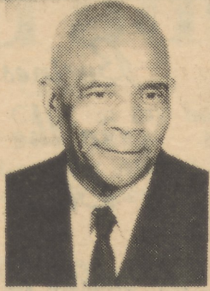
This Sunday night at the East University there will be a great revival conducted by Miss M. Malone from Racine Wisconsin, she will be speaking each night. Miss Molone is a wonderful saint of God and has traveled all over these United States taking the word of God. God has blessed her with a ministry that is really something. You must come out and hear this woman of God. The time is 7:30 P.M. on August 8th thru 13th at the East 17th and University here in Des Moines, Iowa.

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LOOK ON SPORTS



The greatest show of our times is over and folks are counting the medals won by the different countries. But for the teams that left the competition, the medal count might have been vastly different. And if they could have gotten the American blacks to go with the African nations, it would have been a sad story. The winning basketball team had at least four black cagers on the floor at the same time throughout the games. Just about everyone knows that the five medal winning boxers were black and so were the members of the two winning relay teams. You will recall that in Germany in 1936, the master demagogue of them all was yelling about the superiority of the German race, although just about everyone else in the world didn't know that there was such a thing as a German race. Well they called the American blacks the black auxiliary of America, but they proceeded to shove the great one's theories right down his throat. I am saying all this is to say that if Hitler were alive today, he would have jumped off the highest bridge over the Rhine. And if the African nations had stayed in he might have just disintegrated. I guess what I was talking about, togetherness and comradeship, existed with the various teams of athletes. For instance, the swimmers were really all together, as were the boxers, and I would have to say the mat men.

But we can sit back and see what our boxers might have done to win one more gold medal. I just can't see that great Cuban heavyweight, Stevenson as a threat to our pros yet. In his final bout he was fighting a fellow who was scared to death of him, yet, when the victim landed a couple of rather timid blows, Stevenson backed up and looked surprised as if to say that couldn't happen to him. I believe that if a fellow really swarmed all over the Cuban, not giving him time to get set, he might have scored an upset. But even Tate didn't fight his usual fight or he might have done a lot better. How will our boxers do as pros? Hard to say. The light heavy who takes four blows to land one, might not make it because he would take too many beatings. Some of the others might have a shot at the pro ranks. They are young and if they are willing to pay their dues, they could make it, maybe not to the top, but make some pretty fair chance at it.

But it was a great show and well worth watching. Now will come the talk of subsidizing our athletes in order to compete with the

other nations. We may not have to come to that, but we will have to use another method of choosing our top men. As in the case of Sprinter Williams, any man who has beaten his opposition five times and done it in world record time shouldn't have to go through a series of meets to qualify.

In those meets he has to run his heart out and then comes the threat of pulled muscles and such. Maybe there will be a big committee of track experts who will evaluate our athletes and say who can make it, but they had better be right.

Now to the business at hand. Our Hilltop tennis meet is picking up entries in spite of the change of dates. We have lost some because they made their plans for the summer that included our earlier date and they had to cancel out. But we will have a very good draw, although it won't be as big as the one we had last year. But we are going to have play in all divisions because we feel that people who were willing to support us in this mess should have a chance to play, even if there are only two people in a division. It is going to cost us some dough, but we will bounce back for next year. Entries are coming from Missouri, Nebraska, Minnesota, and all over Iowa even places I never heard of, and we spent a few years up and down Iowa highways looking for wide spots in the road so we could play basketball. I was hoping that Mark Morrow would come in. Mark has a leg on the Louis Miles singles trophy and along with Randy Krechi, has a leg on the Bill Ashby doubles trophies. If they could make it this year, that might be two, but first they would have to get past some stern opposition. One other team has two legs in those cups.

Corinthian Youth Choir Sings in Oklahoma



The Corinthian Baptist Church and Rev. Frederick W. Strickland, Pastor visited a Tulsa, Oklahoma church July 17 and 19th, returning a visit paid them last year. The Corinthian Youth Choir Sang. The Youth Choir has made an album which was made available in Tulsa. The Choir consisted of thirty members under the direction of Mr. Robert F. Riley, III and the musical inspiration of Mrs. Barbara J. Williams.

Walker First Year Carpenter Apprentice



Charles Walker

With the help of the Des Moines Apprenticeship Outreach Program, Charles R. Walker was accepted by the Carpenters Joint Apprenticeship Committee and is now working for Dock Built Homes. Walker, of 2025-16th Street, is required to complete related classroom instruction as well as on the job training in order to complete his four

Gary Fletcher and Arden Stocksted, but they don't seem to be together at least this year.

