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NAACP Supports Desegregation To Achieve Democratic Education

The Executive Board of the Des Moines Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, at its February meeting, in reaffirming the historic commitment of the organization to the elimination of racial segregation in all forms in public education, authorized the following news release:

The proper education of America's children is a most precious concern and is vital to the healthy progress of our nation. The struggle to achieve full and equal educational opportunities is more critical today than ever before.

We reaffirm our deep belief that all forms of segregated schools, regardless of cause, violate

the basic objective of a democratic education for all children. There is no choice between the urgency of ending all forms of racially segregated schools and the critical need to provide high educational standards and accountability of schools attended by minority children.

Access to an equal

educational opportunity and quality education are affirmative goals of the NAACP. The NAACP deplores the current racist attempts by local officials and others to postpone meaningful school desegregation because of negative public opinion.

The continued use of cliches like "neighborhood

schools" and "forced busing" has given encouragement to the proponents of segregated schools to the extent that they have become more blatant in their discriminatory practices and more recalcitrant in their actions and has tended to obscure the real issue of quality education, whether in the neighborhood or at the end of a bus ride.

The concept of the neighborhood school all too often has been misused and distorted to justify separate majority and minority schools. In fact, the neighborhood and the neighborhood school tend to be determined not by distance or geography, but by color and class.

The neighborhood school concept results in segregation and no longer fulfills the objectives of democratic education.

"Busing", despite all the distorted accounts, is not a plan of desegregation. School buses are a means of transportation. Some desegregation plans require pupil transportation, others do not. But the use of school

buses does not represent a departure of any kind in American education. We strongly condemn opposition to school buses as an excuse for segregated schools. 'Busing' has become another myth to justify segregation.

The NAACP feels that every means, both legal and educational, should be used to accelerate the rate of school desegregation and improve the quality of education.

School Board Gets Busing Cost Figures

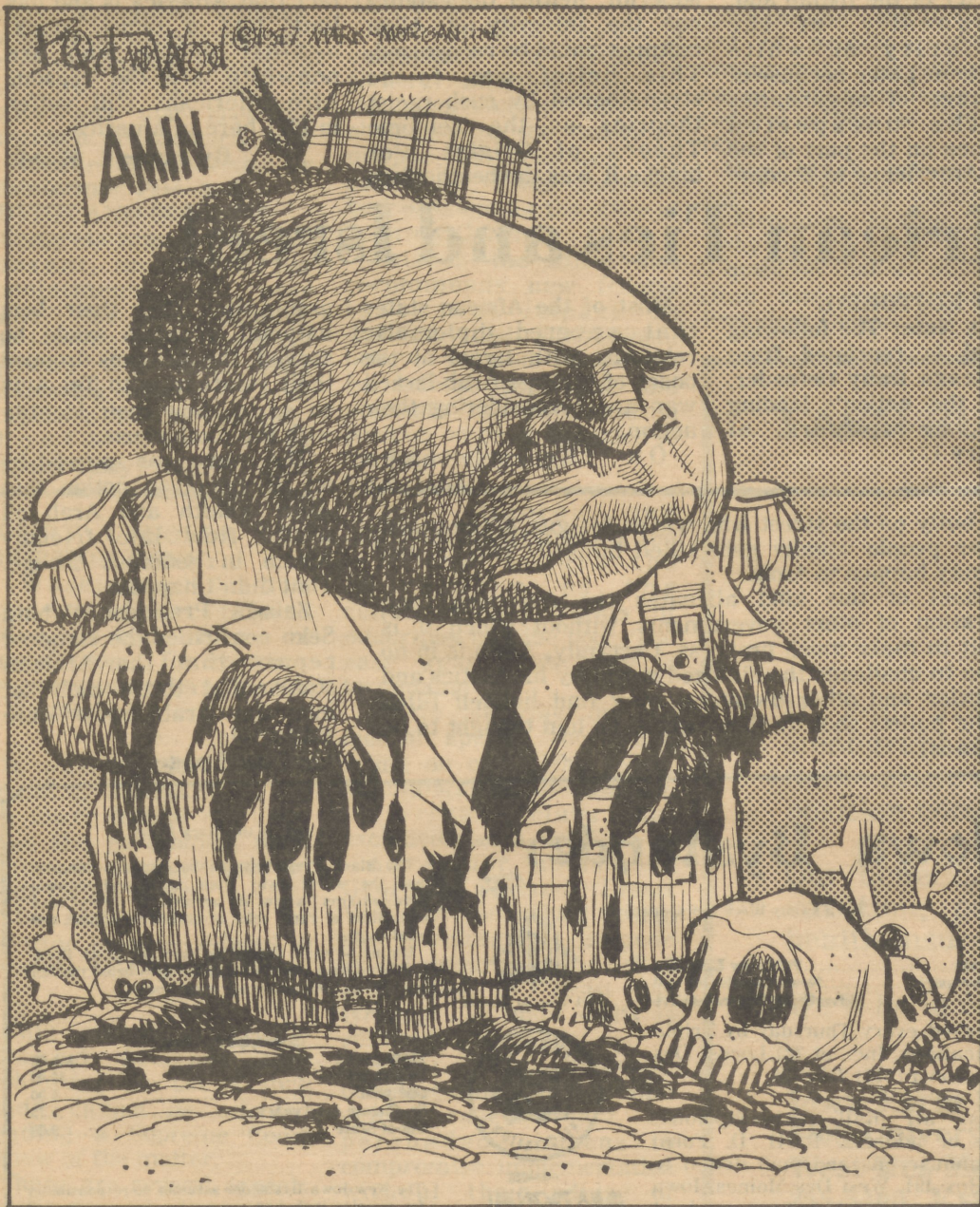
The Des Moines School Board got the word last night, depending on the type of services provided, the bussing necessary to carry out Supt. Davis' school desegregation plan would cost the city between \$78,143 to \$222,480 per year.

Also it was decided last night by the board to vote on the desegregation issue on March 3rd rather than the first. The meeting on the first will be for the benefit of the public and will be an open session starting at 1:15.

CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION SUPPORTS DM DESEGREGATION

The Iowa Civil Rights Commission applauds the efforts of the Des Moines School Board to comply with the Desegregation Order of the Office of the Civil Rights, Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

The Commission offers no opinion on the quality of the desegregation plan proposed by Superintendent Davis, as that plan has not been studied in detail, but supports the attempts being made to abide by a morally and legally binding directive.



THE BITTER ROOT

Drake Dance Benefit For Clark Family

On January 23rd a fire broke out in the home of Vicky Clarke, a Drake University women's basketball player, and her family. The house was destroyed.

At the time of the fire, Vicky's father had been hospitalized for two weeks. One week after the fire, he was dead.

To help the family following these tragedies the Black Greek Organization (fraternities and sororities) of Drake announced that they will sponsor a benefit dance on the evening of February 25th in the basement of the Morehouse Residence Hall on the Drake campus.

This dance is being held in conjunction with two previous fund-raising efforts for the family, a fund-raising drive on February 13 and an earlier benefit dance on the 18th.

The theme of the Black

Greek benefit is to be "Characteristics that make human beings people who love and care."

Goodwill Winter Clearance Sale

Don't miss Goodwill's huge winter clearance sale starting Wednesday, February 23rd and running thru Sunday, February 27th.

All store merchandise is reduced drastically — 50% off on all clothing and 25% off on televisions and appliances.

The Goodwill store at 2550 E. Euclid is open Monday thru Friday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. The Goodwill store at 19th and Carpenter is open Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Your Goodwill purchases will help your budget and help handicapped people.

VIEWS and REVIEWS

by James B. Morris

President Hopes to Lower Hospital Medical Costs

In the 1978 budget submitted to Congress by President Ford, President Carter proposes to reduce the amount or freeze hospital care costs. This may well be true of those on ADC or other such programs. However, many doctors do not subscribe to the Medicare program, but bill their patients direct and let the patient get what he can from Medicare.

George Meany, president of the AFL-CIO union has stated that his group is opposed to the suggestion of the President that labor and industry submit proposed raises to the administration before they go into effect. He argues that this is a type of forced regulation of prices of labor and services to which he is opposed.

It is true that prices have gotten out of hand, each segment of the population bidding for increases because of the rise in prices by the other fellow. Eventually, some type of break must be devised to stop these constant rises in prices otherwise the government, as well as many people, will find themselves broke.

Former administrations were strongly opposed to any type of price fixing, but eventually, it is bound to come even though it may be difficult to enforce.

Politicians Often Duck Their Own Causes

Politicians often find themselves in a bind with their organization and favor measures with which they themselves disagree.

An excellent example of this was opposition raised by civil rights organizations against Griffin Bell during the hearing on his confirmation as Attorney General.

No doubt, the charges against Bell are true and ordinarily he would have drawn the opposition of the black caucus in Congress as well as the civil rights organizations.

Here was an instance when members of the black caucus, in deference to President Carter and the Democratic organization, was silent when under similar circumstances they would have made serious objection to Bell's confirmation.

It seems that these fellows who are recipients of the fat jobs leave championing for the opportunity to get these jobs to civil rights groups, say and do little and contribute little to the cause which place them in their position.

Adopt Davis Proposal and Help Make It Work

Those concerned citizens, who are conducting the organized campaign against the proposal suggested by Superintendent Davis to comply with the Civil Rights Act, are beating their heads against the wall and creating problems which have no place in the community.

It seems to me that these people who make these objections have no program of their own, but simply oppose what is attempted in order to qualify as an unsegregated community.

My experience, in many fields over the years in many states, convinces me that integration of schools is a beneficial experience for people of both races in that they have an opportunity to work with each other and know something about their history.

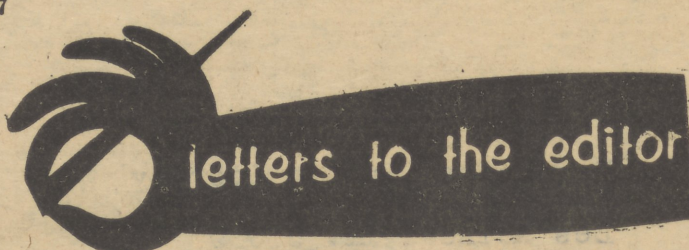
When these same students leave school, in most cases, they find themselves employed in integrated institutions and business concerns. Having gone to integrated schools prepares both races to get along better and as the years go by accord each person consideration based purely on his ability rather than the color of his skin.

Maybe all of Superintendent Davis' program does not suit me. But, I am satisfied that he has done the best job possible following several months of study and public discussion. If we are to be law abiding citizens, and this is what all this is about, we will support Davis' program by helping him to make it succeed. In doing so our community will not be torn with dissension and nothing will be gained by so doing.

President Amin's Slaughters Hurt Uganda

Most heads of state who become drunk with power and decide to kill off those who oppose them usually wind up without a government of their own.

It is difficult to understand why President Idi (Big Daddy) Amin would permit the slaughter of missionaries and teachers who went to this country to help his people get an education and to learn to throw off their tribal living and take on the civilization which has made other countries great.



NOTICE

The New Iowa Bystander will not publish any letters to the editor unless they are signed by a person's full name, street address and town or city.

America's History of Racism

Letter to the Editor

Dear Sir,

Because this is black history month, I find it an opportune time to briefly trace the history and ideology of racism as it applies to American society. If one looks back to the years prior to 1620 in the documents and culture of the English society as it existed then before the arrival of the English immigrants to the New World.

One can read that the people had already inherited a host of associations concerning nonwhite people. For example before the close of the fifteenth century, a host of associations had become tied to the word black which became important as men put language to use in first defining and later justifying the status they desired for nonwhites.

Words such as soiled and dirty first became linked with black. By 1536 black connoted dark purposes, malignant, deadly. By 1581 foul, by 1583, disastrous, and sinister.

So upon arriving in the New World and coming into contact with its native inhabitants, and the natives not knowing the white mans God was sufficient proof to the English immigrant of the inferiority of the Indian and, consequently, of the superiority of white civilization. Later because of a shortage of missionaries and the unexpected resistance on the part of the native Americans to become

Christians, it became clear conquering was less expensive and more efficient than civilizing.

Thus began the process of genocide, giving rise to the slogan The only good Indian is a dead Indian. Also about this time the ideology of white supremacy on the North American Continent was on the rise.

Since Indians were in their opinion only capable of reaching the stage of savage, they could not be allowed to impede westward expansion of civilization.

Therefore it was to become only a matter of time before the disappearance of the nonwhite race which was in the path of expansionist policies, was to take place according to Gods will. So what began as a movement to civilize and christianize the indigenous native population was converted into a racist force, accompanied, as always, by a justificatory ideology.

In retrospect, the result is hardly surprising. The English colonists operated from a premise which has continued to have an impact on American thought today: Because it was believed that the Anglo-Saxon race was to be culturally and religiously superior, neither the validity nor the integrity of Alien cultures could be recognized. This belief was to be strengthened by such racist theories as the Teutonic Theory of Origins. For blacks it was the heathenism

or savagery of our African ancestors which became the early rationale for our enslavement.

A particularly ingenious version of the rationale is best known as "Social Darwinism". The Social Darwinian theory of evolution greatly influenced social thought, hence social institutions, in nineteenth-century America. Social Darwinists extended the concept of biological evolution in the development of man to a concept of evolution in development of societies and civilizations.

It was characterized by struggle and conflict in which the stronger, more advanced, and more civilized would triumph over the inferior, weaker, backward, and un-civilized peoples. The contemporary expression of social Darwinian thinking is less overt but essentially the same arguments as used in nineteenth century America.

The poverty and degradation of the nonwhite races in the United States are thought to be the result of them not lifting themselves up by their own boot straps. Rather than anything white society has done.

To continue to ignore the fact that America is and has long had a racist policy, against people who are nonwhite are the reasons Afro-Americans still suffer in 1977 here in America.

By James L. Woods

African Ties and Isreal

GUEST EDITORIAL

Editor's Note: The following editorial is reprinted from the Chicago Daily Defender, one of the nation's leading Black newspapers, of February 12:

Most of the African states that severed diplomatic relations with Israel at the onset of the last Arab-Israeli war are reconsidering their action.

On the mistaken

The bully on the street who waves his gun in the midst of other people usually gets killed himself. This is just what may happen to Amin.

Conduct of this kind alienates the friendship and cooperation of other governments without which it is difficult to make much progress. Certainly, Amin is in no position to challenge the civilized world by his tactics and like Hitler and other dictators, may find himself filled with the bullets shot by those whom he had thought to be his friends.

assumption that their best national interests would be served, the Africans dropped their relations with Tel Aviv so as to show their identity with the Arab cause.

The move was spurred by an ill-conceived notion that Arab wealth and Arab oil would flow into friendly Africa in generous dosage. That didn't happen.

Zaire's President Mobutu Seko confirmed the rumored report that the African states that threw their lot into the Arab camp were

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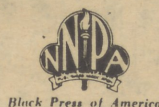
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A Game That Failed

By Laura Parks

The South Africans and the Rhodesians have cleverly taken advantage of the vagaries of American Presidential politics. From a strategic-political point of view they have been conducting an aggressive consolidation of their position in the face of the Kissenger inspired British diplomatic onslaught.

Before the recent Presidential elections the Ford Administration was reasonably successful in convincing the Rhodesians that Henry Kissenger's plan for black majority rule had to be obeyed and implemented at all levels. This feeling persisted until the last moments of the Presidential campaign when it was becoming increasingly clear that Ford might not be the victor.

At this point the Rhodesians and the South Africans changed their tactics. They would stall for

time and see what the Carter Presidency would bring.

The essential idea of the Ford Kissenger diplomatic mission was to persuade the Rhodesians and the South Africans to go along with the Administration's plans of having Rhodesia renounce her unilateral declaration of Independence and consent to become, as she was before UDI, a British colony. This would enable the Black Rhodesian leadership to negotiate with the British and avoid the anticipated bitter diplomatic confrontations with the white Rhodesian leadership.

When this proposal was put to the Rhodesians and the South Africans they accepted it because they believed that President Ford would win re-election.

It was at this juncture that the British government appointed their Ambassador to the United Nations, Mr. Ivor Richards, to conduct negotiations with the Rhodesians on two major points: first to persuade the Rhodesians to renounce their

Unilateral Declaration of Independence and the second to persuade them to accept a definite date for establishing majority rule.

During this phase, the British UN Ambassador, Ivor Richards was reasonably optimistic about his chances of convincing the Rhodesians to accept his plan. The reason for the Ford-Kissenger proposal to have the British negotiate with the Black Rhodesians (Zimbabweans) was the great fear in high U. government circles that if the white Rhodesian leader Ian Smith was permitted to be the decisive voice in the talks it would probably cause a deadlock which might result in a severe confrontation not only between the Blacks and the whites in Rhodesia but also between the United States and the Soviet Union.

During the weeks of talks that Ivor Richards conducted with black and white leaders in Geneva, it became clear that the white leadership was increasingly

adopting a harder and harder position in the talks as public opinion polls from the United States indicated that President Ford was losing ground to Jimmy Carter.

With the election of Jimmy Carter, Ambassador Richards was forced to announce that Britain's talks with white Rhodesian leaders had collapsed. In fact, the collapse of the talks had signaled the end of Britain's effective involvement in Rhodesian affairs as the surrogate of the United States policy makers. From now on the real power in the Rhodesian negotiations would be the United States, as she, was in fact, even before the negotiations began, almost two long years ago in the railway train high above the Zambezi River, when the white rulers of Rhodesia realized that black majority rule was inevitable.

However, the white leaders of South Africa and Rhodesia, while gaining some time, perhaps as much as a year, have made a fatal political blunder. They could not have known that the Presidency of Jimmy Carter would be based in the south but in a south where the blacks gave him his margin of victory in practically every southern state.

By last week there indications that the Rhodesians and the South Africans had come to realize the full significance of the Carter election because in an unusual show of solidarity the South African indicated their open support of the white Rhodesians, which in the past they tried to conceal.

Thus, it is that the South Africans and the white Rhodesians at first, tried to stall and gain time as the US Presidential drama unfolded only to come to the unhappy realization that their gamble had failed and that in fact they were to face a resident and an administration elected by black majorities.

Because of this realization, last week, South Africa, for

the first time in almost two years announced her open support for Rhodesian whites: South Africa had abandoned her supposed role of pressuring the Rhodesians into compliance with the wishes of London and Washington. At long last the real players are on the field and the game is about to begin in earnest. Soon white Rhodesia will become black Zimbabwe.

For this much of the credit will have to go to the millions of Black Americans in our southern states as to the heroic guerrilla warriors of black Rhodesia soon to be called Zimbabwe. Vorster of South Africa and Smith of Rhodesia gambled and failed but they should have known that it is unwise to throw dice against destiny.

The Power and The Glory

By Dr. Gloria E. A. Tootes
Why Not The Best?

Our federal government was structured to assure responsiveness from elected as well as appointed government officials. The favorable qualities, mental ability, and indiscreet conduct of candidates are usually exposed during the election campaign.

In the federal government, many appointed officials, particularly cabinet officers, exercise greater impact on the day to day lives of Americans than does the President. Particularly with a weak, amateurish, or misinformed President.

ADVISE AND CONSENT

Congress must advise and consent on significant appointments, and "oversight" the administration and funding levels of federal agencies. What better body comprising members of both major political parties, should have this responsibility? Surely their

first concern would be to accept only the best of candidates.

Membership on the Senate Judiciary Committee is sought by most members of Congress. Its confirmation duties affords the opportunity to fashion the sensitivity, integrity, and competency of the federal courts and the Justice Department.

THE TEST

President Carter's candidate for Attorney General afforded Congress the opportunity to fulfill its obligation to the American people by rejecting the candidacy of less than the best of talent for the office of Attorney General.

This is the office that recommends new federal laws that impact on domestic and international policy; suggests candidates for federal judgeships; and presents the government's position on cases appealed to the Supreme Court.

THE CASE

Only vigorous and impartial enforcement of the law can ensure the protection of the constitutional rights of minorities and the poor. The case against Mr. Bell is formidable:

While serving on the federal appeals court, and ruling on civil rights cases, he maintained membership in private clubs that excluded blacks and Jews.

As senior advisor to Georgian Governor Ernest Vandever, he helped design the strategy to impede school integration and called for action to "resist this tyranny . . . until sanity is restored to the land."

After court ordered desegregation in the Atlanta school case of 1972, he persuaded citizens to compromise implementation without their advise of counsel. Increased school integration was minimal in exchange for black

administration school system appointments with salary.

He endorsed the controversial appointment of G. Harrold Carswell to the Supreme Court. An appointment denied by the U.S. Senate.

DISAPPOINTMENT

Mr. Bell has relinquished his membership in organizations that discriminate. His action is not of principle but for compromise. He offers no caveat that after leaving his federal office he will not rejoin.

One black witness who asked to testify before the confirmation hearing asked "why not the best?" This is a question that we must ask time and time again of President Carter.

COURT UPHOLDS FED ABORTION MONEY

(Washington) — The Supreme Court refused today to ban the use of federal money for abortions not necessary to save the life of the mother.

It was the second such refusal by the court.

A lower federal court has ruled the government must continue paying medicaid funds for abortions.

The Justices have — for the time being — refused to interfere with that decision.

This means a recently passed federal law prohibiting the use of such funds cannot be enforced pending a Supreme Court review of the matter.

There are several appeals pending against a lower court decision that the new law is unconstitutional.

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Black Press Celebrates 150 Years By Naming 5 to New Hall of Fame

WASHINGTON (NNPA) — The Black Press will celebrate its 150th anniversary here on March 18 by enshrining the first five of its most outstanding pioneer journalists in its new Gallery of Distinguished Newspaper Publishers at Howard University's Moorland-Springarn Research Center. Alex Haley, author of "Roots," also will be honored.

Dr. James E. Cheek, president of Howard University and Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett, editor-publisher of the San Francisco Sun Reporter/Metro Reporter and president of the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA), made the announcement this week as plans were being completed for the installations in the gallery and the dedication of the Black Press Archives also at Howard during the NNPA Mid-Winter Workshop, March 16-19 here at International Inn.

Those who are to be enshrined are: Frederick Douglass, abolitionist editor and orator who founded the North Star in Rochester, N.Y., in 1847; Rev. Samuel E. Cornish and John B. Russwurm, co-founders of (New York) Freedom's Journal, the first black newspaper, in 1827 — 150 years ago.

Philip A. Bell, general agent of Freedom's Journal, who founded the (New York) Colored American in 1837, and who published the San Francisco Elevator from 1865 until 1888; and Dr. Martin R. Delany, founder of the Pittsburgh Mystery in 1842 and later co-editor of the North Star with Douglass.

Another highlight of the enshrinement will be the placement in the gallery Black Press Sesquicentennial Memorial Plaques to Rev. Elijah P. Lovejoy, martyred editor of the anti-slavery Alton, Ill., Observer in 1837; and William Lloyd Garrison, publisher of the Liberator, leading anti-slavery newspaper of America, and the moving force in the Anti-Slavery Societies.

In addition, Black Press Sesquicentennial Awards will go to: Haley for his "Roots," an enormous contribution to better interracial understanding; John H. Johnson, editor-publisher of Ebony and Jet, as the most outstanding black publisher in history.

John H. Sengstacke, editor-publisher of the Chicago Daily Defender and other Sengstacke newspapers, for founding NNPA; Ms. Lucile Bluford, editor of the Kansas City Call, for her suit to enter the University of Missouri's School of Journalism in 1939 which led to the establishment of Lincoln's Journalism School.

R.J. Reynolds Industries for its \$50,000 NNPA journalism scholarship program; and to Dr. Cheek

and William O. Walker, editor-publisher, Cleveland Call & Post and chairman of NNPA's Archives and Gallery Committee, for their roles in the establishment of the joint Howard University-NNPA Black Press Archives and Gallery of Distinguished Newspaper Publishers.

The first of a two-part enshrinement will take place at 3 p.m. on March 18 in Andrew Rankin Memorial Chapel on Howard's campus where the five honorees will

be unveiled and the archives dedicated. Dr. Jay Saunders Redding, English professor-emeritus of Cornell University and author of "No Day of Triumph" and other widely read books, will be the dedication speaker.

This will be followed in the evening by enshrinement ceremonies during the 150th anniversary banquet in the ballroom of the National Press Club. All the special awards will be made there.

Both Dr. Cheek and Dr. Goodlett have expressed

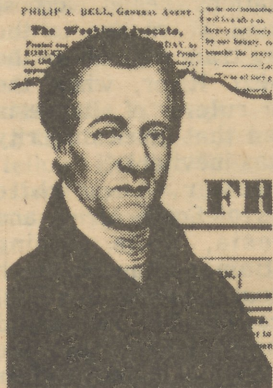
high praise for Dr. Michael R. Winston, director of the Moorland-Springarn Research Center, for the development of the Black Press Archives and Gallery in such an effective manner. The archives are expected to become the No. 1 repository of black newspapers, press photos, editorial background reference material and memorabilia, as well as biographical data on black journalists.

During the observance, Dr. Winston will be cited by NNPA. In turn, the archives will cite the first journalists to donate their papers to it. These are: P. L. Prattis, retired executive editor of the Pittsburgh Courier; Ms. Ethel L. Payne and Dr. Metz

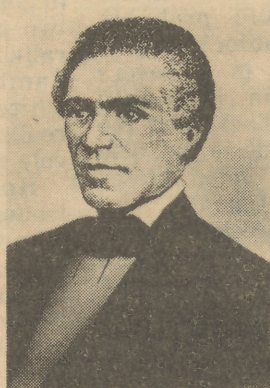
T. P. Lochard, associated editors of the Chicago Daily Defender; George B. Murphy, Jr. of the Afro-American newspapers; and Mrs. Alice Dunnigan, author and former Washington Bureau chief of the Associated Negro Press.

In addition to the Sesquicentennial celebration, the Workshop will conduct a number of symposiums on newspaper circulation building, editorial content improvement, special problems of black publishers, and advertising salesmanship and service.