But we will have a good meet.

year apprenticeship and become a journeyman carpenter.

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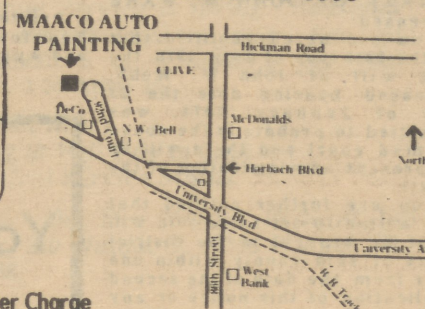
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ORIGINAL NOTICE

In the District Court
of the State of Iowa in and for
Polk County

D.M. NO. CD 013-7748

In Re the Marriage of BETTY G. ARCHIE and HENRY L. ARCHIE
Upon the Petition of
BETTY G. ARCHIE,
Petitioner,
and Concerning
HENRY L. ARCHIE,
Respondent

TO: Henry L. Archie, the above named Respondent:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Petition of the above-named Petitioner in the above entitled action is now on file in the Office of the Clerk of the above-named Court, which Petition prays for a Dissolution of Marriage of the Petitioner and you, the Respondent, for the reason that there has been a breakdown of the marriage relationship to the extent that the legitimate objects of matrimony have been destroyed, and there remains no reasonable likelihood that the marriage can be preserved; for custody of the minor children born to you and the Petitioner; and for waiver of conciliation; and for division of property.

For further particulars, see said Petition now on file.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that to defend the above entitled action, you must make an appearance with the Clerk of the above District Court at 5th and Court Avenues, Des Moines, Polk County, Iowa, on or before the 27th day of August, 1976. You are further required to file a motion, answer, or other pleading to the Petition with the Clerk of the above named District Court within seven (7) days after the appearance date. You must, in addition, serve by mail or personal delivery, a copy of such appearance, motion, or pleading upon the Petitioner's attorney, Mark W. Bennett, whose address is 102 East Grand, Suite G101, Des Moines, Iowa, 50309, telephone number 515-243-6101.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that you have a right to require conciliation with the Petitioner, but if you fail to comply with this Original Notice in any respect, conciliation may be waived, a default will be entered, and judgment or Decree rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Petition.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL this 19th day of July, 1976

Clark R. Rasmussen,
Clerk

Patricia McCarthy, Dep.
CLERK OF COURT
Polk County Courthouse
Fifth and Court Avenue
Des Moines, Iowa 50309

Published in the Iowa Bystander on: July 22, 29, and August 5, 1976.

NOTICE OF PROOF OF WILL WITHOUT ADMINISTRATION

In the District Court
of the State of Iowa
in and for Polk County
Probate No. P18-5302

IN THE MATTER
OF THE ESTATE OF
JOHN W. WEBB

Deceased
TO ALL PERSONS
INTERESTED IN THE
ESTATE OF JOHN W. WEBB
Deceased:

You are hereby notified that on the 29th day of July, 1976, the last will of John W. Webb, deceased bearing date the 23 day of January, 1974, was admitted to probate in the above named court and there will be no present administration of the estate.

You are further notified that any action to set aside said will must be brought in the district court of said county within one year from the date of the second publication of this notice or any such action thereafter will be forever barred.

Dated this 28th day of July, 1976.

Clark Rasmussen

Clerk of the District Court
Morris & Morris
Attorneys for said Estate
221 Locust Street
Des Moines, Iowa 50309
Date of second publication the 5th day of August, 1976.

NOTICE OF PROOF OF WILL WITHOUT ADMINISTRATION

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In the District Court
of the State of Iowa
in and for Polk County
Probate No. 15-4437

IN THE MATTER
OF THE ESTATE OF
MARGUERITE H. WEBB

Deceased.
TO ALL PERSONS
INTERESTED IN THE
ESTATE OF MARGUERITE H. WEBB
Deceased.

You are hereby notified that on the 29th day of July, 1976, the last will of Marguerite H. Webb, deceased, bearing date the 23 day of January, 1976, was admitted to probate in the above named court and there will be no present administration of the estate.

You are further notified that any action to set aside said will must be brought in the district court of said county within one year from the date of the second publication of this notice or any such action thereafter will be forever barred.

Dated this 29th day of July, 1976.

Clark Rasmussen
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ORIGINAL NOTICE

In the District Court
of the State of Iowa in and for
Polk County

Equity No. CE 6 3019

DARRELL LEMKE,
Plaintiff,

Vs.

JOHNNY J. BELEW and
SANDRA M. BELEW,
Defendants.