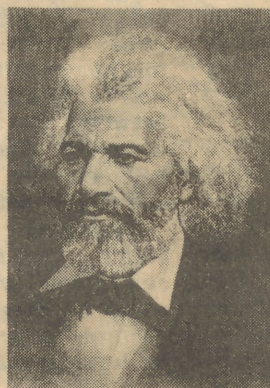
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Samuel E. Cornish



John B. Russwurm



Frederick Douglass



Philip A. Bell



Dr. Martin Delany

United Church of Christ Supports African Liberation

The United Church of Christ Commission for Racial Justice at its February meeting, announced plans to mobilize Black Americans and others of good will to support vigorously the liberation struggle in Southern Africa for self-determination and total freedom of all African people.

In light of the recent appointment of a fellow U.C.C. minister, the Reverend Andrew Young, as the U.S. Ambassador to the U.N., the U.C.C. CRJ called upon Ambassador Young to proclaim immediately his commitment to African self-determination; to support a policy which does not interfere with the rights of the people to decide for themselves their system of self-government, the most unalienable of all rights.

Furthermore, the Commission called upon the U.C.C. General Synod (meeting in D.C. in June and July) to declare its distress and to protest the wanton killing of thousands and constant oppression of millions in Southern Africa and to condemn rigidly the role being played by the U.S., and foreign corporations in this most atrocious and barbaric war against humanity.

The announced plan calls for all Americans to join in support for:

(a) condemnation of apartheid in South Africa and demand the release of all political prisoners and the establishment of majority rule;

(b) immediate restoration of the Transkei as a part of the Republic of South Africa and of its residents to full economic and political

participation of the Republic of South Africa;

(c) a demand for the U.S. to provide special political refugee status to Africans forced to flee repression in the contested zones;

(d) opposition to U.S. support of any settlements that will subsequently compromise the freedom of Blacks in Southern Africa;

(e) a mandatory arms embargo against South Africa including all technical and nuclear material.

Dr. Charles E. Cobb, Executive Director of the

Commission for Racial Justice, announced the appointment of Koko Farrow, veteran organizer for support for African Liberation Movements, to direct the Africa Project.

The first phase of the project calls for a national conference and strategy session March 18-20 in Washington, D.C., designed to develop a unified national thrust providing specific human, financial and other forms of support to the liberation movements. In addition, the conference will

explain the root causes of the struggle in Southern Africa.

Ms. Farrow said: "We do this as our part in support of the efforts of the Black Leadership Conference of Africa representing the overwhelming majority of African and African Americans; we do this because we know that the destiny of Blacks in America and Blacks in Africa is inextricably intertwined; and because it is altogether fitting and morally just, that we do so."

Students Meet DMACC Officials on Urban Center

At a meeting Monday night several students urged officials of the Des Moines Area Community College to move the present Urban Center from its site at the old Sabin Elementary School at 5th and College to the old Dowling High School campus at 10th and College.

For several months, students attending the Urban Center have complained to school officials about the Sabin facilities and urged Supt. Paul Lowrey and several of his staff members to earmark part of the college's construction funds for relocation of the urban center.

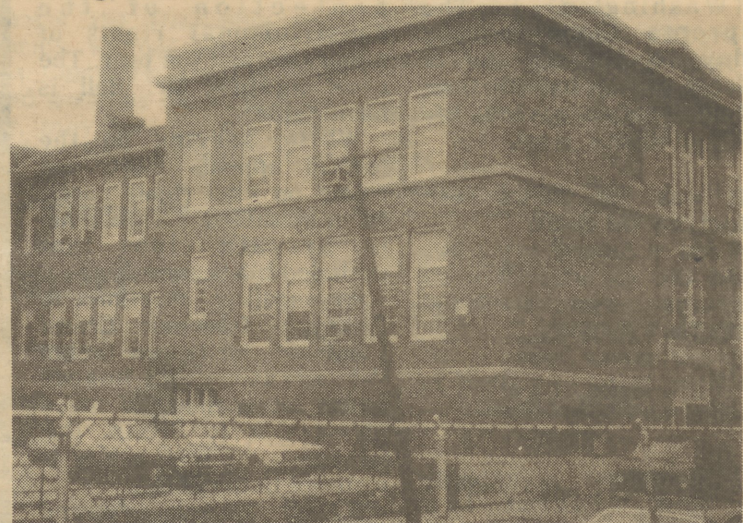
Students have complained that the present center is old, too small and not designed for adults.

But they are urging school officials to keep the center in the neighborhood because of its central location and since many of its students live in the area and can't afford

transportation to other locations.

When pressed by the people attending the meeting, Lowrey said he has

not yet decided on his recommendations to the college's board of directors to resolve the situation.



Pictured is the Urban Center branch of the Des Moines Area Community College. In a meeting held this week between students and administration, Supt. Paul Lowrey was told the students don't like the building but like the neighborhood. Lowrey told them he has not yet decided what to recommend about the center to the college's board of directors.

Church News

MORNING STAR BAPTIST CHURCH

The Mothers Board will sponsor afternoon services with Rev. Phil Tindrell and members of St. John's Baptist Church at 4 p.m. Sunday February 27, 1977.

Everyone welcome.

MESSIAH TEMPLE

Evangelist Zora Reed was the speaker last Sunday, and all listened carefully as God's Word was given. Her lesson, "Confess Your Faith," was one that encouraged all of us to be more open in our expression of our belief in God's holy power.

The greatest thing in a person is the belief in God. All people search for something pure and peace giving to believe in; and that something is God. It is faith in His power that makes a way where none exists.

Sunday school is at 10:30 with worship services at 11:30. The Book of Acts is every Sunday at 5:00 p.m. Prayer meeting is every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

REMEMBER: Bible faith in action never ends in defeat. Will power and determination without faith always ends in defeat.

MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday morning devotions were under the direction of Deacon Willard Thomas and Deacon Hollie Cherry.

The 11:00 a.m. message was brought by the pastor, Reverend H. R. Fields. The sermon was taken from Romans 12:10, "Be kind and affectionate to one another," and the pastor's text was "Brotherly Love". The senior choir was in charge of the music.

Visitors at the morning service were Mr. and Mrs. Donald Williams, and son, Mark (Shiloh Bapt. Church).

Easter play practice will be held every other Wednesday evening, 6:30 p.m. at the Church. First practice was held Wednesday, Feb. 16th; next practice will be Wednesday, March 2nd.

Recitations may be obtained by contacting Sister Barbara Jenkins. Brother David Burkett is in charge of

the play practices.

Tuesday, February 22nd, Reverend Fields and the Mt. Olive Senior Choir will participate in the 9th Anniversary Services being conducted at Macedonia Baptist Church for Reverend and Mrs. Avance Harden.

Sunday, February 27, at the 11:00 a.m. service, Reverend Lloyd Smith, who is also Auditor for the State of Iowa, will be the speaker. Reverend Smith is very active in the Bethel Mission program, and the public is invited to attend this service.

The Mt. Olive Missionary Society will meet Tuesday, March 1, 7:00 p.m., at the Church. This will be our business meeting for the month.

We are seeking your prayers and visits for our sick and shut-ins: Brother Roosevelt Johnson, Brother John Harris, Deacon Travis and Sister Beatrice Bailey, Sister Marie Williams, Sister Beulah Powell, Brother Frank Smith, Brother A. N. Anderson, Brother James Duffy, Brother Grant Shade, and all who are unable to come out and enjoy the fellowship of Christian brotherhood for varying reasons.

UNION BAPTIST CHURCH REV. H. I. THOMAS PASTOR

Friday February 25th at 7 p.m. the New Creations are having request night. Everyone may participate by giving your request to any member of the choir. Brother LeRoy Cunningham is president.

Sunday March 6th at 4 p.m. the Senior choir will present the pageant "Old Ship Of Zion" Sister Clara Wade will narrate, Sister Esther Wadsworth is Chairlady, Deacon Charles Watkins is president.

Sunday March 13th, dedication services will be held at 4 p.m. for the new choir uniforms.

Sunday March 20th at 5

p.m. the senior ushers will present The "Rhea Borne" gospel singers in a musical. Clara Wade chairlady, Deacon Tom Smith President. Think About It "CAST THY BURDEN UPON THE LORD, AND HE WILL SUSTAIN THEE".

TRUE BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH

The Evangelist Missionary C.O.I.C. will present "Our Father's Children," in a musical program at True Bible Bapt. Church, Sun. Feb. 27 at 3 p.m.

The young singing group is being sponsored by the True Bible Bapt. Missionary Society. Other talent of the city will participate. The public is invited. Mrs. Mariaha O'Day- Pres. Mrs. Blanche Jackson- Prog. Chairperson.

Pastor Wiggins and members are planning a trip to Cleveland, Ohio, to be with Pastor Eddie Hawkins and congregation of the Good Shepard Bapt. Church for their church anniversary service.

Pastor Hawkins was the speaker at our Annual Revival Service last year. Any one wishing to attend may call this number- 266-8212 before Mar. 13th.

KYLES A.M.E. ZION CHURCH

Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.

The morning Celebration will begin at 11:00 a.m. Pastor McDonald will bring the morning message. The Young Adult Choir will sing.

The East Side Mission Society will have their anniversary service at Kyles. Devotions begins at 2:30 p.m.

FIRST CALVARY APOSTOLIC CHURCH OF GOD
2561 Onawa
Minister G. Reid
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 12:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday Bible Study 7:30 p.m.
Thursday Worship 7:30 p.m.

EVANGELISTIC CRUSADE OUTREACH
1016 Forest
Evangelist Brother John Connally
Services
Sunday (Family School) 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evangelistic Services 7:00 p.m.
Sunday 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday 7:00 p.m.
Saturday 7:00 p.m.

TRUE BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH
1440 DeWolf Street
Rev. Ezell Wiggins, Pastor
266-8212
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Bible Class 7:00 p.m.
Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.
Prayer Meeting, Wed. 7:00 p.m.

Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church
930-31st St.
Rev. Avance Harden
Home 277-5445
Church 255-4286
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.
BTU 6:00 p.m.
Elsie Chancellor, Director
Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.
Prayer Services, Wed. 7:00 p.m.

ST. JOHN BAPTIST CHURCH
2538 S. E. Maury
Rev. Phil Tindrell
Church School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Youth Fellowship 6:30 p.m.
Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.
Pastor phone 266-5755

MESSIAH TEMPLE
2683 Center
Elder Jacob J. Reed, Pastor
Order of Services
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:30 a.m.
Choir Rehearsal Sat. 2:00 p.m.
The Book of Acts 7:00 p.m.
Prayer Meeting Wed. 7:00 p.m.



Tammy Harris

RECITAL AT MT. HEBRON

Tammy Harris will be featured in a Musical Recital for the Mt. Hebron Baptist Church JMH Choir. Tammy is the directress of the youthful choir. They are under the direction of Mrs. Luvenia Jones. The recital will be at Mt. Hebron Church on the 6th of March at 6:00 p.m.

THE MT. HEBRON BAPTIST CHURCH

Saturday, February 26th, the Junior Ushers will have a chicken dinner here at the church. You can call for your dinner at 262-4783.

The Senior Choir Request program will be February 27, at 6:30 PM. Guests will be the newly formed Mt. Hebron Mens' Chorus.

Thursday evening, Deacon John Patton will present the

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East 17th & University
Bishop Hurley Bassett
266-7639
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
YPWW 6:30 p.m.
Sunday Evening 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday Services 7:30 p.m.
Friday Services 7:30 p.m.

PILGRIM MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
1732 Walker Street
Rev. Wayland Heath, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Service 11:00 a.m.
Youth Meeting Weekly 7:30 p.m.
Prayer Meeting Wed. 7:30 p.m.

ST. JOHN CATHOLIC CHURCH
Harding & University
Father Jim Kiernan
Father Anthony Palmeri
Eucharistic Celebration
Saturday 5:30 p.m.
Sunday 7:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Weekdays 8:00 a.m.
Sacrament of reconciliation
Saturday 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.
and following 5:30 p.m. Mass

PHILADELPHIA SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST
1150-13th St.
Rev. George W. Murray, Pastor
Sabbath School 9:30 a.m.
Morning Service 11:00 a.m.
Missionary Volunteer 7:30 p.m.
Prayer Meeting Wed. 8:00 p.m.
Dorcas Society 1st Sunday 1:00 p.m.

ST. LUKE NO. 1 INTERDENOMINATIONAL CHURCH
1247 McCormick
Elder W. A. Robinson, Pastor
Sunday Service 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School 11:00 a.m.
Morning Service 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.

MAPLE STREET BAPTIST CHURCH
E. 16th & Maple Street
Rev. Geo. Parish
Minister - 266-9910
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Bible Class 6:30 a.m.
Evening Service 7:30 p.m.
Prayer Service Wed. 8:00 p.m.

Heard Family Singers at 7:30 p.m.

The JMH Choir will present Tammy Harris in a Musical Recital on the First Sunday in March at 6:00 p.m.

The Young Adult Choir will have their 2nd Annual Spring Concert on the 13th of March. Their guests will be Rev. Thad Thomas and his choir and congregation of Mt. Carmel Baptist Church of Waterloo, Iowa.

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YPWW 6:30 p.m.
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Tues. & Fri., 7:30 p.m.,
1309 McCormick
Thursday, 7:30 p.m., Choir rehearsal

SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH
1213 Scott Street 255-6333
Rev. William Heath, Pastor
Order of Services
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Service 11:00 a.m.
BTU 6:00 p.m.
Evening Services 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday Night Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

ST. PAUL A.M.E. CHURCH
1201 Day Street
Rev. Artie S. Harris
Church School 9:30 a.m.
Church Service 10:45 a.m.
Vespers Service 6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.
Prayer Service, Wed. 7:30 p.m.
Youth Fellowships 5:30 p.m.

KYLES TEMPLE A.M.E. ZION CHURCH
Dr. Osofo L. H. McDonald, Pastor
997-15th Street
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Service 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.
Prayer Service Wed. 7:30 p.m.

NEW BETHANY CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
800 Des Moines St.
Pastor Andrew E. Johnson
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:30 a.m.
Sunday Youth Service 6:45 p.m.
Sunday Evening Service 8:00 p.m.
Mid-week Service Wed & Fri 7:30 p.m.
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9th & School Streets
Rev. F. W. Strickland
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
BTU 6:00 p.m.
Evening Service 7:00 p.m.
Prayer Service Wed. 8:00 p.m.

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Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.

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Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
Morning Service 11:15 a.m.
Evening Service 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday Evening Service 8:00 p.m.
Friday Evening Service 8:00 p.m.

BURNS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
811 Crocker Street
Rev. R. C. Pfaltzgraff
Rev. Henry Bevel
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.

MORNINGSTAR BAPTIST CHURCH
1150 W. 13th
Rev. Alex Crawford, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Broadcast 9:30 a.m.
to 10:00 a.m.

MISSION TEMPLE C.O.G.I.C.
Elder James McNear, Pastor
Assistant Pastor Minister E. Bell
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Service 11:00 a.m.
Y.P.W.W. 6:30 a.m.
Evening Services 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday & Thursday Nights 7:30 p.m.

MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
S.E. 4th & Scott Streets
Rev. H. R. Fields, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Service 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service 7:45 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Service 7:30 p.m.
Choir Rehearsal Fridays 7:30 p.m.

EVANGELISTIC MISSIONARY COGIC
1340 E. 18th Street
Rev. Pastor Arthur Bush
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship 1:30 a.m. & 8 p.m.
YPWW 7:00 p.m.
Sunday Evening Worship 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday Prayer & Bible Study 8:00 p.m.
Thursday Consecration & Healing 8:00 p.m.

Around the State

Cedar Rapids

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Correspondent

Mt. Zion Baptist Church, 824 8th Street S.E. Rev. LeRoy White, pastor. Mt. Zion will have their regular services, Sunday, February 27th. Rev. White will be in charge. The Youth Choir will furnish the music. Services begin at 10:45 a.m.

Bethel A.M.E. 512 6th Street, S.E. Rev. George Moore, pastor. Bethel will be in regular service Sunday morning. Services will begin at 11:00 a.m. with Rev. Moore in charge.

Redemption Missionary Baptist Church, 1510 2nd Street S.W., Rev. Harmon Webb, pastor. Redemption will have regular services Sunday. Rev. Webb will be in charge of the services beginning at 11:00 a.m.

New Jerusalem Church of God in Christ, 631 9th Avenue S.E., Bishop Hurley Basset, pastor. Saturday night is "Youth for Christ". Rev. Rufus Johnson is the Youth pastor. He is assisted by Elder Wendell Beets.

Regular services will begin at 11:00 a.m.

NEWS ABOUT TOWN

Juan Cortez, 1022 Eleventh Avenue SE, was elected president of the Linn County advisory board of the Hawkeye Area Community Action Program (HACAP) at their meeting this month.

Fifteen of the 28-member board, which serves as an advisory body to the HACAP board of directors, are low income representatives. The remaining thirteen members represent public and private groups.

The Cedar Rapids human rights commission upheld a complaint of sex and race discrimination filed against Harnischfeger Corp at their meeting this month.

The commission voted that probable cause of discrimination exists in the firing of Marlene Jo Garrison, 1021 Ninth Street SE, from her job as custodian in May of this year.

Ms. Terry Arrington, an employee of the Linn County E.R.O. office, attended the Modern Wage & Salary Administration seminar on the Iowa State University campus at Ames this month.

Mrs. Juan Cortez was called to Chicago over the weekend due to the illness of her mother.

Mr. & Mrs. Frank Allen Jr., Frank III, Marcus & Gregory of Des Moines were recent visitors in the home of Mr. & Mrs. Leo Griggs; parents of Mrs. Allen.

Mrs. Leora Roberts, Waterloo, Iowa and Ms. Charlotte Roberts of San Bernardino, California visited in the home of Mr. & Mrs. Leo Griggs recently. Mr. Griggs is the brother and uncle of Mrs. Roberts and Ms. Roberts.

Last Friday night was Senior Recognition Night at the basketball game at Washington High School. Seniors and their parents

recognized were, Mr. Norval Dickson, Lansing Michigan, Mrs. Johnnie Dickson, Cedar Rapids and son Norval, Jr.; Mrs. Bertha Garner and son, David; Mr. & Mrs. Ray Wilson and son Varick.

Tune in Sunday mornings at 8:00 - 8:30 a.m. and Thursdays at 3:30 - 4:00 a.m. to KQCR FM, 103.FM on your radio dial to "Black Awareness - a Community In and Around You". William C. Davis is the host.

Burlington

CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARY

An affair long to be remembered was the Open House on Sunday, February 20 commemorating the 36th Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil E. Rideout at their lovely appointed home, 539 S. Starr Avenue. Between the hours of 3-6 p.m. well wishers numbering 170 were greeted by the Rideouts. Devoted and dedicated to their Church (St. John African Methodist Episcopal) and the

Community, the display of appreciation by their friends was evident throughout the afternoon. A special tribute was paid the couple by the local Gideon Camp of which Cecil has been an active member for more than 25 years. They are distributing a number of Bibles in their names.

Cecil Rideout and Evelyn Lee were married in Burlington, Iowa on February 22, 1941. Until their retirement Cecil was Bailiff in the Municipal Court and Evelyn was employed as Credit Manager for the J. C. Penny Company. Both positions were "firsts" for Negroes.

Hostess for this delightful occasion were Mary Baker, Eva Nelson, Juanita Newman and Charlotte Weldon. These ladies demonstrated their culinary art with delicious canapes, wedding punch, coffee and a 3-tier wedding cake.

Gladys White, sister of Evelyn, and Geraldine Brown received and registered the guests.



SECRET OUT -- Natalie Cole, recently named "Singer of the Year," is shown with her husband, record producer Marvin Yancy. The pair chose Valentine's Day to reveal that they were secretly married on July 31 in Chicago. Cole is the daughter of the late famed singer, Nat "King" Cole. The groom co-produces the albums Cole cuts for Capitol Records.

RACIAL STEERING BY DETROIT REAL ESTATE BROKERS

(CHICAGO) — A three-year study of real estate practices in the Detroit area accuses brokers of using "Subtle Discrimination" to discourage blacks from buying homes in white suburbs.

The author of the study is University of Illinois Sociology Professor Diana Pearce, who says real estate brokers decide who's going to live in the suburbs and who isn't.

Among the study's findings is a pattern in which blacks who visit suburban real estate firms serving

northern Detroit suburbs are taken back into the city to look at houses.

The practice of taking blacks and whites to different areas for housing is called "Racial Steering," and it violates the 1968 Fair Housing Law.

The study also says that blacks were shown homes in predominantly black or racially mixed neighborhoods, regardless of income bracket.

The study is based on visits by several black and white couples to about 100 Detroit-Area real estate firms, 87 of them in the suburbs, in 1974.

Church News

Childbirth classes for single women

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MAPLE STREET BAPTIST CHURCH

Reverend Parrish's sermon title for Sunday, Feb. 27, will be the Changeless Christ and a Changing Lifestyle." The Gospel Choir will be singing.

Today, following Morning Service our Annual Fellowship Dinner will be held. All members and their families are invited to stay after Morning Service to join in this Fellowship. All families have been asked to bring a covered dish. The church will furnish the meat. Plan to attend.

"The "Zany Style Show" which was cancelled on January 28th due to bad weather has been rescheduled for Friday, March 18th at 7:00 p.m. at Washington Irving School. Come out and see the latest in fashion. Other booths of interest will be open also. Mildred Crowder is in charge.

Childbirth education classes for single women due for labor and delivery in April, May and June will be offered by the Red Cross beginning Wednesday, March 2, at 7:30 p.m. The classes will be held each Wednesday for four weeks, starting with the session on the 2nd.

Transportation to and from the classes is available from the Red Cross should it be needed. Women wishing to enroll in the classes may do so by calling the Red Cross in Des Moines at 243-7681 and asking for Rosemary Fee, RN.

Bahama Island Tour Planned

There is a tour to the Bahama Islands leaving July 14 and organized by Delores Clayvon.

The tour will include several stops, including stops in Atlanta, Ga. and New Orleans, La. Anyone can go on the tour and interested persons need not go to the Bahamas to join the tour.

For more information call Clayvon at 265-1954. Reservations must be made by March 10.

Cake Decoration Show

The Merri Mixers of Greater Des Moines Cake Decorating Club is having their 1st Annual Cake Decorating show, Saturday and Sunday, March 26 and 27, 1977 at the Merle Hay Mall in Des Moines.

This show is open to the public for competition and all cake decorators are invited to attend.

There will be workshops both Saturday and Sunday. Also the Wilton Film on Cake Decorating will be shown.

Contact Rose Brees; 3937-40th Des Moines 50310 (515) 277-4315 or Marlen Bushman; 3420-64th Urbandale 50322 (515) 276-7744 for more information.

AMIN DENY'S ROLE IN ARCHBISHOP MURDER

(KAMPALA, UGANDA) — Ugandan President Idi Amin charged today that American, British or Israeli paratroopers were to have been flown into Uganda to seize several towns as part of a plot to topple his government.

The Ugandan leader made the charge to correspondents as he denied reports that he personally shot and killed Anglican Archbishop Janani Luhum (Jah-Nah'-Nee Luh-Woom') last week in Kampala. The church leader had been arrested for alleged involvement in the purported plot.

Amin told reporters in Kampala today: "I've heard that I was the one who shot the Archbishop. But it's completely untrue."

He claimed he was discussing plans for an "African, Caribbean and Pacific Group" ministerial conference last Wednesday night at the time the Archbishop died.

UGANDAN MASSACRE REPORTS TOLD

A group of refugees from Uganda reports that President Idi Amin has begun a nationwide massacre of two tribes that he suspects want to overthrow him.

The 22 refugees, now in Tanzania, say more than two-thousand people from the Lungi and Acholi tribes were rounded up in their tribal areas, taken to a military training center and shot this weekend. And they say 700 soldiers and policemen were arrested Monday in Kampala and taken to military barracks and killed.

social

Susie Shelton: 99½ Just Won't Do

by Paul V. Best

While most people talk and complain, others are doers. Following is a profile of a one 'doer'.

A very lovable, kindhearted person who caught my eye this week is Mother Susie Shelton, a stately lady who stands nearly six feet. She entered this world March 8, 1885 in Cuba, Alabama as one of a family of eight children. Typical of her time, this lady worked in the fields for many years and became one of the best.

In 1909 she met and married Thomas Shelton and of this union five children were born. The only surviving child, Alice Ruth Morrison, now cares for her mother at 1310 Clark St. Alice Ruth is quite a woman herself having cared for a family of eight, nearly singlehandedly.

Mother Shelton was born again in the middle 50s when she joined Union Baptist Church after coming to Des

Moines in the 40s. Mission has been her life's work and formerly she taught Sunday School.

A very modest and joking lady with grey/white hair, she belongs to the Mother's Board and without question is one of the anchors of Union.

Her favorite song verse is: 'Well I'm runnin', tryin' to make a hundred, 99 and a half won't do.' For one who saw the turn of the century, survived thru depression and recession, who has lived with inflation and degradation, who can recall the advent of television and the airplane, who bears the distinction of having lived under 19 presidents, and who can vividly relate incidents of lynchings and the civil rights movements, and more recently the women's movement, I can only say....just keep on runnin' Mother Shelton. The journey has been long and hard...but oh...the reward is so sweet.



Susie Shelton

Theodosia Court Holds Election

Theodosia Court No. 5, R.E.O.A. met on Sunday February 20 at the Masonic Hall 1121 Clark Street. Election of officers was held with the following persons elected to hold offices —

Royal Matron, Mrs. Janice Riddley — Royal Patron Joseph Wallace, Associate Patron, James Newsome — Conductress, Mrs. Delores Bell, Associate Conductress Mrs. Ollie Sanders —

Secretary, Mrs. Emma Treasurer, Mrs. Georgia Add, Lecturer, Mrs. Barbara Palmer.