To the above named Defendants:

You are hereby notified that the petition of the plaintiff in the above entitled action is now on file in the office of the Clerk of the District Court of the State of Iowa in and for Polk County, in which plaintiff prays that his title and estate in the following-described real estate, to wit:

Lot 30 in Aurora Place, an Official Plat, Polk County, Iowa, be established and quieted in him in fee simple; that the defendants be barred and forever estopped from having or claiming any right or title in said premises adverse to the plaintiff, and for such other relief as may be equitable.

For further particulars you are referred to said petition.

You are further notified that unless you appear thereto and defend in the Iowa District Court of Polk County at the County Courthouse at Sixth and Mulberry, Des Moines, Iowa, on or before the 26th day of August, 1976, judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.

Plaintiff's attorney is Harlan J. Thoma, 2300 Financial Center, Des Moines, Iowa, 50309. Telephone: 243-2300.

Clark R. Rasmussen
Clerk of the above Court
Printed and published in the New Iowa Bystander July 22, 29 and August 5, 1976.

PUBLIC NOTICE
THE DES MOINES, IOWA PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY is now taking applications for the SECTION 8 HOUSING ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS PROGRAM. This is designed to assist low to middle income families (including single elderly, handicapped, disabled or displaced persons) with their monthly housing and utility payments.

Families making application will be expected to find their own housing and make arrangements with the owner for leasing the house or apartment. Approved applicants may stay in present rented dwelling. Dwelling units must meet HUD housing quality standards. Rent cannot exceed the fair market rent as established by HUD.

Families living in subsidized housing (including Public Housing) are not allowed to participate in this program as long as they reside in said housing. Persons on the waiting list for Royal View Manor may make application for the Section 8 program and still retain their place on the Royal View Manor list.

Applicants will need to bring in the following when applying, if relevant:

1. Verification of weekly or monthly income (AFDC papers, unemployment pay statement, statement from present employer, Disability, Social Security Benefits, etc.)
 2. Marriage Certificate
 3. Divorce Decree
 4. Birth certificates of children
- Call 293-2201 and make an appointment before coming in. Walk-ins will be processed as quickly as possible. Applications will be taken at our office in Royal View Manor, 1101 Crocker Street, from 9:00 a.m. till 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays.

All owners and Real Estate Agents handling rental property and wanting further information or wish to participate in this program are encouraged to call or come into our office.

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Gambling From page 1

"because if I find me a lady that I want to settle down with, I ain't gonna lose my whole home and all that stuff (by betting it)," said Ben.

Ben and Jim have seen would-be gamblers bet—and lose—whole paychecks, "and that's foolish," Ben declared. "I've seen people gamble and just lose everything."

Gambling then, to at least these two young men, is only for "for fun."

It is not just "for fun" to some others, especially when they lose.

"Some of these folks got a gamblin' sickness," said Jim. "They like to gamble—just to gamble. It's like their hobby. Some of them lose a lot and some of them win a lot. Some of them don't care. They just gamble."

And along with gambling come hot tempers, attempted cheating, hustlers, and fights—even though there is a "houseman" to keep things calm.

"One time it was over some petty change, like \$2," said Jim, "and this one dude wanted to cut this other dude's throat. So he ran him all over the park with a knife."

The inevitable question that persons who frown on such activity would ask would be, "Why don't you get a job?"

Ben has had a job, he said, "But you know, sometimes I feel that I'd rather lay and collect unemployment and let the white man give me a little bit of something that I ain't been getting in a long

Business in the Black

By Charles E. Belle



One reason Saudi Arabia has stood fast and not raised its oil price is its national expansion program. Saudi Arabia has so far refused to go along with Libya's price rise of 10 cents or more a barrel.

The benchmark crude of Arabian light has actually been reduced five cents from \$11.51 a barrel, where it has been since October 1, 1975. This may not win friends for the Saudi in the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, but it makes for steady funds for an expanding economic development program in Saudi Arabia.

The Saudi Arabians account for at least a quarter of the oil production of OPEC even though there has been a cut back in production to match the marketing needs of recession ruin Europe.

Saudi Arabia has more than \$20 billion in annual oil revenue giving it almost \$7,000 per person for some six million people. While the Saudis have a hefty military budget, it does not begin to

time, yousee. It's hard to get work around here in Des Moines, so I got to make me a hustle."

"Old-timers" (older persons) often join Ben and Jim and the other young gamblers at the table, too, said Ben, who said that he had just played with a "couple old heads."

"They left with pockets fulla money," he laughed. "They lose a little bit. Some of them are smart, so they sometimes win, too."