The Officers were installed by Mr. Joseph Wallace with Mrs. Gladys Brown acting as installing marshal. The Royal Matron will announce her appointed officers and committee chairpersons at the March meeting.

Mrs. Alice Butts won the basket of groceries given by the court.

Increased monitoring of food stamp program

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13—The food stamp program will be monitoring more closely the sale of ineligible items for food stamps, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced today.

Seven area offices nationwide will open mid-February to handle most of this monitoring for the food stamp program's new compliance branch.

"When retail stores sell ineligible items, they constitute a threat to the integrity of the food stamp program," said Food Stamp Program Director Nancy Snyder. Compliance officers will be working throughout the country to more effectively identify and penalize such violators.

Compliance area offices will be located in New York City; Washington, D.C.; Atlanta, Ga.; Memphis, Tenn.; Chicago, Ill.; Dallas, Tex.; and Oakland, Calif.

"While we are making an effort to establish a more tightly monitored program through this branch, even one violation can affect a community," said Mrs. Snyder.

Suspected food stamp violations by authorized retailers will be reported to compliance officers by the food stamp field office. If

stores are found selling ineligible items for food stamps, they face disqualification from the program. If a compliance review finds documented evidence of criminal activity, the case will be turned over to the Department's Office of Investigation.

Recipients can legally buy any food or seeds and plants to grow food for their own use. They cannot use food stamps to buy nonfood items such as soap, pet food, tobacco, and liquor.

The program is administered through

Contestants see the subject sheets at your Church or Jr. and Senior Highs or contact Bernice Carter or Ron Carter. Times awaiting!

At the Mid Winter Meeting Rufus Spates won the \$50.00 raffle and Davenport and Ottumwa were both represented.

Hawkeye Lodge No. 160 met Sun. and also held initiation.

Tues. "Specials" and Bingo Thurs. 7:30 p.m.

Henrietta Caotes is serving Fri. Serving noon until and choice of Chitterlings - Fish and Chicken.

Rose Temple No. 33 will hold regular meeting Fri. with initiation and repast to follow. Covered dish members.

Remember shut-ins. Hospitals - Dezell Rankin Youngers No. 821 — Vivian Pruitt — Ia. Lutheran No. 642, Justine Holt 8 Mae Shetworth and Willie Vaughn in circulation again.

USDA's Food and Nutrition Service, by each state's welfare agency. USDA officials say food stamps enable the 17 million low-income participants to buy more food of greater variety to improve their diets.

Mid-City Library News

Mid City Library at 1305 University will start four weeks of Thursday morning storytimes for pre-schoolers on Thursday, March 3rd at 10:30 a.m. Coffee and doughnuts will be served to the parents during the story session. Children must be signed up in advance; call 283-4593.

A Babysitting Class sponsored by the Red Cross for ages 8 to 15 will begin on March 5th (Saturday) at 1:00 p.m. A certificate will be awarded for successful completion of the class; pre-registraton necessary.

Other classes soon to begin at the Mid City library are: Ceramics on Mondays from

7:00 to 9:00 p.m.; Adult Sewing on Thursdays from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.; and Macrame on Saturdays from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. All require pre-registration; 283-4593.

Cable TV is available at the Mid City Library for watching sports or other events, on a first-come first-served basis. You may call ahead to reserve a time.

The library also announced that the Martin Luther King, Jr. Slogan Contest at the branch was won by Kevin McGregor of 1169 14th Place; his winning slogan was: "His Eternal Dream: Freedom and Equality."

LINCOLN POST NEWS

Lincoln Post No. 126 American Legion Auxiliary will meet Tuesday March 1st at the hall, 1625 Washington at 8 p.m. Business of importance.

L.T. CLUB NEWS

The L.T. Club held their regular meeting at the home of Josephine Jones.

The new member Dorothy Sims was welcomed into the club. The March 16th meeting will be at the home of Barbara Palmer, 1236 McCormick.

ESTHER LIGHT COURT

Esther Light Court No. 7 meets every 3rd Sunday, 4 til 6 at VFW Hall. Our Feb. 20 meeting discussions were on new uniforms and plans for our Thanksgiving Service that will be in Des Moines, March 27. We also honored Erdine Whiteside, Birthday for the month of Feb. and Margarite Hays is sick at home, 1168 19th, Des Moines 50314.

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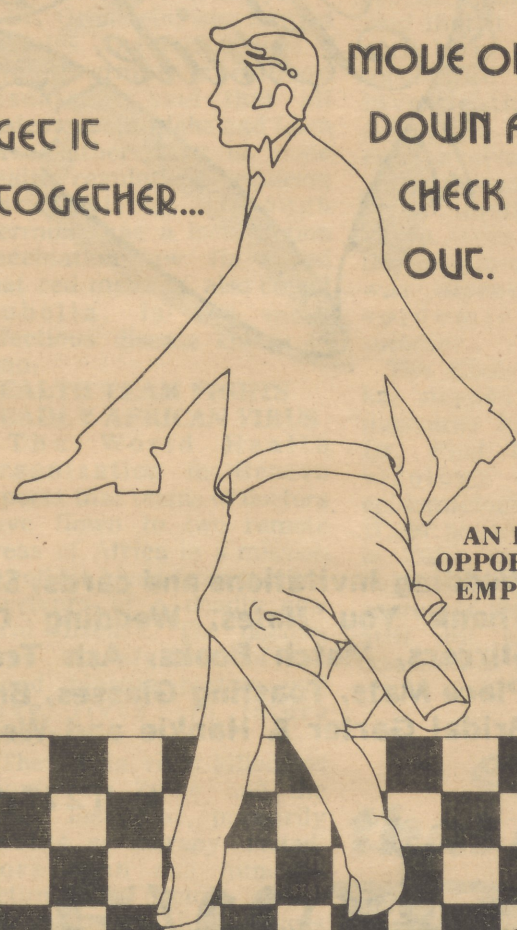
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SOMERSET PRESIDENT HONORED BY HAROLD JACKMAN MEMORIAL COMMITTEE — John E. Heilmann, 2nd left, president and chief executive officer, Somerset Importers, Ltd., is shown above accepting an award of appreciation for Somerset's donation of Afro-American source materials to the Harold Jackman Memorial Committee from Ivie Jackman, head of the Committee.

Flanking Ms. Jackman and Mr. Heilmann are Dick Campbell, left, executive director of the Sickle Cell Disease Foundation of Greater N.Y., and Martin M. Turbee, director of special markets of Somerset Importers, both members of the Committee. Presentation was made at a recent ceremony held at the New York State Harlem Office Building, N.Y.C.

The Afro-American series of books was donated by Somerset to the Jackman Memorial Committee for inclusion in the Countee Cullen Collection of the Trevor Arnett Library at Atlanta University. This Collection was initiated a number of years ago by Harold Jackman, who was a great admirer of the contributions to history of Black writers.

The Countee Cullen Collection, comprising materials by and about Black Americans, contains original manuscripts, autographed copies of printed materials, theater and concert programs, plus other memorabilia that reflects Black participation in and contributions to life today.

The Committee, headed by Ivie Jackman, is continuing this valuable work and hopes to provide scholarship funds to make the Collection accessible to many others.

Kennedy Supports Lewis for Congress

Senator Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., praised former Voter Education Project Director John Lewis, candidate for Congress, as representing "the best in America."

"John Lewis is a person who has much to give to the people of this Congressional District and the people of the country," Kennedy told a biracial group of approximately 100 at the candidate's home recently.

"It is important for the people of this District to have someone who will listen to them and work with them," Senator Kennedy said. "It is important that we hear John's voice in the Congress of the United States."

John Lewis, who resigned his post as director of the Voter Education Project (VEP) on January 15, is a candidate for Congress, seeking the Fifth District seat being vacated by Andrew Young, Ambassador-designate to the United Nations.

Lewis told the group, "With your support, I can win this race. We need to continue the tradition of harmony and hope in the Fifth District. As a member of Congress, Andrew Young provided leadership and vision, I want to continue to

bring people together and build on this positive tradition."

The John Lewis for Congress Committee's treasurer, Edward E. Elson, followed Senator Kennedy's endorsement with a fundraising appeal. He pointed out that Lewis has sacrificed and had shed his own blood so that all Americans would benefit. Elson urged the group to contribute on the spot mail their checks payable to "John Lewis for Congress", P.O. Box 2424, Atlanta, Georgia 30301.

Kennedy spoke briefly of John Lewis role as an active

trustee of the Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Foundation in Washington. "We have been honored to have John's voice there. He takes the time and has never missed a meeting. He attends meetings that aren't publicized and works to carry on the interests of Robert Kennedy in a variety of areas particularly for the poor, for the disadvantaged, and for young people."

"I hope you go out and really work hard for John Lewis," Kennedy told the group. "I've worked as a candidate and in campaigns with my brothers and it really is essential that you be tireless in your efforts."

"Do yourselves a favor," Kennedy concluded, "and do our country a favor. Elect John Lewis as Your Congressman."



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Class at the Piggy Pitch

Carnivals usually mean games, rides and lots of fun. While the rides are missing from a Math Carnival at St. John's School, Des Moines, students (from left) like Cathy Anthofer, Sam Dyer and Jamie Collins, have discovered the games and fun still exist. The Math Carnival is a teaching tool designed by math teacher, Sr. Elizabeth Seaman, B.V.M., to reinforce the objectives of money, place value and column addition for 7- and 8-year-old students. Sister's project includes four interest centers — Trick the Clown, Monkey Business, Shazam and Piggy Pitch. She was able to make the carnival as the result of a Title IV grant for Project Ideal (Individually Designed Educational Aids to Learning.) Through Project Ideal any teacher in the 90 public and non-public schools in Des Moines is eligible to apply for money to finance their plans. (Mirror Photo by Mary Jo Glanville)



Tony Wilson, shows students how to play a saxophone in the Diversified Learning Activity Program at Edmunds elementary school. Wilson, a Unit D teacher, also plays drums for the Gateway Dancers.



Education is serious business for Brian Viers (left) and Keir Hart, Moulton first graders, even when they have records and their own set of earphones. The two students are among approximately 400 students in Project Developmental Continuity at Moulton.

Jerome Burrell Becomes NY Arts Coordinator

Bright colors are blossoming on the white-painted, concrete block interior walls of the Carver Community Center in Schenectady, New York.

The wall mural-in-progress is both artistic and functional. It contains well integrated, eye-catching design elements related to the history of medicine, and points the way down a corridor to the six departments which comprise the center's health clinic.

Says Jerome Burrell, who is designing the mural "piece by piece" and supervising its execution:

"I didn't know what I would do when I came here. So I just browsed around for a couple of days to sort of get into what's going on. After talking with Carver staff members, I decided to go with this theme."

The mural is the first assignment for Jerry Burrell as the community arts coordinator of the Hamilton Hill "Drop-In" Arts and Crafts Center. His appointment represents a new stage of development for the arts center by placing the responsibility for community outreach on one full-time staffer.

Youngsters and adults from the Hamilton Hill Center are not the only ones wielding a brush under Burrell's direction. Carver staff and visitors to the center on Craig Street have added their touches of acrylic paint, and arts center children stop by frequently to record the project on film. When this mural is down, Burrell will turn his attention to brightening other areas of the Carver Center.

Then he will begin work on outdoor wood sculptures intended for placement in strategic locations within the neighborhood. He will seek

to involve both agencies and individuals in the art of their environment through other public art projects as well.

Already, with his friendliness and "browsing around" Carver, Burrell has uncovered interest in arts and crafts among a number of neighborhood residents who have never been through the door of the Hamilton Hill Center.

Burrell, a largely self-taught artist with

extensive experience in mural painting and organization community arts activities, will exhibit his own art work at the "Drop-in" center beginning Sunday with a public reception. The artist works in wood, clay, oils and inks and describes his output as realistic and "fantasy" art.

He grew up in Des Moines, Iowa, and became interested in art while living on the West Coast.

Returning to Iowa, Burrell taught in several arts programs and attended Iowa State University, where he worked with other artists and helped in the development of a Black

Studies Program. He organized several workshops for inner-city children and painted murals in high schools, community centers, museums and private homes.

Burrell has exhibited at

colleges and art centers in Iowa and on the West Coast and has sold over 400 pieces of his work. His new position at the Hamilton Hill Center is one of two funded by the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA).

He is the son of Bubbles and Priscilla Burrell, 1509 Harrison, Des Moines.

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MEASLES OUTBREAKS CAUSING CONCERN AMONG HEALTH OFFICIALS:

The U. S. Center for Disease Control in Atlanta has alerted all states for possible alarmingly high rates of red measles this year. Officials there noted that the reporting rate this year was already two and a half times higher than in 1976, when more cases were reported than in any year since 1971.

Measles is a highly contagious disease caused by a virus. Symptoms include a blotchy rash of red circular spots, fever, redness and watering of the eyes, profuse nasal discharge and congestion of the mucous membranes of the nose and throat.

Dr. Walter Orenstein, an epidemiologist at the CDC, said that a major cause of the increased number of measles cases was that many states were not

enforcing child vaccination laws.

Orenstein listed eight states in which he said there were disturbing numbers of measles cases during the first three weeks of 1977. The states are: Indiana, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, California, Iowa, Texas, Kansas and Minnesota. During the past week Virginia and Maryland have been hit by measles outbreaks.

In December a federal health official said the increase in measles cases was due partly to the nation-wide swine influenza immunization program, which he said diverted time, attention, personnel and money from immunization efforts against other diseases such as measles.

Children vaccinated against measles during their first year often become susceptible to the disease again. For that reason, school officials in some

states require elementary school pupils to submit evidence of immunizations since their first birthdays.

Dr. Orenstein, who termed measles "the most serious of the common childhood diseases," said that all states except Idaho and Iowa have either laws or state health regulations requiring vaccination, although Vermont has a local option vaccination law. He added that red measles, also called Rubella, is the most infectious disease known to man.

HEALTH TEAM FIGHTS DEADLY AFRICAN VIRUS

The World Health Organization in Geneva reports that teams of doctors have flown to two remote areas of Africa in a mission to collect blood from the few survivors of a deadly new viral disease. The doctors hope transfusions of the blood plasma portion will save lives in future epidemics.

The Ebola virus killed 600 people in Zaire and the Sudan last year, primarily because no therapy existed. More than one hundred victims were doctors, nurses and other health workers who caught the infection while caring for patients who bled to death.

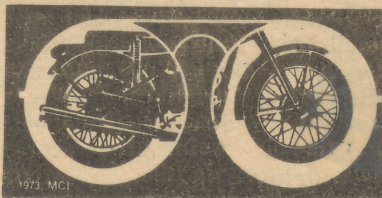
Doctors from the United States and European countries have joined

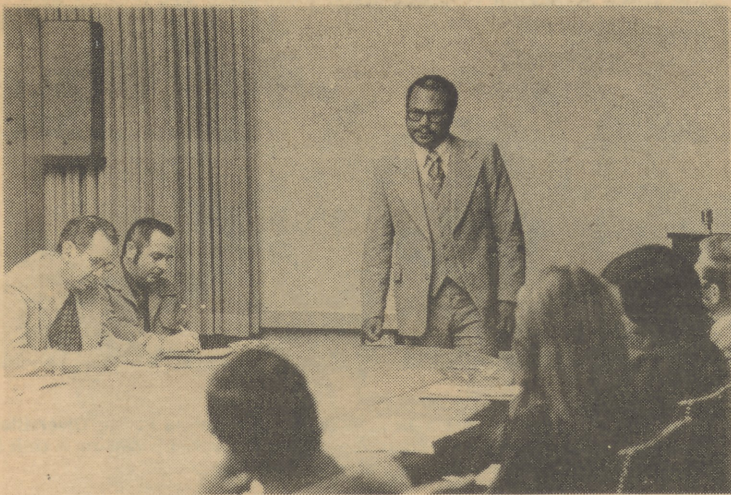
African medical teams in the epidemiologic investigation that began last fall. The World Health Organization said that it was limiting the number of scientists assigned to the field investigations and blood collection because of the risks involved for them.

The disease is caused by a virus unofficially named Ebola virus after a river in the epidemic area. The virus was discovered after the epidemic began last summer.

The Ebols virus epidemic has stopped and quarantine measures have been lifted. Dr. Paul Bres, a French virology expert, said epidemiologists had visited 17,000 houses in 301 villages in Zaire in an attempt to determine the scope and source of the epidemic. It is still not known how the disease was spread.

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Louis Grant Bond, standing, President of B & R Paper Manufacturing Co., Inc., a minority-owned and operated corrugated manufacturing firm located in Millbury, Massachusetts, described his company's product line and capabilities to a group of buyers from five major companies in the Bay State.

Companies represented were: Schrafft Candy Co., Hewlett-Packard Co., Nabisco Inc., Digital Equipment Corp., and Texas Instruments Inc. Mr. Bond was invited to address this group of buyers as part of the New England Minority Purchasing Council's Matchmaker Program in which a major firm acts as host and invites potential buyers from other major firms to attend a "show and sell" presentation staged by a minority-owned and operated company.

The Gillette Company acted as host for this second meeting which was held in its Boston headquarters recently. The first meeting of the New England Minority Purchasing Council's Matchmaker Program was hosted by the Raytheon Company in its Lexington, Massachusetts offices last fall.



DANA EDWARDS

Services were held at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Union Baptist Church for Dana Edwards, 9, of 1345 Fremont St., who died Sunday at Iowa Lutheran Hospital after a 3-day illness. Her physician said she died of uninfected hepatitis-encephalitis.

Burial will be at Glendale Cemetery.

Born in Waterloo, Dana lived most of her life in Des Moines. She was a fourth grade student at Logan School and was a member of the Union Baptist Church.

Survivors include her mother, Carmillia Edwards of Des Moines; her father, Leslie Edwards of Los Angeles, Calif.; a sister, Cassandra of Des Moines; maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Matthews of Des Moines; and paternal grandmother, Mrs. Bernice Pressely of Compton, Calif.

EDITH COLEMAN

Services for Edith Coleman, 52, a resident at the Americana Healthcare Center at 300 Laurel St. who died Sunday at Mercy Hospital following a stroke, were held at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Estes and Son Funeral Home. Burial will be at Glendale Cemetery.

Mrs. Coleman lived in Des Moines most of her life. She had retired from her nurses aide position at Medicenters of America, Inc.

Survivors include two daughters, Beverly A. Smith of Des Moines and Anna B. Williams of Richmond, Mo.; two sons, Russell M. Allen of Richmond, Mo. and Leonard Hudson of Des Moines; three brothers, Orville and Lester Henderson of Des Moines, and Alfred Henderson of Oakland, Calif.; and 12 grandchildren.

Barbara Jordan Profiled

In a remarkably short time — she entered the House of Representatives in 1973 — Rep. Barbara Jordan (D., Texas) has become a household name.

"Few members," writes Irwin Ross in the February Reader's Digest, "have so quickly impressed themselves upon the consciousness of the country."

Her impassioned defense of the Constitution during the House Judiciary Committee hearing on the impeachment of Richard Nixon in 1974 and her ringing keynote address at the Democratic National Convention two years later have made her a television celebrity.

But it is as a legislator that Jordan has made her strongest impression. "She has successfully pressed for strong civil-rights provisions in revenue sharing," Ross comments, "as well as in the work of the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration."

She modified the Voting Rights Act to make it easier for Hispanics and Indians to vote. And she authored the act that did away with federal authorization of the Fair Trade Laws, which in effect had sanctioned

price-fixing.

Her friends and close associates call her warm and generous-spirited, but many others find her reserved and businesslike. She is highly regarded by her fellow Congressmen.

Former Rep. Edward Mezvinsky (D., Iowa) says: "Not only does she have a good mind, but she doesn't waste words. She knows

when to come down hard and when to be gentle."

"She is a demon for work," Ross reports, and "is also one of the few members who are on the floor almost continuously from the time the House goes into session at noon." Jordan's comment is: "That's where the business of Congress takes place and that's where I'm supposed to be."

Capital Punishment: A Moral Dilemma, on IPBN

Iowa Public Television will present a special program on Monday, February 28 at 6:30 p.m. ... "CAPITAL PUNISHMENT: A MORAL DILEMMA"

Clarence Darrow, one of America's foremost criminal lawyers, said in 1924 of the death penalty: "There is just one thing in all this question. If you love the thought of somebody being killed, why, you are for it. If you hate the thought of somebody being killed, you are against it."

The right of society to protect itself against those who would threaten it has been around as long as civilization itself. But the means by which the "state" deals with the problem have been as diverse as the cultures they strive to protect. Of all the forms this protection has taken, capital punishment remains the most widely used.

In recent years, people have begun to question the death penalty, both as a form of punishment and an

effective deterrent to crime. with an intensive course in public management on the Yale University campus. From September, 1977 to June, 1978, Fellows gain nine months experience in urban administration performing staff assignments for the mayors, city managers and other prominent administrators with whom they will be working. Fellows will then attend a ten-week academic residential semester at Occidental College in Los Angeles, completing the requirements for Occidental's Master of Arts in Urban Studies in August.

An applicant must be a citizen of the United States between the ages of 25 and 40 and must have a bachelor's degree or, in exceptional cases, equivalent experience. An applicant must have been employed full-time for at least two years, preferably in an administrative capacity, and must have demonstrated, in his or her career to date, exceptional ability, leadership potential and commitment to the solution of urban problems.

Mr. Alvarez said that although the deadline for receipt of completed applications is March 15, 1977, applications should be submitted as far in advance of that date as possible.

Additional information on the program may be obtained by writing to National Urban Fellows, 246 Church Street, New Haven, Connecticut 06510.



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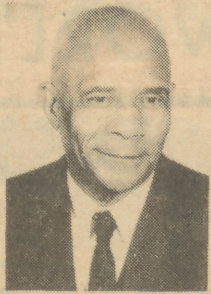
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The basketball season is nearing the second season, ie the tournament part, and there are so many good teams that I bet nobody dares to make a guess as to which teams will be in the final eight at the NCAA. If I try to come up with some names, I would include maybe Michigan. Possibly UCLA because they have been there so many times that they have to have the edge over anybody they go against for the western part of the meet.

Then there might be Alabama, on tournament experience, and anybody else you care to include.

Yet the only unbeaten major ball club remains San Francisco, but we have to see them play. I am told they have a seven foot center who weights half a ton and puts six, eight or nine opponents in his breakfast cereal. I thought they had a rather easy schedule, but my friend says they just made it look easy. Maybe he is right.

But do you know that Drake is getting it together at the right time and could make it to the preliminary rounds of the meet in spite of their record. The only thing that counts now is how hot a team is in those final two or three weeks.

Iowa State may as well hang it up, tournament or no tournament. They would never get by the top clubs in the Big Eight, so they can say wait till next year. Iowa U would probably be in the same boat if they had a Big Ten playoff. They will have a winning mark, but will likely be in the middle of the standings.

I watched the wrestling meet between Iowa and Iowa State, and I couldn't help but reflect how many things wrestlers couldn't do now that we did in my time. I was a bit surprised at the disqualification as was maybe everyone else. Iowa State is upset, and maybe justifiably so, but if time had run out and the Cyclone wrestler had finished and lost a four point decision, do you suppose people would have been saying how smart he was to stall it out and help win the thing?

It depends on which side you are on. And I don't think any official should let the clock influence him or her in any vital decision in any game. Suppose in basketball, there are three seconds left and one of the players on team A fouls his opponent. Do you say, Oh well, there are only so many seconds left or that was just ahead of the buzzer and let it go? What do you think? I thought the Iowa matman Chris Campbell, would be a little more aggressive, being a national champ. You don't

win those things by being fancy, but it looked as if finesse is his bag, so maybe he knows what he was doing.

What is there to say about the high school situation that hasn't been said? Will Lincoln take the state crown again? I recall one year that I didn't think they could go unbeaten all season, so they proceeded to do just that. But this time they don't have to make it in spite of what must be just about the hottest shooting player around. He could carry them to the thing, but he better not have a bad game, or even a half game.

At the risk of repeating myself, I can't say too much about Tech. They may be getting things on the right track. Maybe that will apply to all sports. We shall see what happens in track later on. The girls had a good year, even they didn't win top honors, and maybe they can come up with a winner next time out.

And that brings our attention to tennis again. A fellow asked me who I thought would take Arthur Ashe's place in the game. I assumed that he meant what black player. So I told him that nobody could take his place. That each player would have to do his own thing, and they would all be individuals. If one of them came out of the pack to rank well up in the game, it would be him and not any memories of anybody else that would put him up there.

In the same vein you might ask who will take the place of Jimmy Connors. Just anybody who can make it to the top twenty.

As I write this, our plans for our Hilltop meet are in the air. I hate to say this, but we get the feeling that someone, I don't know who or why, wants to see us get so mad that we will blow our cool and get denied any time or else we will just give up and quit.

Got some scores this week.

Bishop 105, Wiley 59.
Jackson St. 77, Grambling 65.
Montavella 75, Tallagea 68.
N. Caro. Central 83, No. Caro. A&T 79.
Shaw 92, Detroit Tech 89.
Stillman 66, Tuskegee 57.
Tenn. St. 72, Central St.(O) 69.
Tougaloo 63, Philander Smith 59.
Albany St. 102, Morris Brown 96.
Clark 75, Tuskegee 71.
Malcom X 105, Truman 87.
Randolph Macon 99, Hampden Sydney 94.
Tex. Southern 86, Austin 75.
Va. Union 147, Bowie St. 74.
Grambling 82, Alcorn 80.
Lincoln (MO) 86, Mo. (Rolla) 61.
Tex. Southern 77, Prairie View 72.
Hampden Sydney 117, Emory & Henry 81.
Hampton 82, Federal City 80.
J. C. Smith 85, N. Central 70.
Shorter 71, Berry 64.

Don King Sets Boxing Card at Ohio Prison

Super promoter, businessman and diplomat, Don King returns to the Marion Correctional Facility, Marion, Ohio, Sunday March 6, to keep a promise he made to his friends and fellow inmates.