Ben's mother most likely knows that he gambles. If she does not know, she at least is aware that he is "making some kinda hustle," he said.

"I come home with a pocketful of money and I know she's wondering where I got it from."

When Ben wins "a good lump sum," he'll give her \$5 or \$10, "but most and generally, she'll have some her own self," he explained.

According to one Des Moines resident, who declined to be identified, the younger Black community has "no one that they can relate to and nothin' relevant to do to keep them off the gambling tables."

"You got to realize that the old leaders that you could admire are gone," he said, "and the new ones must be keepin' themselves hid."

But in gambling, there are the "old heads", with "pockets fulla money," apparently.

"And I still know a lot of old ladies that gamble," Ben pointed out. "They don't roll dice, though I guess some of 'em do. They play cards like tonk and blackjack—or po-ke-no."

match the \$105.9 billion the U.S. is spending for defense this coming year.

The U.S. Department of Army Engineering Corp., however, does assist the Saudi Arabian government in its capital expenditure program. In fact, many of the contracts for construction and maintenance for military, government and private developments with U.S. firms are coordinated by the U.S. Army Engineering Corp. in Washington, D.C.

These major construction projects are providing the need for contractors, construction workers, material and technical assistance from U.S. suppliers and workers. Don Warden, a San Francisco attorney and international black businessman, believes the Saudi Arabians want to do business with blacks but blacks must be as qualified as whites to perform in their professions.

The Saudi Arabian government is constructing a whole new city for 200,000 people in one project. There is a need for numerous individuals in all trades and professions from ambulance drivers to welders. In some cases transportation expenses are provided for certain positions. The thirty technically trained person can plan on saving most of his or her pay in Saudi Arabia.

In this country one needs only contact the U.S. Arab Chamber of Commerce to determine how to participate in the business possibilities of Saudi Arabia. There are two independent offices, one on either coast of our continent.

Joe Asfour, is the executive director of the west coast office at 230 California, Suite No. 201, San Francisco, Ca., 94111. In the big apple, M.A. Baghal is the executive director, located at One World Trade Center, Suite 2645, New York, N.Y. 10048.

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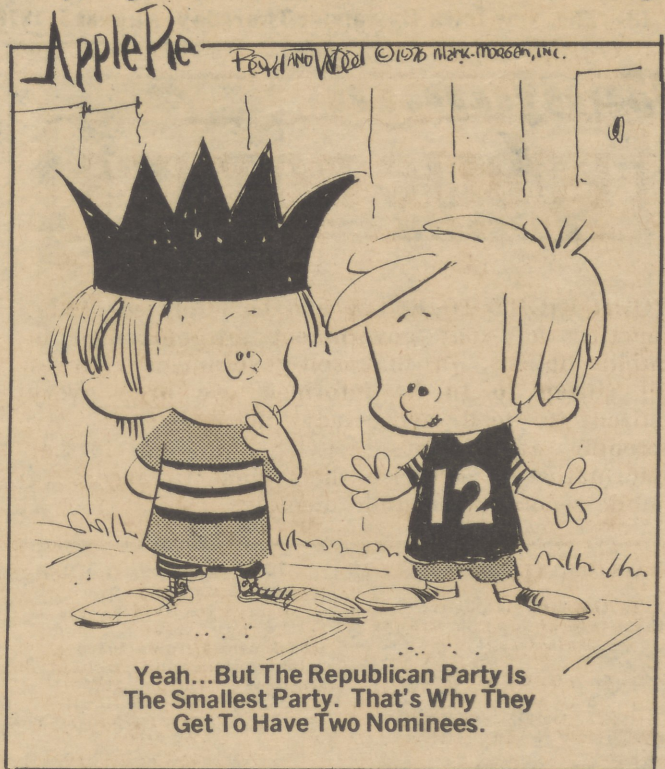
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THANK YOU NOTE

The family of Ella O'Daniel of Kent Ohio, wishes to thank Pastors Pfaltzgraff, Bevel and Members of Burns United Church, the Order of Eastern Star, Entre Nous Club and many friends for their deeply expressed sympathy to the family during their bereavement.

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Last week I wrote about the CBS dramatic documentary film, *With All Deliberate Speed*, which delineated the searing struggle of two men — on black, the other white — to end flagrant segregation in the Clarendon County, S.C. schools.

We know that the Clarendon County, S.C. school system was not unique. That it was a part of a seamless web of school systems throughout the south, in many parts of the mid-and far west and, indeed, in the north.