King left the institution in 1971 after serving four years there. He promised then that he would not forget the prison and its people. He promised to bring positive and productive attention to the Institution and to do all in his power to direct positive influences upon and stimulate positive programs at the institution.

He is returning to Marion, once again, this time with the third quarterfinal of the United States Boxing Championships. The first was held on the deck of the USS Lexington and the second at the US Naval Academy in Annapolis. The fourth will be held at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas.

The bouts will be televised nationally on ABC Wide World of Sports. "It is with a deep feeling that rubs the

rawest parts of my being that I will return to Marion," King said at a gala press conference in New York last week. "The best and worst in me wove in and out of my consciousness while there. I thank God that the best was stimulated and prevailed.

A wealth of human resources and human potential is stockpiled in our prisons and through this small gesture, on national television, I hope to stress this point to the American people."

The third quarterfinal will feature a slambang card with none of the fights expected to go the distance. Wilfredo Benitez, the number one rated welterweight in the world meets Mel Dennis. Stan Ward, number nine rated heavyweight in the world meets Cagey Kevin Isaacs. Light Heavyweight, Richie Kates, rated number three in the world meets Tom Bethea, rated number twelve in the United States.

Other tournament bouts include middleweights Johnny Baldwin and Rocky

Mosley, lightweights Ruby "The Snake" Ortiz and Vinnie DeBorros also Ruben Castillo and Kenny Weldon.

Ronnie "Tap-Tap" Harris, the undefeated (25-0) middleweight world contender, who is an inmate at the prison will be featured in a special ten round bout. Harris was tabbed as a sure world champion by many before his untimely brush with the law.

"This man is confined for attacking a man who was beating his mother," Don King informed members of the news media. "He exercised one of the basic human instincts and one that is found in all animals when he responded to protect his own mother. I hope to be instrumental in getting this man released."

Michael "Dynamite" Dokes, the flashy young heavyweight who lost a split decision to Cuba's feared Teofilio Stevenson when only sixteen, will also be on the card. Dokes is undefeated as a professional fighter and is touted as a coming world champion.

Arson Growing, Costs
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NEW YORK — Arson is the cause of one out of every five fires in the U.S., and of 40 to 50 per cent of all dollar losses resulting from fires, according to a leading insurance journal.

Arson losses in 1975 cost insurance companies an estimated \$1.2 billion, and the ultimate insurance bill for 1976 is expected to top \$2 billion.

Walter D. Swift, a vice president of the American Insurance Association, writing in the January-February issue of *The Journal of Insurance*, a publication of the Insurance Information Institute, gives these figures, and adds:

"Related consequential losses might swell that, by a shocking, irretrievable loss of employment opportunities, business failures, loss of insurance premium income, endangerment of firemen and tenants, extinguishment costs, extra police and court expense and the like, to \$10 or \$15 billion."

Mr. Swift lists some of the things insurance investigators say are happening:

"Major arson and property fraud rings, known to exist, move with impunity from city to city.

"Average homeowners and businessmen — those with consciences overwhelmed by temptation — find collection of insurance claims easy, with few questions asked, setting the stage for falsification, or exaggeration, of small property claims.

"Successful perpetrators of small claims become bold, experimenting with other classes of property and hazards, such as fire or burglary.

"Publicly known criminals and arsonists frustrate underwriting detection by

concealing true ownership of intended fraud fire property through "straw" ownership, listing themselves as mortgagees.

"Mortgagees, partners and others with less than full ownership, are thought to be overstating their insurable interest, resulting in payment redundancies.

"Regrettably, crime is paying. The percentage of criminal convictions for arson remains negligible, around one per cent."

Mr. Swift estimates that the number of arson crimes increasing at a rate of 20 to 25 per cent every year.

To counter the arson trend, Mr. Swift calls for changes in laws to permit freer exchange of information between

insurers, fire and police departments, and prosecutors, and to protect insurance companies which legitimately resist payment of suspicious claims.

Mr. Swift's article, "How Insurance People Can Join the Fight Against Arson," was part of a special section on "How to Fight the Flames of Arson."

TAX ASSISTANCE

The black law students of Drake University will conduct an income tax seminar to be held at Model Cities, 1000 College, March 12th. Information will be provided on how to prepare an income tax return.

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ENTERTAINMENT WORLD

Fashion Designer, Entertainer Conley Settles in Des Moines

by Bonnie Forrester

One of America's greatest fashion designers, entertainer and recording artist recently chose Des Moines as his new home.

James Conley from Cobb County, Georgia started singing and playing keyboard instruments at the early age of three. He began his career as a designer of men's fashion at age 19.

Conley was encouraged in his interests by his Aunt Joni Braswell. "She raised me to do the fact (that) my mother became ill from the time of my birth. My father, Oscar Conley Sr., also a musician, retired this year from the railroad."

Conley, former leader of the Metro Tones, Inc., is known throughout the United States and Europe for his inimitable style.



James Conley

At the age of sixteen Conley started travelling the U.S. with Rev. C.L. Franklin. At twenty Conley went on his first tour of Europe with Inez Andres and the Andrewettes. It was the ingenuity of Conley that gave these popular groups a new progressive sound.

Conley displayed his musical talents on many occasions with such outstanding artists as the Dorothy Norwood Singers, the Davis Sisters, Cassietta George, Harrison Johnson, and the Los Angeles Community Choir.

Conley credits a lot of his inspiration for pursuing a musical career to the ever

COURT TO REVIEW REVERSE DISCRIMINATION

(Washington) — The supreme court agreed today to take up a reverse discrimination case.

The high court agreed to rule on whether a school's special admissions program benefitting blacks and other minorities does, in fact, discriminate against whites.

The court's eventual decision could affect the future of all such affirmative action programs.

famous Rev. James Cleveland.

Conley plays the piano, organ, and electric piano. He has written and arranged many tunes for various artists including Jessie Dixon.

In the entertainment field there are times when things are slow. During one of these periods he decided to take a course in tailoring school, a talent that he kept with him as he travelled with various groups. He began to add the designing of stage costumes to his musical contributions.

He made Chicago his home base and opened up a shop, the House of Fashion.

One evening last September he was in his shop feeling very low in spirits because so many of his customers owed him and many had left garments in the store to be picked up at some unknown future date.

One morning one of Conley's customers asked if he could pay a part of his bill and take all the clothes he had ordered with him. In spite of the fact that Conley knew he probably

would never see the customer again, Conley agreed.

"I was just fed up and, because of my religious background, I thought I was doing right."

Then Conley noticed a newspaper left on the counter by the customer and began to look through it. In the Classified Section he saw that a tailor was wanted at Mr. B's in Des Moines.

Conley answered the ad by phone and was interviewed long-distance. Finally they told him they would be interviewing others but he should call back a week later around 10 a.m.

Conley returned the call in a week and they

immediately wired him air fare to Des Moines and made a reservation for him at the Sheridan Hotel.

He was hired on a ninety day trial basis in October. He now has a contract with Mr. B's for at least four years.

Conley says that the people in Des Moines, both Black and White, "have been very nice to me. In turn I want to be of some service to them."

Conley is currently working with a group of singers in what he calls the Iowa Gospel Work Shop.

He loves his professions and feels he has "been blessed to have two of them."

Announce Plans For Pryor's Film

There's a "new" Richard Pryor surfacing in Universal's "WHICH WAY IS UP," a Steve Krantz production now filming in-and-around the Los Angeles area.

Pryor plays three characters (a "first" for him) in this satirical comedy about the success and failures of working people bucking the system in a small California community.

But, more importantly, he is working from a Carl Gottlieb script that gives him the kind of salty dialogue he used to become the hottest recording and night club performer in the country.

Michael Schultz, directing Pryor in "WHICH WAY IS UP," sums up his star's latest role: "The inventive comic genius of Richard Pryor is best displayed when there are not restrictions on the way he performs."

"He hasn't had that freedom of expression in previous films, but, in this one, he let's it all hang out...and comes up with the funniest thing he's ever done on the screen."

"There's no doubt in my mind that 'WHICH WAY IS UP' will become a film classic."

Schultz, the gifted young black director who has made four feature films for Hollywood in the past two years, has directed Pryor in three of them.

Pryor's characters in "WHICH WAY IS UP" are Leroy Jones, a young worker who falls victim to his own ambitions; his ageless and testy father, Rufus Jones, and the Rev. Lenox Franklin Thomas, a store front preacher who "conducts his church services like a rock concert."

In the central character of Leroy Jones, Pryor has three leading ladies.

Margaret Avery, fresh from her acting triumph in Universal's "SCOTT JOPLIN STORY," plays Annie Mae, his wife. Lonette McKee, who startled critics with her electrifying performance as 'Sister' in "SPARKLE," plays Vanetta, the girl Leroy meets in the city. Marilyn Coleman is Sister Sarah, the preacher's



RICHARD PRYOR...TIMES THREE

In his newest film, "WHICH WAY IS UP," a Steve Krantz production for UNIVERSAL, actor-comedian RICHARD PRYOR plays three separate characters, and each of them is hilarious.

For the first time in his cinematic career, PRYOR is given a script that provides him with the same salty dialogue he used to become the hottest record and night club performer in the country.

"WHICH WAY IS UP" is based upon Lina Wertmuller's popular Italian film, "The Seduction of Mimi," and is basically a satirical comedy about a young black farm worker who falls victim to his own ambitions.

wife who has a brief but hilariously funny romantic encounter with Leroy.

As the crusty Rufus Jones, Pryor is married to Janelle, portrayed by actress Gloria Edwards.

"WHICH WAY IS UP" is adapted from Lina Wertmuller's very successful Italian film, "THE SEDUCTION OF MIMI," which had a limited engagement in the nation's art theaters two years ago. The famed Italian director sold Steve Krantz the rights to re-make the property as an American film.

"THE SEDUCTION OF MIMI" focused on Italian factory workers. "WHICH WAY IS UP" changes the setting to American farm workers.

Curiously, this is only Pryor's second starring role.

His first was as Wendell Scott, America's first black racing car driver, in Warner Brothers' "GREASED LIGHTNING," due for release later this year.

Schultz also directed him in that film.

"WHICH WAY IS UP" is the first of a four-picture deal Pryor has with Universal Pictures.

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BOBBY WOMACK

There are many top-flight entertainers around who manage to release hit record after hit record by following the trends and fads of the day. Then here are those who appear to be in a groove all their own, staying on a seemingly charted course that affords them both artistic progression and the retention of a distinctive style. Bobby Womack falls within the latter group.

For Bobby, music is his life and he is not about to lessen its significance or impact by getting caught up in what often turns out to be nothing more than overnight musical diversions. No indeed, Bobby is very serious about his music.

When asked recently what approaches to music he was considering in light of the pre-eminent positions currently held by disco and funk, Bobby did not even hesitate: "I'll do what comes natural," he said.

He is neither selfish or conceited, but he is quick to point out that he is an artist rather than a singer or a musician.

Perhaps it is Bobby's sense of security as an artist that accounts for his refusal to dabble in disco or funk, although he sees the current popularity of both as beneficial to black

entertainers. According to Bobby, "current music trends can only help black performers because they no longer have to go through the rigors of waiting to produce a cross-over hit. Now they are getting airplay on both black and white stations."

Raised in Cleveland, Ohio, Bobby and his four brothers were immersed in gospel music at an early age. Performing as the Womack Brothers they often served as the opening act for leading gospel groups appearing in the Cleveland area. It was during one such performance that they came to the attention of the late Sam Cooke.

Cooke took an immediate interest in the group and soon found himself in the role of their mentor. Bobby unhesitatingly lists him as one of the major influences on his career.

By 1964 the Womack Brothers, had become the Valentinos and recorded Bobby's composition "It's All Over Now", a tune that was picked up by the Rolling Stones and turned into a smash hit. That was just the beginning for Bobby as a composer of recognition; for since then he has composed many tunes that have become hits for himself or others.

In 1971 Bobby released "Communication" an album that was to expose him to a

mass audience and acquaint the world with his style. The recording received extensive airplay on rock and soul stations, making Bobby an overnight sensation after over a decade in the entertainment business.

Regarding Bobby's career, he made his big strides with United Artists. And although he made many hits for the label, he never had a million selling album.

Now he's with Columbia Records, having signed a recording contract for a six-figure sum. He is enthusiastic about his new label. He says he is happy to be with Columbia.

Bobby's new album "Home is Where the Heart Is" was released recently and must contend with funk and disco for airplay.

But problems are not new to Bobby Womack. In the past he has encountered difficulties in getting his tunes played because so many of his compositions were being recorded by other artists. Radio stations were fearful of being charged with focusing too much attention on a single performer. However, when his records get airplay, more often than not they become hits.

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Motown Records Sues CBS

HOLLYWOOD — Motown Record Corporation is filing a mammoth \$20,000,000 amended cross-complaint lawsuit against CBS, Inc., CBS Records and Epic Records, in an action referring to the Jackson-Five in Superior Court in Los Angeles, it was revealed by Michael Roshkind, vice chairman of Motown Industries.

The multiple charges, leveled against Jackson/Arons Enterprises in addition to CBS, include declaratory relief; breach of contract; inducing breach of contract; interference with prospective advantage; conspiracy; injunctive relief; service mark infringement; injurious falsehood; intentional infliction of emotional distress and invasion of privacy.

The papers prepared by Motown's attorneys, Wyman Bautzer, Rothman & Kuchel, also names Joe Jackson and Richard Arons as individuals.

Roshkind said the most recent example of distortion of facts related to CBS ads which featured Jermaine Jackson as a member of a group of artists.

"Despite the fact that obviously CBS and Epic had to be quite aware that Jermaine was being built as a solo star by Motown," he said, "Jermaine's photograph was used prominently in nationwide ads for the CBS television series, 'The Jacksons', on which Jermaine never appears." CBS agreed to withdraw immediately all ads after being put on notice by Motown's attorneys.

"These misrepresentations advertisements," Roshkind said "were used for three weeks in a row and I have to speculate they would continue to be used if our lawyers had not stepped in."

He added: "The whole thing had a severely damaging effect on our credibility and we feel false advertising by CBS caused us real dollar damage for which I am confident the courts will order fair restitution."

Part of Motown's major legal action is geared to what it alleges was a harmful CBS press conference held as a result of negotiations conducted more than a year before the J-5 contract was due to expire with Motown. It was

at this press conference in New York that CBS announced it had signed the J-5 effective almost a year hence.

Roshkind emphasized that Motown was offended by this event because he had tried in vain to have the group record a new album several months before the press conference took place.

"What's more, we asked again and again that Jackson/Arons have the group come to the studio to record according to the stipulations of their contract, and they never did. They didn't record a single bar of a song from several months before the CBS press conference to almost a year after it took place," Roshkind stated.



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NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ALFRED MARTIN ANDERSON Deceased.

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF ALFRED MARTIN ANDERSON Deceased:

You are hereby notified that on the 3rd day of February, 1977, the Last Will and Testament of Alfred Martin Anderson deceased bearing date of the 29th day of September, 1961, was admitted to probate in the above named Court and that Howard Coffin was appointed executor of said estate.

Notice is further given that any action to set aside said Will must be brought in the District Court of said County within six months from the date of the second publication of this notice, or thereafter be forever barred.

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HAROLD J. CRAWFORD & ASSOCIATES
Attorneys for said Executor
701 Insurance Exchange Building
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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE ON SPECIAL EXECUTION

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Jerry Lee Perkins, Beverly Ann Perkins, Orvis R. Clapsaddle, Agnes H. Clapsaddle, Morris Plan Co., of Iowa, Polk County, Iowa, Charles M. Smith, Debra Kae Smith, Jerry Lacey, George H. Cook, Montgomery Ward & Co., Safway Steel Scaffold Co., Charles Gabus Ford, Inc., and Valley National Bank

BY VIRTUE OF A SPECIAL EXECUTION TO ME DIRECTED, issued by the Clerk of the District Court of Polk County, Iowa, in favor of Insurance Plan Savings and Loan Association, and against Orvis R. Clapsaddle, Agnes H. Clapsaddle and in rem, on a judgment rendered by said court on the 7th day of February A.D. 1977, wherein it was ordered, adjudged and decreed that the following described property be sold to satisfy said judgment to-wit:

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Iowa Power Halts Nuclear Plant

Plans to build and jointly own a central Iowa nuclear plant near Vandalia were suspended today by its owners, Associated Electric Co-operative, Inc. (AECI), Springfield, Missouri, Central Iowa Power Cooperative (CIPCO), Marion, and Iowa Power, Des Moines. Mid-1979 was indicated as a possible resumption date.

Citing the lack of a federal and state energy policy and increased regulatory uncertainties, Dwight Swanson, Iowa Power's

president and chairman, said, "Our management remains convinced that nuclear power can and will play an important role in providing future electric power for Iowa. The regulatory uncertainties, however, have reached such proportions we feel it is highly improbable that the Vandalia unit could be completed within an acceptable time frame with the possibility of substantial financial losses if siting and construction permits are not granted."

"All the participants in this project serve customers in Iowa and are vitally concerned about meeting the power needs of their customers. The one aspect which remains certain is that additional electric power will be needed.

Continued delays threaten adequate electric supply and add enormous financial burdens to electric customers. Unless energy policy decisions are made at the federal and state levels, energy suppliers and regulators alike are hard pressed to come up with the right answers.

The answers must be found soon for the mid-1980's aren't far away and a serious shortage of electric power could easily exist by then, similar to the problems experienced this winter with the supply of natural gas," Swanson added.

BLACK PHOTOGRAPHER WINS SOUTH AFRICAN JOURNALISM AWARD

(Johannesburg) — A black photographer for a Johannesburg newspaper — Peter Magubane — has won South Africa's highest award in Journalism for his pictures of black rioting last June.

The 43-year-old "Rand Daily Mail" photographer, who during his career has spent 23 months in prison without being charged, was presented with the Stellenbosch Farmers' Winery Award for Enterprising Journalism.

It was the first time the \$2800 award has been won by a black journalist.

C-B-S T-V News Anchorman Walter Cronkite, on a tour of South Africa and Rhodesia, was guest speaker at the Awards Dinner last night in Johannesburg.

The citation delivered with the award said of Magubane, "his pictures show the terror, and drama and the agony of the conflict."

Shortly after the riots, Magubane was detained in prison for 123 days without being charged. He was released before Christmas.

and costs, at public outcry, to the highest bidder, at the east front door of the Court House, in Des Moines, Iowa, for cash in hand to pay off said Execution.

Bob E. Rice
Sheriff of Polk County, Iowa
By Nadine Hall
Deputy

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RHODESIA ANNOUNCES RACIAL LAW CHANGES

(Salisbury, Rhodesia) — Rhodesia formally announced a detailed plan today to dismantle some of its racial laws and absorb more blacks into the government.

The plan is a prelude to Prime Minister Ian Smith's plan for black majority rule in two years.

The long-awaited announcement in Rhodesia's white-dominated legislature came as the government reported a major exodus of whites from the country last month. The whites left Rhodesia in the face of an escalating four-year-old Guerrilla war.

The deaths of 15 more black and white Rhodesians in the war also were announced by security chiefs as Smith was unveiling his plan to win the confidence of the nation's almost six and a-half (M) million blacks.

Major reforms announced by the 57 year old leader of the embattled former British Colony — certain to be endorsed in Rhodesia's Parliament — will allow blacks to buy farms in a third of the territory that has long been exclusively white.

Blacks also will be able to set up or buy factories and businesses in commercial and industrial areas for the first time.

And they no longer will be barred from segregated hotels, bars and restaurants.

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bitterly disappointed.

Since breaking with Israel, Mobutu complained, the Africans have received only "moral aid and higher oil prices from the Arabs. Zaire's oil bill last year rose to \$100 million."

Mobutu said that he would "not be surprised" if certain African nations resume diplomatic relations with Israel. Kenya has already asked Jerusalem for military advisers and tanks.

Israel had been kind to Africa as a whole. Through special tuition arrangements, many African students were able to study in Israeli universities and technical schools.

Jews were everywhere in Black Africa teaching the natives the latest scientific method in agriculture, in dentistry, in general preventive medicine and even in navigation. The move by some African states to drop diplomatic relations with Israel was shocking to say the least. There was no rational basis for it.

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Business in the Black

By Charles E. Belle



FOR SUCKERS ONLY The Lollipop

James Earl Carter would not be in his present position without the black vote. Black Americans cast 92 percent of their votes for Carter. In America a political representative is charged with representing his constituency. The present additional economic stimulus proposal of a tax rebate of \$50 a person and a boost in the investment tax credit of 12 percent is a poor present for unemployed black people.

The increase to 12 percent from 10 percent reflects a sensitivity to the big business clout in Carter's camp. However, the Carter administration is apparently

unaware of the concerns of Black Americans to become full fledged permanent partners in the property of our nation. They offer Black Americans temporary tokens of appeasement, not substance for sincere economic and political growth.

The high unemployed of Black Americans will go relatively undiminished by the one-time government welfare gift of \$50 per person proposed by President Carter.

While all tax payers will receive \$50 rebates for themselves and for each of their dependents, everyone must file a return with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) in order to collect. This is a must for poor people because there is not to be any ceiling on the size of the rebate for a family.

A family of four gets \$200 while six in a family can get \$300. Social Security recipients and persons receiving supplementary Security Income payments, which include aid to the aged. Blind and disabled would receive \$50 checks.

President James Earl Carter's program of tax cuts and increased spending program will cost close to \$32 billion. However, only about a half will be spent during the fiscal year 1977. Almost 75 percent of these funds will be in tax rebate,

about \$11 billion in tax rebates on 1976 taxes for employed individuals and in lump-sum payments to others.

This temporary kick is directed at consumer spending for turning around the US economy. Even if this plan is successful, it will not bring about an early cure for the unemployed in the US economy. They will have to wait on welfare until business expands to call them for extra work. U. S. production capacity is a long way, at least a year, from needing extra hands to help it increase its productivity.

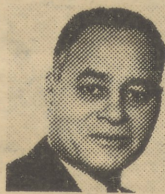
Bert Lance, budget director for the President has provided Black Americans with a negative approach to prosperity under James Earl Carter. Black Americans need jobs, work skills, more higher education and easy access to investment capital for their businesses. President Carter can propose work-study on-the-job skill training and public services programs to put unemployed black and other Americans to work, not just give hand-outs.

Hand-outs can be an inducement not to work. The use of the dole has done its damage to the minds of too many millions of Americans. James Earl Carter can act like a President of the people who helped place him in office by calling for an economic stimulus program that has as its first priority putting people to work. Lollipops are sweet, but they don't last long.

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The recent televising of *Roots* by ABC touched me in ways I am still trying to sort out. I have interrupted my discourse on history, to deal with this.

Like most viewers of this amazing series, based on author Alex Haley's best selling book of the same name, I was glued to my set at every opportunity avidly following the unfolding of this compelling drama, a drama that many believe has changed forever television's traditional approach to entertaining programming.

I must say that some parts of it were too painful to bear, I had to walk out of the room on several occasions, stomach knotted, blood churning, temples throbbing. The savagery of slavery portrayed both physical and psychic were epic.

The ravaged toll it took of the human spirit and soul of both the oppressed and the oppressor, was searingly evident in this daring series. In forcing black submission to an intolerable way of life, the white man became inhumanly brutish as he brutalized.

I attended a two-hour preview showing of this series at the National Archives in Washington, D.C. At this VIP gathering, I was introduced to several of the stars: Lavar Burton who played the youthful Kunta Kinte, and Ben Vereen, he of the merry smile and jaunty nature who (along with Burton) should win an Emmy for his portrayal of "Chicken George."

On hand also was author Haley, ever surrounded by well-wishers and autograph seekers. He is a millionaire today but says this hardly affects his traditional life style. He is so busy on the college lecture circuit, writing a mini-biography of President Carter and eagerly preparing to write the book on how "he wrote the book," a project he says he is anticipating very much.

He is, however, overwhelmed by the adulation being heaped on him and shy, unassuming, personable man that he is, still cannot quite adjust himself to his present status of super star.

At the Federal Communications Commission, phone calls from critics have begun to trickle in. As of last week, only two dozen or so had been registered. But they were mostly critical, by both black and whites, who felt that sleeping dogs should be left alone. "What's the good of stirring up all this stuff again?" one woman asked. Several callers object to the *Roots* series on the basis of violence.

School children, black and white, were affected. In some places, observers reported that white kids

were especially respectful to their black peers. While, blacks on the other hand, took a more aggressive stance towards the whites.

Some black families reported a member — the husband or wife or child — would break down and shout "I hate all white people,"

after viewing a particularly brutal scene in the series.

But on the balance the series has opened up dialog. Most Americans had only a rudimentary idea of what slavery was really like. It was eye-opening for both black and white young people, and a chilling reminder to adults as well, of man's inhumanity to man.

It is surprising to some that this series was shown at all. But to me, it is not. I seriously believe that a black presence (it so happened to be mine, in this instance) at the FCC, has tended to have a sensitizing effect over a long period of

time, which gave the ABC officials courage to say "Why not try it?"

Even ABC, which took this gamble, did not have an inkling that the series would become the blockbuster that it did. We are happy that the network took the chance, and it should receive the thanks and well wishes of all America, for having done so. For we know that because of Haley's efforts and ABC's decision to present the series, America can never again look at its history in the same old way.

And now, I do believe we will be in for sequels: *Roots* I, and *Roots* II, and maybe

even *Son of Roots*. I do not know how many black families have begun to name their new-born male children, Kunta Kinte. I imagine the list is lengthening.

And finally, did you, dear readers, note the strong spiritual and religious thread that wound through this series? Despite the Hollywood fictionalizing (in part) the theme, inextricably traced the roots of black spirituality from Africa to the founding of the Black Church in America, a church that has been our Rock of Ages in the continuing struggle for our humanity and freedom.



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