There was a saving grace. There were hundreds of dedicated black teachers in this nightmarish school system who believed the children could learn and insisted they do just that. So, despite the woefully shortened school "year" (in the south, especially in the rural areas, the school "year" for blacks began after all the crops were harvested in late, late fall, and ended in the very early spring at planting time) and the non-existing libraries or science laboratories, black children somehow learned.

Hundreds of thousands of young blacks of that generation of the 1940's are

the parents of today's restless youngsters. These black folks came from the bowels of the southland, fleeing the onerous school shacks, the back-breaking labor from "kin to can't" (working from daybreak 'til dark) on the farms and plantations.

The school system, despite its serious flaws, turned out hundreds of thousands of self-sustaining, hardworking, god-fearing citizens. And, I am just not talking about the educated "talented 10th" — the doctors, lawyers, ministers, teachers, engineers, accountants, social workers, and countless other professionals and trained technicians who also popped like so many jacks-out-of-the-box from this execrable system.

I am talking about those at the bottom of the educational ladder — the laborers, janitors, auto workers, members of huge families—who were unable to scrape together more than a few years of formal learning in the south's school system.

Their "hands" were desperately needed in the field; the family needed their meager earning power too badly for them to

"waste" time in school. These are the ones who went into the foundries, the mill, married, bought homes, raised families and sent their children off to college in the late '60's and early '70's so that they would be able to enjoy a better, richer life.

That generation is the salt of the earth. They are a people that sprang from a long line of hard-working, non-educated folks stretching back to the dim early days of chattel slavery. They refused to be defeated. The dehumanizing experiences they suffered would have diminished a lesser people, but they became giants.

What of their off-spring — the black kids who are graduating from high schools — who concern PUSH's Rev. Jesse Jackson so much today? What of these youngsters, many of whom are already gracing the college classrooms; many of whom are restless, uncertain, rebellious and resentful, disdaining parental and ancestral sacrifices, the long historic black struggle for equality, human dignity, and a better life?

Will these, the privileged products of enormously better schools, the possessors of the accoutrements of the good life, measure up in character, in spiritual beauty and strength of their forebears who in the distant past were forbidden an education, or those who are products of the one-room school shacks of the painfully recent past?

For not only did they triumph over adversity, raise families and accumulate property, but the last generation was the backbone of the revolutionary civil rights movements of the late '50's and the '60's that is transforming this country, putting the finishing touches

to "the dream deferred". The most precious resource of a people is its children. There is a wise Far Eastern saying that goes, "An apple never falls far from the tree that gave it life." So maybe there is hope. Certainly the verdict is not yet in. But the jury is out and time is short.

Youth Needed At Black Odyssey

The Des Moines chapter of the NAACP is seeking high-school and college age people to serve as tour guides to explain "various aspects of the exhibit and may be answer some questions concerning Black history."

Black Odyssey, sponsored by the NAACP at the Iowa Stat Fair, is a program which will include an exhibit of pictures, documents, and artifacts that will portray Black history, culture and the contributions of Black Americans in the United States.

A nationally recognized Black artist and historian, George Norman, will also be on hand to explain various aspects of his illustrated works.

Tour guides aren't, "expected to be experts," on Black history. Although it is felt that they will, "proably know a great deal more," about Black history than the average Iowan.

Artist George Norman will also give an Orientation Session, for the tour guides, before the opening of the exhibit.

The fair lasts from Wednesday, August 18 through Sunday, August 29, and the NAACP wishes to have several people on hand each day to, from 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM, to act as tour guides for the exhibit. Each day will be divided into three four-hour shifts.

Anyone willing to serve as a tour guide should call the Wilkie House, 243-7817, and indicate the time they are available.

The Gateway Dancers, of Des Moines will also be performing at the exhibit and Federal

Communications Commissioner, Benjamin Hooks will address the

The exhibit, Black Odyssey, will take place at the Iowa State Fair Cultural Center on the fairgrounds.

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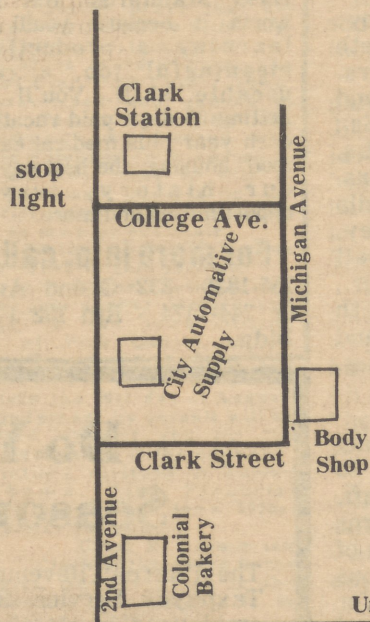
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